

NOTICE OF PREPARATION

This is to inform the general public that the United States Army Corps of Engineers Los Angeles District (Corps) has preliminarily determined that the following project proposal could be adequately evaluated under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) through conducting an Environmental Assessment (EA).

Proposal Title: **Draft Environmental Assessment for the Concert in the Park at the Sepulveda Dam Reservoir, Los Angeles, California**

Proponent: **City of Los Angeles
Department of Recreation and Parks**

Proposed Event Dates: **Concert Dates: August 31-September 2, 2019**

Proposed Federal Action: The Corps would grant approval to the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, pursuant to its recreational lease from the Corps, to hold the Concert in the Park event. In addition, certain requirements of the Corps' Sepulveda Dam Reservoir Special Events Policy would be waived. The proposed project is a family-friendly three-day concert proposed to occur during the 2019 Labor Day weekend (August 31-September 2, 2019), with up to 25,000 attendees per day. Event set-up would be for eight (8) days before the concert, and break-down for four (4) days after the concert. The event would feature a line-up of popular touring artists anchored by headlining acts from the 1970s, 1980s, and 1990s. An array of attractions may also include a Ferris wheel, carousel, and carnival games.

Location: The concert would occur entirely within Woodley Park I, Sepulveda Dam Reservoir Recreational Area, while parking would be in areas in Sepulveda Dam Reservoir and offsite existing parking lots (as indicated in the Draft EA), and would be exclusive for the event.

Public Involvement: The Corps is inviting the general public to submit comments on potential environmental impacts that could result from implementation of the proposal. **The public comment period on preparation of an EA for the proposal described above would extend from March 7, 2019 to April 8, 2019.** Please direct your comments or questions to Debbie Lamb, US Army Corps of Engineers at (213) 452-3798 or at Deborah.L.Lamb@usace.army.mil or by mail at 915 Wilshire Boulevard, Ste. 11098, Los Angeles, CA, 90017. If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact Katie Parks, Real Estate Division at (951) 898--6180.

The Corps will actively consider any comments timely received. The results of this consideration would be reflected in a memorandum for record placed in the Administrative Record, unless consideration of the comments was reflected directly in the EA, either through a modification of the document prompted by the comments or an appendix to the EA articulating responses to the comments. Once the EA is complete and if a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is determined to be appropriate based upon the analysis

contained in the EA, pursuant to the last clause of 33 CFR § 230.11, a separate notification will be sent to concerned agencies, organizations and to the interested public stating that the FONSI is available for review. If significant effects on the quality of the human environment are subsequently identified and cannot be mitigated to a less than significant level, the Corps will initiate preparation of an EIS and afford the public opportunities to participate in the environmental review process.