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August 28, 2018

SUBJECT: Public Hearing Request for the Devil's Gate Reservoir Sediment Removal and Management Project

Dear Public Notice Commenter:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Regulatory Division received your correspondence, which you submitted in response to the public notice we posted for the proposed Devil's Gate Reservoir Sediment Removal and Management Project (Corps File No. SPL-2014-00591-BLR). In your correspondence, you requested the Corps hold a public hearing for the project, pursuant to 33 CFR section 327.4.

We have decided not to hold a public hearing for the proposed action, based on the following information. The purpose of a public hearing is to consider material matters at issue or receive new information with respect to the Federal project. We mailed the public notice to approximately 265 adjacent property owners, emailed it to over 90 public agencies, organizations, and other interested groups, and posted it to our webpage. We extended the public notice comment period 15 days, from June 27, 2018 to July 12, 2018. In addition, we are also considering comments we received in 2015 in response to the public notice we posted for a previous iteration of the same project. The issues you raised are similar to these other written comments we received for the proposed project. Considering the above opportunities the public has had to submit comments to the Corps, it is unlikely any new information would be disclosed as the result of a public hearing.

Therefore, in light of the substantial information presently contained in the administrative record, we believe the expense, time, and efforts required to hold a public hearing for this project are not justified. After careful consideration of your request pursuant to Corps regulations at 33 CFR Part 327, we have determined that a public hearing is not warranted at this time.

If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie Rogers, at 213-452-3372 or via e-mail at Bonnie.L.Rogers@usace.army.mil. Please refer to this letter and SPL-2014-00591-BLR in all future correspondence.

Sincerely,

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