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NOTIFICATION: Pursuant to Section II.C.2.b of the May 12, 2017, Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District (Corps) 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.

This notice is pursuant to a settlement agreement executed on May 8, 2017 (Agreement) between the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District (Corps) and the LARWQCB.

SUBJECT: Sediment Removal in the Glendale Narrows Reaches 5C and 6A of the Los Angeles River (LAR).

PROJECT LOCATION: The Proposed Project Area is located within a 2000 foot long section of the LAR in Reaches 5C and 6A of the Los Angeles County Drainage Area (LACDA) flood risk management project, extending downstream of the Fletcher Drive bridge to approximately 900 feet downstream of the Glendale Freeway, in the city of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California. The Proposed Project Area occurs within an area referred to as the Glendale Narrows, which is an approximately 6.2-mile-long, soft bottom section of the LAR between Griffith Park and downtown Los Angeles starts.

JUSTIFICATION: The LAR channel is a flood risk management structure. The accumulated material reduces the channel conveyance capacity of the LAR through Reaches 5C and 6A. The purpose of the project is to improve conveyance capacity in the proposed project area. In order to improve conveyance capacity of the LAR Channel, approximately 40,000 CY of sediment must be removed from the Reach 5C segment of the LAR.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE: Activities described in this notification is scheduled to five days a week, for a period of 30-120 work days. Mobilization of the project is scheduled for the last week of August or the first week of September 2018 with an expecting end date in December 2018 (plus/minus days, week, months). Activities identified in this notification the sooner of (1)

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45 days of receipt of this notification or (2) LARWQCB concurs that routine maintenance activities may proceed.

Figure 1. Los Angeles River - Glendale Narrows Map Overview

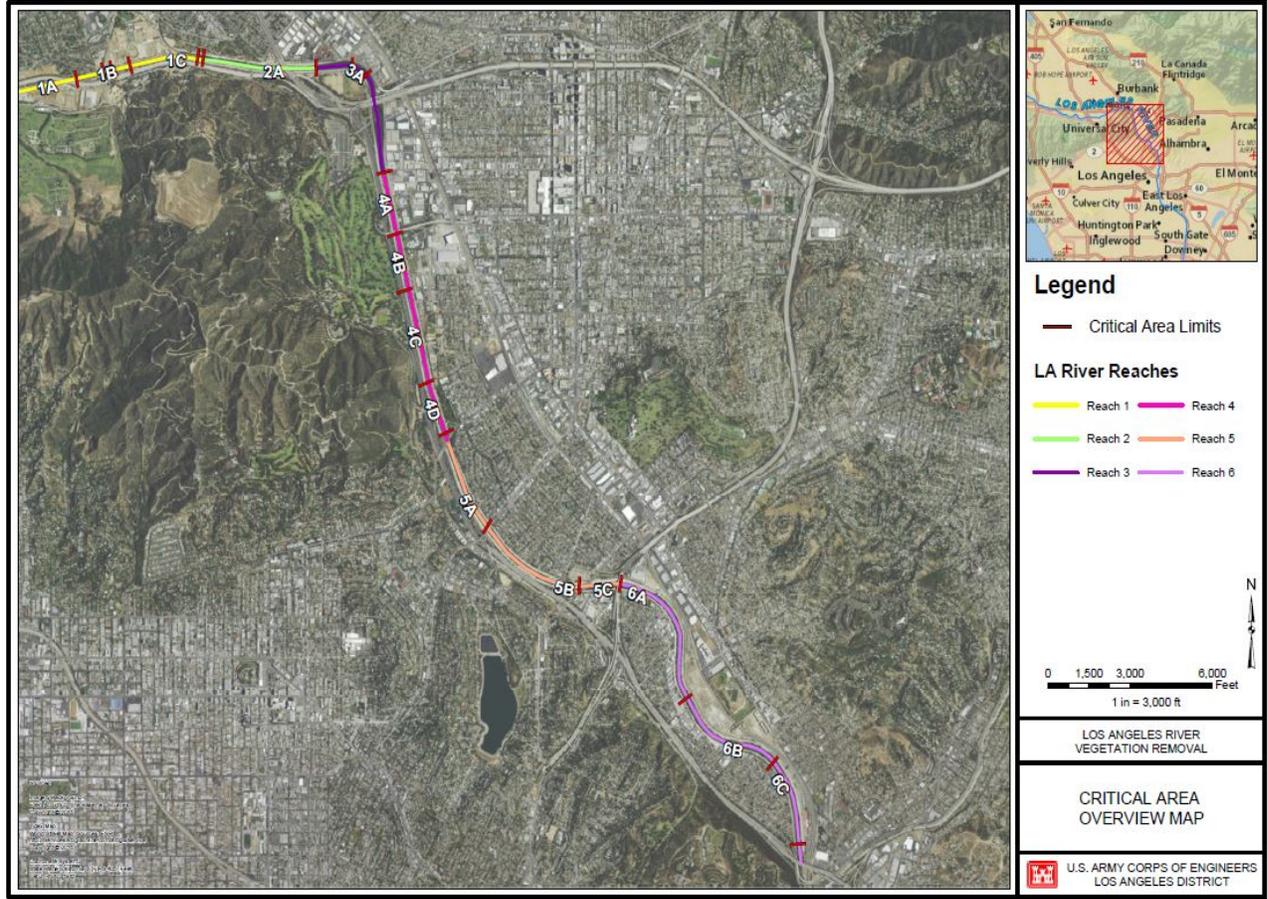
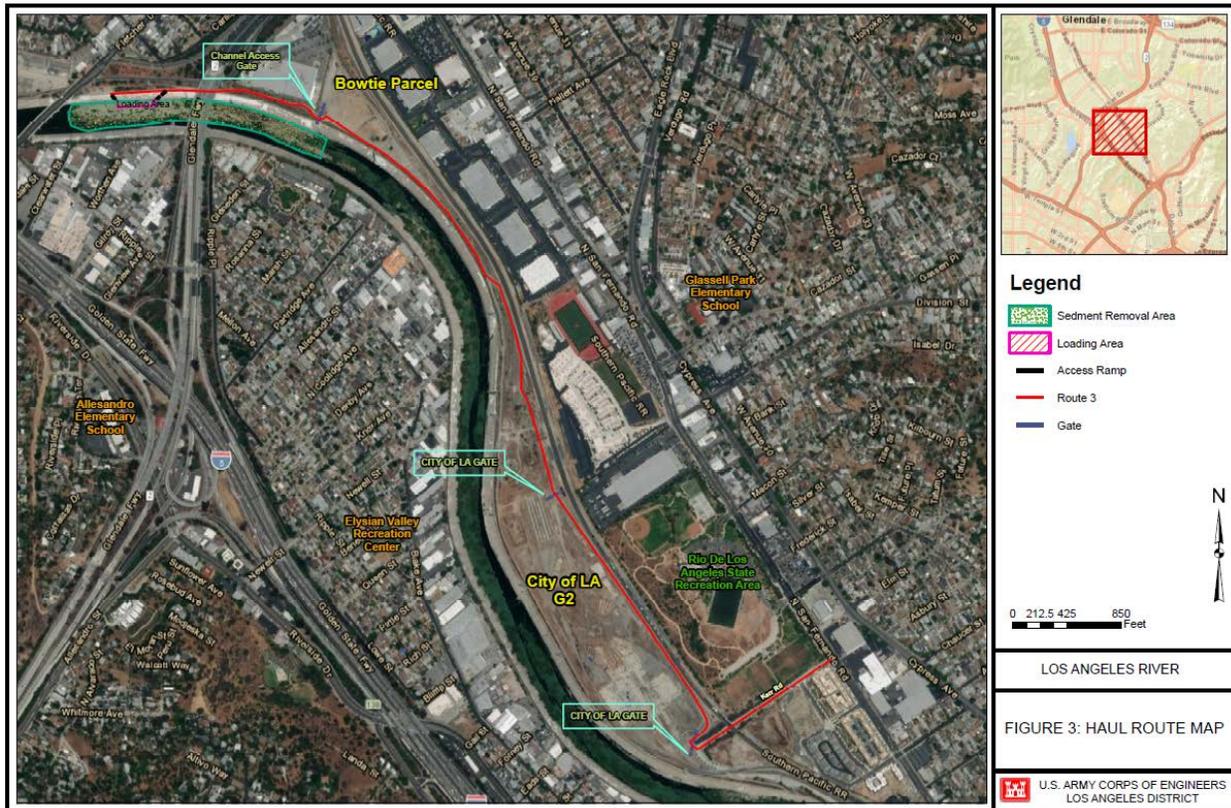


Figure 2. Los Angeles River – Project Area Map Overview



ACTIVITIES DESCRIPTION: Also refer to the attached *Environmental Assessment for Los Angeles River-Reaches 5C and 6A, Operations and Maintenance* for more information.

Approximately 40,000 cubic yards of accumulated material from the proposed project area would be removed to the design elevation of the channel invert across the entire width of the channel. The design elevation for the channel invert is the top of the toe. The depth of sediment to be removed ranges from 2 to 8 feet. Clean excavated material would be transported and disposed at a Corps-owned sediment placement site downstream of Lopez Dam. Lopez Dam is located near the city of San Fernando, on the Pacoima Wash, in the north-central part of San Fernando Valley, Los Angeles County, California. Contaminated fine sediment would be disposed at landfills appropriate for the level of contaminants present. There would be no structural alterations or modifications of structural elements of the engineered channel.

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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:

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