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Public Notice

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Date: May 14, 2002

Comments Due: June 13, 2002

In reply, please refer to the Public Notice Number

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

SUBJECT: Application for Department of the Army Permit under the authority of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act to provide additional marina access and low water parking below the spill elevation of Lake Oroville. These actions are illustrated in the attached drawings and tables.

APPLICANT: James DiGiorgio
Department of Boating & Waterways
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LOCATION: The Bidwell Canyon Marina and Low Water Parking project site is located within the Bidwell Canyon State Recreation area at Lake Oroville in Butte County, California (Sheet 1) Section 6, Township 19 North, Range 5 East. Latitude 39 -32-1.2722 Longitude 121-27-21.2602, UTM Zone 10, 632702.15 North, 4376935.31 East. The City of Oroville is located approximately 5 miles west of the project area.

PURPOSE: The purpose of the project is to provide access and parking facility in accordance with current Department of Boating and Waterways design standards. The proposed project would provide access adjacent to Lake Oroville and associated recreational facilities (Sheet 2).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project consists of site grading, and construction of asphalt parking lot, and asphalt access road (Sheet 3). The access road links this project to existing facilities. Approximately 2.82 acres of waters of the United States located below the spill elevation of 900' within Lake Oroville will be affected by the proposed project.

AREA DESCRIPTION: The surrounding land use is recreational facilities operated and maintained by the California Department of Parks and Recreation. Recreational facilities in the vicinity of the project area include campgrounds, a boat launch ramp, and an existing marina access and parking lot. Existing residential development abuts the Bidwell Canyon Recreation Area, and is located approximately 800 feet to the west of the project area.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: The latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places and its monthly supplements have been reviewed and there are no places either listed or recommended as eligible which would be affected.

Presently unknown cultural resources may be located in the permit area.

This activity would not affect any threatened or endangered species or their critical habitat.

Interested parties are invited to submit written comments on or before **June 13, 2002**. Personal information in comment letters is subject to release to the public through the Freedom of Information Act. Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, consideration of property ownership, and in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

If additional information is required, please contact James DiGiorgio, telephone 916-263-8131, or Mr. Matthew Kelley, at the letterhead address, telephone 916-557-7724.

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District Engineer

Enclosures: 3 Drawings