



ISABELLA DAM SAFETY MODIFICATION PROJECT SITUATION REPORT



U.S. Army Corps
of Engineers
Sacramento District

June 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

As a component of the tiered NEPA process that was described in the Project EIS and ROD in 2012, supplemental NEPA documents would be developed to assess the impacts resulting from USFS relocations (including recreation facilities), resident relocations, and real estate acquisitions necessary as a result of implementing the Isabella Lake Dam Safety Modification (DSM) Project. Two supplemental draft EAs are proposed for public review and comment for the recreation mitigation and remaining real estate issues:

1. All remaining private land acquisitions, demolition of all affected structures, and relocation of the Corps maintenance and operations facility, and;
2. USFS Lake Isabella Office and fire station relocation, as well as mitigation necessary to offset the adverse effects to recreation resulting from construction of the Isabella Lake DSM Project.

The first draft EA was released for public review and comment on April 28, followed by public scoping meetings on May 4th and 5th in Kernville and Lake Isabella, respectively. Approximately 25 persons total attended the two meetings, each of which consisted of a brief project update, a description of the EA, and comment/question/answer period. Formal comments were submitted both during the meetings and afterward by email. Twelve comments total were received, but none were of such significant impact that precludes the draft EA from being finalized, resulting in a Finding Of No Significant Impact (FONSI) tentatively scheduled for public release on June 5.

The second draft EA is anticipated to be released for public review and comment in July, followed by public scoping meetings in August.

Safety Assurance Review

As part of Corps of Engineers Dam Safety regulations, a high level review of a dam safety project's construction scope and strategy is to be conducted by industry-recognized experts during the design phase. The Isabella DSMP Safety Assurance Review was conducted onsite May 19-20, to ensure that a safe project will be constructed that achieves the dam safety goals identified during the study phase of the project. The panel's first draft of the report is expected later in June, while design continues. No major scope changes are required.

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 is expected to begin in June 2015 after release of the FONSI.

Current Lake Status (01 June)

The current pool resides at 43,571 acre-ft, and elevation of 2,529.00 feet (IPD) or 2532.76 (NAVD 88) which is 12% 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>

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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