

April 16, 2009
Mullally Project Status Summary

Public Works has provided the City of La Cañada Flintridge enlargement concepts for the Mullally Debris Basin located off Manistee Drive in La Cañada Flintridge. The community has been closely involved and informed of the proposed concepts for the Mullally Debris Basin Enlargement Project. A community meeting was held on October 7, 2008, and in general the community supported the second concept as the preferred alternative, a reinforced concrete wall to replace the existing structure. This concept has less environmental impacts in comparison with the other two alternatives. The new retaining concrete wall structure would be at the same location as the existing crib dam. Environmental documentation to comply with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and permit(s) will be needed. The estimated capacity of the debris basin, following the installation of the proposed improvements, will meet the target capacity of 14,700 cubic yards (cy).

Project Location

The proposed Mullally Debris Basin Enlargement Structure will be located in the same location as the current structure.

Project Description

The proposed reinforced concrete wall structure will be 6 feet higher than the existing crib dam structure. The 6-foot additional height will provide additional capacity and protection to the residents downstream. Because the proposed reinforced concrete wall structure does not have step footings like the existing crib dam, this will also add additional capacity and protection. This alternative requires CEQA compliant environmental documentation and permit(s), which are underway. The estimated capacity of the debris basin following implementation of the proposed improvements will be approximately, but not less than, 14,700 cy.

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The Water Resources Division (WRD) is working close with other Public Works' Divisions involved in the Mullally Debris Basin Enlargement Project which include Design, Construction, Survey, and Geotechnical and Materials Engineering Divisions; along with BonTerra Consulting (BonTerra) for environmental services.

Recently BonTerra provided WRD with an outlined project area for biological surveys. WRD determined the debris cone for the 6-foot additional height will reach an elevation of 2,452 feet and has asked BonTerra to extend the survey boundary to that elevation. All field services will be conducted within our current Flood Control District easement. The existing topography information was provided to BonTerra for use when conducting surveys. Design Division has requested Survey Division to conduct a topographic survey of the current conditions.

Currently, WRD is gathering information for BonTerra to be utilized for the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND), which will serve as our CEQA documentation. Once 60 percent plans and specifications for the alternative are complete, an environmental impact analyses will be conducted and finalized in a report by BonTerra.

Below are tables to show the major milestones for what is entailed for the Mullally Debris Basin Enlargement:

MND Major Milestones

Tasks	Start Date	Ending Date
Project Description	April 20, 2009	July 3, 2009
Traffic Technical Report	July 10, 2009	August 21, 2009
Air Quality Analysis	July 10, 2009	August 21, 2009
Cultural Resources Analysis	May 1, 2009	June 19, 2009
Biological Resources Analysis	April 20, 2009	August 28, 2009
Revised Technical Report	August 24, 2009	September 18, 2009
Approve Administrative Draft MND		October 30, 2009
Thirty Day Public Review Period	November 16, 2009	December 11, 2009
Community Meeting to discuss MND		December 3, 2009
Prepare Final MND/ Response to Comments	December 7, 2009	December 18, 2009
File Environmental Regulatory Permits	May 25, 2009	December 31, 2009

Design Division Milestones

Tasks	Start Date	Ending Date
Survey of Debris Basin	March 30, 2009	April 29, 2009
Prepare Plans and Specs (60%)	April 28, 2009	July 8, 2009
Final Utility Search	April 28, 2009	September 16, 2009
Final Plans and Specs		November 26, 2009

Construction Milestones

Tasks	Start Date	Ending Date
Advertise	January 4, 2010	February 15, 2010
Award	February 16, 2010	March 30, 2010
Notice to Proceed	March 31, 2010	April 14, 2010
Construction	May 12, 2010	October 30, 2010

Website: <http://www.dpw.lacounty.gov/wrd/Facilities/index.cfm>

- Updated handouts given at community meeting. held October 7, 2009
- Updated power point presentation shown at community meeting
- Upload the Mullally Project Status Summary

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