



# 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

We appreciate the public interest and involvement at the public meetings in early December 2015. We are wrapping up the Environmental Assessment and will release the final version in February 2016.

### Traffic Safety

The Corps will conduct a study to verify that the plan to construct an interim Boat Launch at French Gulch will not cause unsafe traffic conditions. This investigation stems from public comments and concerns and we will begin the study shortly. If there are unaddressed safety concerns about existing traffic conditions, we encourage the public to contact Caltrans.

## Looking Ahead (next 30 days +)

### Upcoming Construction Efforts

The Corps will advertise the construction contract for the new USFS administrative and recreation facilities after the final Recreation/USFS Relocation Environmental Assessment (SEA #3) is signed in February 2016. We will also begin vegetation mitigation efforts this year. Stay tuned for small business opportunities in the coming months.

### Lakeside Village Mobile Home Park

The Corps is securing the vacated trailers until they are removed. Initially, the trailers were to be towed away and disposed of, however, it was determined that the trailers cannot be towed due to disrepair. On Jan. 15, 2016, we modified the contract to take proper environmental precautions to allow demolition of the trailers on-site before hauling the material away. The contractor is scheduled to mobilize on Feb. 8, 2016, to begin the trailer removal process.

### Upcoming Borel Easement Acquisition Environmental Assessment and Public Meetings

The Corps will release another Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA #4) referencing our proposed acquisition of part of the Borel Canal. We anticipate the opportunity for public review starting around Feb. 15, 2016. Additionally, the Corps team will return to Kern County and hold public meetings at the following dates and locations:

Feb. 22, 2016: Kern County Board of Supervisors, Bakersfield, 6-8 p.m.  
Feb. 23, 2016: Kern Valley Veterans Center, Lake Isabella, 6-8 p.m.  
Feb. 24, 2016: Kernville Elementary School, Kernville, 6-8 p.m.

## Current Lake Status (as of 27 Jan)

The current pool resides at 35,096 acre-ft, and elevation of 2,525.02 feet (IPD) or 2524.16 (NAVD 88) which is 10% 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=lsb>

**February 2016**

## UPCOMING MILESTONES

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

*Award Construction Contracts for  
USFS Facilities*  
**Summer & Fall 2016**

*Dam & Spillway  
Construction*  
**2017 - 2022**

### **Project Web page:**

[http://www.spk.usace.army.mil/  
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