

SPECIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

DECISION TO ACCEPT FUNDS FROM THE CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY

SAN FRANCISCO DISTRICT

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Following initial public notices circulated on December 29, 2009 and April 21, 2010, this Special Public Notice announces that the District Commanders of the Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Sacramento Districts of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ("Corps") have decided to accept and expend funds contributed by the California High-Speed Rail Authority (the "Authority"). The Los Angeles District would allocate funds internally and distribute funds to the Sacramento District and the San Francisco District in order to expedite processing of the Authority's Department of the Army (DA) permit applications. Though the Authority would receive more expeditious reviews of their permit applications, procedural and substantive requirements of the DA permit application review process remain unchanged. The decision to accept funds is in response to the multiple, large, and complex DA permit applications that will be submitted by the Authority, and the need to devote significant staff time to these applications in order to ensure the Authority and the public are best served throughout the permit evaluation process. The decision to accept funds does not constitute any endorsement or implied consent of Authority proposed projects; rather, it will enable Corps Regulatory personnel to devote the attention required to these applications, in both a timelier and more thorough manner, benefiting both the Authority and the public.

Copies of the relevant documents related to this decision, as well as any future permit decisions evaluated by Authority-funded Corps Regulatory personnel, can be viewed at the respective Corps' District Regulatory webpages:

http://www.spl.usace.army.mil/regulatory/WRDA page.htm http://www.spk.usace.army.mil/organizations/cespk-co/regulatory/WRDA.html http://www.spn.usace.army.mil/regulatory/WRDA.html