

Civil Works Branch, Asset Management Division

Public Notice Comment Period: **November 9 through December 9, 2011.**

Request to Use Federal Land at Prado Basin and to reflect a proposed new lease of a portion of the existing *Clearwater Wastewater, Biosolids, and Cogeneration Facilities* ('Facility') which is located in Corona, Riverside County, CA.

The public is invited to review and to comment on the *dEA* for the proposed change in operatorship of the Clearwater Wastewater, Biosolids, and Cogeneration Facility ('Facility') whereby the Cogeneration portion of the larger wastewater treatment facility would be transferred to one of the present partners at this location.

This Public Notice is issued by the Chief, Asset Management Division, and announces the completion of the Proposal's *Draft Environmental Assessment (dEA)*, as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Environmental issues relating to the proposed project are discussed in the *dEA* which has been prepared and is available for public review. For additional information please contact: Carvel Bass, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at (213) 452-3392.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is evaluating whether it would be appropriate to issue interests in real property, now held by the Federal Government and managed by the Corps on land leased to City of Corona in Prado Basin, to the City of Riverside, CA.

PROJECT LOCATION: A property known as the Corona Wastewater Treatment Plant ('Facility') is built upon a small subsection of land at the southeastern, outer edge of Prado Basin, which is a Federally-authorized flood risk management project in Riverside County, CA. A portion of the subject Facility has been jointly utilized and operated by the cities of Corona and Riverside, both in Riverside County, CA. The subject Cogeneration portion of the Facility, which would be operated under a new lease to Riverside, is co-located at this larger treatment facility.

PROJECT PURPOSE AND NEED: To address certain issues of long-term ownership and operation, Corona has sold the Cogeneration portion of the jointly-operated Facilities to the City of Riverside, and Corona has granted Riverside a temporary right-of-entry to allow Riverside's operation of the cogeneration plant. Corona and Riverside have jointly submitted a request to the Corps to replace the former, larger joint operatorship by a new lease, granted to Riverside to reflect Riverside's new ownership in the Cogeneration facility's 31,891 ft. sq portion of the former joint lease, and to continue leasing to Corona the remainder of the larger leased area (Corona Wastewater Facility) and grant to Riverside the portion termed the Cogeneration facility.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: This *dEA* will be available for a 30-day public review period, to begin on November 9 and extending through December 9, 2011. In addition to posting this document at <http://www.sawpa.org>, copies of the document are available for review at the following public libraries:

Corona Public Library
650 South Main Street
Corona, CA 92882
(951) 736-2381

Downtown Library
3581 Mission Inn Avenue
Riverside, CA 92501
(951) 826-5201

Marcy Library
6927 Magnolia Avenue
Riverside, CA 92506
(951) 826-2078

All comments must be submitted in writing no later than December 9, 2011, by mail to:

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EVALUATION FACTORS: The decision whether or not to proceed with this Proposal will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including direct, indirect and cumulative impacts of the proposed grant on the public interest and federal risk management project. The decision will reflect the national concern for protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit(s) which may reasonably 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 direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts thereof. Factors that are considered in the *dEA* include: geology and soils, water resources, air quality and global climate change, biological resources, cultural resources, aesthetics, demands on environmental resources, noise, human health and safety, economics, and the general needs and welfare of the public.