



# ISABELLA DAM SAFETY MODIFICATION PROJECT SITUATION REPORT



U.S. Army Corps  
of Engineers  
Sacramento District

**July 2015**

## UPCOMING MILESTONES

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

*NEPA Documents for  
Real Estate, Recreation  
Environmental Assessments  
Public Meetings*  
**Spring-Summer 2015**

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

### [Project Schedule](#)



*\*All Dates Subject to Change - click on link*

## Highlights (last 30 days)

### Environmental Assessments and the NEPA process

*Phase II Real Estate SEA:* The Finding Of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Phase II Real Estate Acquisition and Relocation Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA) was signed on July 1, 2015. The project will involve acquisition of certain properties, relocation of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Sacramento District (Corps) Operations and Maintenance Facility, and demolition/disposal of existing buildings and structures located on lands affected by construction of the Isabella Lake Dam Safety Modification Project. Copies of the Final Phase II Real Estate SEA and FONSI, as well as response to comments received, are now available on the project web page at <http://bit.ly/IsabellaDam>.

*USFS Lake Isabella Office Relocation and Recreation Mitigation:* At the public's request, a draft Recreation Report was released in February 2014 articulating potential mitigation options to offset significant loss of recreation facilities incurred from implementation of the Isabella Lake DSM Project. On February 20, 2015, the Corps attended a Constituent meeting to discuss options for replacement of the USFS Lake Isabella Office, at the invitation of Congressman Kevin McCarthy (CA-23). A subsequent USFS Lake Isabella Office Relocation and Recreation Mitigation SEA will be developed for public release which specifically describes and evaluates the effects of relocating the USFS Lake Isabella Office and fire station, as well as mitigation necessary to offset the adverse effects to recreation resulting from construction of the Isabella Lake DSM Project. The USFS Lake Isabella Office Relocation and Recreation Mitigation SEA is anticipated to be release for a 30-day public review and comment in late summer 2015. Public scoping meeting locations and dates are currently being coordinated and will be announced to the public once confirmed.

### Borel Hydroelectric Project

The Corps, in cooperation with Southern California Edison and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, has initiated a study to determine the feasibility of decommissioning the Borel Powerhouse rather than constructing the approved plan of realigning the Borel Canal conduit around the right abutment of the Auxiliary Dam. This new proposal would likely result in an overall project cost reduction, as well as further reduce the short- and long-term environmental effects resulting from construction, operation and maintenance of the new Borel Canal realignment. If determined to be feasible, the public will be provided opportunity to review and comment on this potential change in project direction through the NEPA process in Spring 2016.

## Looking Ahead (next 30 days +)

### 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 contract award is scheduled for August 3, 2015.

## Current Lake Status (06 July)

The current pool resides at 36,007 acre-ft, and elevation of 2,525.48 feet (IPD) or 2529.24 (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/fcqi-bin/hourly.py?report=isb>

### Project Web page:

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