Tule River Spillway project document out for public review

SACRAMENTO, California – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Sacramento District released today a draft environmental assessment outlining the Tule River Spillway Enlargement Project at Success Lake in Tulare County.

The project includes widening the Success Dam Emergency Spillway from 200 to 365 feet wide, and realigning a portion of Worth Drive-Avenue 146 from its current route in the spillway footprint.

The road realignment will prevent road closures during high water encroachment and allow better use of sandbags or other measures used to temporarily increase the existing spillway elevation, thereby increasing the storage capacity of Success Reservoir for flood risk management purposes.

The Draft EA is available now for review on the project web page at https://go.usa.gov/xVvCR and at the Lower Tule River Irrigation District Office in Tipton, California.

A public meeting is scheduled for October 8, 2019, to discuss the document, ask questions of Corps staff, and to submit comments for the record. Comments will be accepted until Oct. 26, 2019.

The public meeting will be held:
Oct. 8, 2019; 4-7 p.m.
Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall
1900 W. Olive Avenue.
Porterville, CA 93257

For more information about the Tule River Spillway Enlargement Project or the upcoming public meeting, please contact the Sacramento District Public Affairs Office at 916-557-5100 or via email at spk-pao@usace.army.mil.

Success Dam and Lake, which was constructed by the Corps in 1961, is operated by the Corps for flood control and storage of irrigation water. Recreational facilities at the lake were added after the dam was completed. The dam is located on the Tule River about 6 miles east of the City of Porterville.

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