

**LOS ANGELES DISTRICT
U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS**

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY
AFFECTING FEDERAL LANDS**

Civil Works Branch, Asset Management Division
Public Notice Comment Period: **June 26 through July 28, 2008.**

**City of Los Angeles
Ranger Station/Visitor Center and Trail Improvements
Hansen Dam and Flood Control Basin
At Lakeview Terrace
LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

This Public Notice is issued by the Chief, Asset Management Division and accompanies the project's *Draft Environmental Assessment (dEA)*, as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Environmental issues relating to the proposed project are discussed in the *dEA* which has been prepared for public review and which will be sent to agencies, organizations, and local libraries. The public is invited to review and to comment on this documentation for the proposed Ranger Station. Please note additionally that the document is designed to satisfy *both* Federal and State environmental review rules and its complete title is: *Draft Environmental Assessment and Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Hansen Dam Ranger Station and Trail Improvements Project.*

For additional information please contact: Carvel Bass, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at (213) 452.3392 or William Jones, City of Los Angeles at (213) 485-5760.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works proposes to construct an approximately 5,000 sq.-ft. Ranger Station/Visitor Center (Fig. 1-See CEQA NOI).

The facility would provide office and storage space for park rangers and staff as well as public information areas, public restrooms, and such other amenities for visitors as 25-50 parking spaces, water fountains, trash receptacles, pedestrian walkways, equestrian trail improvements, staging areas for entry points into the trails, and an interior roadway for vehicular use. The facility would also include a park maintenance function to supplement the existing maintenance yard located approximately 1,000 feet to the north. Perimeter fencing and a main entry gate would be provided. Once completed, the Ranger Station/Visitor Center would be operated by the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, Valley Region.

PROJECT LOCATION: The site is located entirely within the jurisdiction of City of Los Angeles Council District 7, within Arleta-Pacoima Community Plan areas. The Ranger Station would be located at the southeast corner of the intersection of Osborne Street and Dronefield Avenue on City-maintained land within the western Hansen Dam Recreation Area which is leased by the City from the Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District. Please see map and aerial photograph at accompanying Figures 2 and 3 (SEE CEQA NOI).

PROJECT PURPOSE AND NEED: The new facilities would serve three main purposes: provide 24-hour security to the recreation area, facilitate public access and education regarding area amenities, and provide centrally located maintenance functions. Personnel

would provide emergency response as well as public education services (the latter via the public education components and also via interpretive nature trail walks). As park and other local amenities develop and patronage of the recreation area increases, it becomes important to provide appropriate oversight and security, including the need for enhanced, round-the-clock surveillance. The proposed project is intended to address these needs.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: Environmental documentation for the proposed Ranger Station consists of a *Draft Environmental Assessment and Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration*. This joint document will be circulated for a 30-day public review period, to begin on June 26, 2008 and end on July 28, 2008. Copies of the document are available for review at the following locations:

Lake View Terrace Branch Library
12002 Osborne Street
Lake View Terrace, CA 91342
(818) 890-7404

Pacoima Branch Library
13605 Van Nuys Boulevard
Pacoima, CA 91331
(818) 899-5203

A copy of the document may also be obtained by calling William Jones of the Bureau of Engineering at (213) 485-5760, by visiting the office address listed below, or by viewing the Bureau of Engineering website, [http://eng.lacity.org/techdocs/emg/Environmental Review Documents.htm](http://eng.lacity.org/techdocs/emg/Environmental%20Review%20Documents.htm).

All comments must be submitted in writing no later than 3:00 p.m. on July 28, 2008, by mailing to:

William Jones
City of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works
Bureau of Engineering
1149 S. Broadway, Suite 600
Los Angeles, CA 90015

Thank you for your interest.

Evaluation Factors

The decision whether or not to proceed with this project will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. The decision will reflect the national concern for protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit(s) which may reasonably be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof. Factors that will be considered include: conservation, economics, general environmental concerns, aesthetics, cultural resources, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, soil erosion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, and the general needs and welfare of the public.