

Devil's Gate Reservoir Sediment Removal and Management Project



LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT

NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF PUBLIC REVIEW FOR THE RECIRCULATED PORTIONS OF THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE DEVIL'S GATE RESERVOIR SEDIMENT REMOVAL AND MANAGEMENT PROJECT (SCH #2011091084)

- To:** Responsible and Trustee Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties
- Subject:** Extension of Public Review for the Recirculated Portions of the Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
- Project Title:** Devil's Gate Reservoir Sediment Removal and Management Project
- Lead Agency:** Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD)
- Project Location:** The Devil's Gate Reservoir Sediment Removal and Management Project is located in the City of Pasadena, in Los Angeles County (cross streets: Oak Grove Drive and Windsor Drive). The City of La Cañada Flintridge lies west of the Proposed Project site, and the unincorporated community of Altadena lies east of the Proposed Project site.
- Project Description:** The Project, which was approved on November 12, 2014, and for which previous approvals remain in place, will remove sediment from Devil's Gate Reservoir to restore capacity and to protect the dam and its valves to reduce the risk of flooding in the communities located downstream. This effort will include removal of approximately 2.4 million cubic yards of existing excess sediment in the reservoir in addition to any additional sediment that accumulates during construction. Sediment removal activities are expected to occur over the course of approximately 3-5 years beginning Summer 2018. Reservoir management is expected to start after 2022. The purpose of the annual reservoir management is to reduce buildup of sediment in the management area and eliminate or substantially reduce the occurrence of another large-scale sediment removal project in the future.
- Document Description:** The LACFCD, as lead agency under the California Environmental Act (CEQA), is recirculating limited portions of the Devil's Gate Sediment Removal and Management Project Final EIR as the result of a judgment from the Superior Court of the County of Los Angeles. The judgment found that the Final EIR complied with CEQA on all but three narrow grounds. The Court denied Petitioners' request that the Project approvals be set aside and instead ordered the County and the LACFCD to only set aside and recirculate limited portions of the Final EIR. Specifically, the Court ordered that the County and LACFCD recirculate portions of the Final EIR. Therefore, the LACFCD is recirculating only those sections of the Final EIR for the Project, for Alternative 3, Configuration D (Approved Project), and for Alternative 5 (Haul Route Alternative) related to: 1) the 1:1 mitigation ratios in Mitigation Measures BIO-6, -7, and -8; 2) the imposition of Mitigation Measures BIO-1 through 8 on the proposed Devil's Gate Water Conservation Project, should such a project go forward, to reduce potential cumulative impacts for this Project; and 3) the requirement, in

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Mitigation Measure AQ-1, that sediment removal dump trucks meet Environmental Protection Agency's emission standards for Model Year 2010 or later.

Public Review Period: The Recirculated Portions of the Final EIR are being made available for public review for an extended 55-day review period between July 24, 2017 and September 18, 2017.

Document Availability: Hardcopies of the Recirculated Portions of the Final EIR are available for public review during regular business hours at the locations listed below:

- Linda Vista Library, 1281 Bryant Street, Pasadena, CA
- Pasadena Central Library, 285 East Walnut Street, Pasadena, CA
- San Rafael Branch Library, 1240 Nithsdale Road, Pasadena, CA
- Altadena Library District, 600 East Mariposa Street, Altadena, CA
- Bob Lucas Memorial Library, 2659 Lincoln Avenue, Altadena, CA
- La Cañada Flintridge Library, 4545 North Oakwood Avenue, La Cañada Flintridge, CA
- Irwindale Public Library, 5050 Irwindale Avenue, Irwindale, CA
- Sun Valley Library, 7935 Vineland Avenue, Sun Valley, CA
- County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, CA
 - Available at the Water Resources Division's 2nd Floor Public Counter

The Recirculated Portions of the Final EIR can also be viewed online at <http://www.LASedimentManagement.com/DevilsGate>

Responses and Comments:

The period to provide Comments on the Recirculated Portions of the Final EIR has been extended to **Monday, September 18, 2017**. Anyone wishing to submit comments or to submit additional comments should send those comments to LACFCD no later than **Monday, September 18, 2017**. Comments should include "Devil's Gate Reservoir Sediment Removal and Management Project" in the subject line and the name of a contact person. Comments can be submitted in the following ways:

Mail

County of Los Angeles
Department of Public Works
Water Resources Division
Attn: Reservoir Cleanouts
Program
P.O. Box 1460
Alhambra, CA 91802-1460

Email

reservoircleanouts@dpw.lacounty.gov

Fax

(626) 979-5436



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