NOTIFICATION: Pursuant to Section II.B of the May 12, 2017, Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District (USACE) and the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (LARWQCB), concerning Operation, Maintenance, Repair, Replacement, and Rehabilitation of the Los Angeles County Drainage Area Project in Waters of the United States.

SUBJECT: Annual pre-flood season sediment, debris, and vegetation removal from inlet and outlet concrete apron at Sepulveda Dam.

PROJECT LOCATION: Sepulveda Dam – Van Nuys, California.

JUSTIFICATION: Clearing of accumulated sediment, debris, and vegetation is required prior to the rainy season each year to prevent clogging of the outlet works during storms. Clogged inlet gates could block storm flows from passing through the outlet works and downstream channel which can result in flooding. Given that the heaviest rains occur in January and February, USACE has an immediate need to accomplish as much pre-rainy season maintenance work in the inlet and outlet works at each LACDA dam as possible.
CESPL-OP
SUBJECT: Notification of Annual pre-flood season sediment, debris, and vegetation removal from inlet and outlet concrete apron at Sepulveda Dam.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE: December 8, 2018 through January 29, 2019. Activities identified in this notification the sooner of (1) 75 days of receipt of this notification or (2) LARWQCB concurs that routine maintenance activities may proceed.

ACTIVITIES DESCRIPTION: Removal of sediment, debris, and vegetation from inlet and outlet concrete apron areas shall occur by clean excavation using mechanized equipment, such as a wheeled loader, backhoe, and dump truck. All materials resulting from this activity will be hauled to an approved disposal site. Temporary water diversion of flow is necessary to control turbidity during the activity. Water quality monitoring will be conducted to ensure effectiveness of the water diversion. No staging or stockpiling would occur within the channel.

Photos: Pre-construction photo looking US, taken September 18, 2018.
CESPL-OP
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Name(s) of Receiving Water Body(ies): Los Angeles River, Ball Creek, Hayvenhurst Channel, Woodley Creek, Encino Creek, Haskell Creek

Best Management Practices (BMPs) to be implemented to Avoid and/or Minimize Impacts to Jurisdictional Waters of the United States: All eleven of the recommended BMP’s listed under Exhibit B of Attachment A – MOU between the US Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District and the California Regional Water Quality Board, Los Angeles Region concerning Operation, Maintenance, Repair, Replacement, and Rehabilitation of the Los Angeles County Drainage Area Project in waters of the U.S. will be used for this ongoing maintenance activity.

APPROVED BY:

Date: 24 Sep 2018

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