



ISABELLA DAM SAFETY MODIFICATION PROJECT SITUATION REPORT



U.S. Army Corps
of Engineers
Sacramento District

Highlights (last 30 days)

Recreation/USFS Relocation Environmental Assessment/Public Meetings

The Recreation/USFS Relocation Draft Supplemental EA #3 was released on November 19, 2015. There is a 30-day public comment period until December 19. We will be holding public meetings on Dec. 7-9 in the following locations:

Dec 7—Kern Valley Veterans Center in Lake Isabella from 6-8 pm

Dec 8—Kernville Elementary School in Kernville from 6-8 pm

Dec 9—Kern County Board of Supervisors Chambers in Bakersfield from 6-8 pm

Drilling Update

Drilling in the southbound lane of Hwy 155 next to the Main dam was completed in November. Geologic data from three borings will help provide pertinent information for design of a floodwall to be constructed adjacent to the roadway as part of the Corps' project, which will raise both the main and auxiliary dams and their abutments on each end up to 16 feet.

Instrumentation Relocation

We are taking advantage of the low lake level to install new staff gauges to measure lake elevation, because the old ones will be removed with the emergency spillway excavation. All the work will be done off the road and will not have any impact to Hwy 155 traffic.

Looking Ahead (next 30 days +)

Upcoming Construction Efforts

The Corps will begin construction on new USFS admin and recreation facilities after the final Recreation/USFS Relocation supplemental EA is signed. Additionally, we will begin vegetation mitigation efforts this upcoming year. Stay tuned for small business opportunities in the coming months.

Lakeside Village Mobile Home Park

The Lakeside Village Mobile Home Park property has been acquired and all residents have been relocated. The Corps is securing vacated trailers until they are removed. Trailer removal work is anticipated to begin in November and conclude by the end of December.

Current Lake Status (as of 23 Nov)

The current pool resides at 30,652 acre-ft, and elevation of 2,523.48 feet (IPD) or 2522.62 (NAVD 88) which is 8% of the restricted pool. As part of our interim risk reduction measures, Isabella Lake has a restricted elevation of 2,589 feet (361,250 acre-ft). Current lake status can be viewed at <http://130.165.21.224/fcgi-bin/hourly.py?report=isb>

December 2015

UPCOMING MILESTONES

*Pre-Construction, Engineering
and Design*
2013 - 2016

*NEPA Documents for
Real Estate, Recreation
Environmental Assessments
Public Meetings*
7,8,9 December 2015

*Dam & Spillway
Construction*
2017 - 2022

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