



ISABELLA DAM SAFETY MODIFICATION PROJECT SITUATION REPORT



U.S. Army Corps
of Engineers
Sacramento District

Highlights (last 30 days)

Small Contract Awards

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) awarded two contracts: 1) Geotechnical Investigation (Drilling) near Hwy 155 with an estimated start in October and 2) Trailer Removal with an estimated start in December.

The geotechnical drilling contractor is currently coordinating with Caltrans. It is estimated that the contractor will start late October. The drilling is necessary to assist with the design of right abutment modifications on the main dam.

The trailer removal contractor will be removing the trailers from the Lakeside Village Trailer Park in preparation for construction at the dams. It is estimated the contractor will start in November.

Borel Update

The approved plan for the Borel portion is to construct a bypass conduit / tunnel and close the existing conduit underneath the Auxiliary Dam. USACE and Southern California Edison are engaged in fact finding discussions to explore alternative solutions. Based on the complex discussions we anticipate the next public update will likely be spring of 2016. If new information is available, an earlier update will be provided.

Looking Ahead (next 30 days +)

USFS Facility and Recreation Relocations: Environmental Assessment/Public Meetings

The planned schedule date for public review of the draft supplemental environmental assessment addressing USFS facility and recreation relocations is scheduled for 19 November to 19 December 2015. USACE will host public scoping meetings on 19-21 October 2015 to discuss the upcoming Recreation/USFS Relocation supplemental environmental assessment. We will be visiting the following areas:

Oct 19 - Bakersfield
Oct 20 - Lake Isabella
Oct 21 - Kernville

We will provide more information on times and locations in the upcoming weeks.

Upcoming Road Closures

Drilling along Highway 155 near the Main Dam right abutment is planned for October and will require lane closures between the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for a duration of 5 days.

Current Lake Status (as of 29 Sept)

The current pool resides at 30,316 acre-ft, and elevation of 2,522.45 feet (IPD) or 2521.61 (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>

October 2015

UPCOMING MILESTONES

*Pre-Construction, Engineering
and Design*
2013 - 2017

*NEPA Documents for
Real Estate, Recreation
Environmental Assessments
Public Meetings*
November 2015

*Dam & Spillway
Construction*
2017 - 2022

**All Dates Subject to Change - click on link
above for current schedule*

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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