



ISABELLA DAM SAFETY MODIFICATION PROJECT SITUATION REPORT



U.S. Army Corps
of Engineers
Sacramento District

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UPCOMING MILESTONES

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

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

*Dam & Spillway
Construction*
2017 - 2022

Highlights (last 30 days)

Recreation/USFS Relocation Environmental Assessment/Public Meetings

We appreciate your interest and involvement at the public meetings in early December. We will update and release the final Environmental Assessment at the end of January 2016.

Traffic Safety

The Corps will conduct a study to verify that our plan to construct an interim boat launch at French Gulch will not cause unsafe traffic conditions. This is a direct result of public comment and concern. We expect the work to be conducted in the first half of 2016. If there are safety concerns about existing traffic conditions, we encourage the public to contact Caltrans.

Instrumentation Relocation

We took advantage of the low lake levels to finish installing new staff gauges in December, resulting in significant cost savings. We will remove the old gauges as part of the emergency spillway excavation. Staff gauges are special rulers that provide a quick and easy visual indicator of lake elevation. We also relocated our weather station and rain gauge so the instrumentation will be out of the way during construction.

Looking Ahead (next 30 days +)

Upcoming Construction Efforts

The Corps will advertise a construction contract for new USFS administrative and recreation facilities after the final Recreation/USFS Relocation EA #3 is signed. Additionally, we will begin vegetation mitigation efforts in 2016. 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 for disposal off-site, however, upon closer inspection, we determined that the trailers are in no condition to be towed. We are modifying the contract to take proper environmental precautions and to allow demolition of the trailers on-site before hauling the material away. Once approved, the contractor can begin demolition and removal operations.

Current Lake Status (as of 22 Dec)

The current pool resides at 30,634 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/cgi-bin/hourly.py?report=isb>

Project Web page:

[http://www.spk.usace.army.mil/
Missions/CivilWorks/
IsabellaDam.aspx](http://www.spk.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/IsabellaDam.aspx)

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