



# California Department of Water Resources

## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

**To:** All Interested Parties

**From:** California Department of Water Resources  
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### PROJECT INFORMATION

**PROJECT NAME:** Perris Dam Emergency Release Facility  
**LEAD AGENCY:** California Department of Water Resources  
**PROJECT AREA:** Unincorporated Riverside County, North of Ramona Expressway between East Rider Street and the Perris Valley Channel  
**PROJECT TYPE:** Perris Dam emergency release structure retrofit

**ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION:** California Department of Water Resources (DWR) has completed a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the proposed Perris Dam Emergency Release Facility.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Perris Dam and Reservoir, a multi-purpose facility known collectively as Lake Perris, is located within the Lake Perris State Recreation Area (SRA) in Riverside County. DWR proposes to modify Perris Dam's existing emergency release structure and construct a water conveyance facility that would reliably control a reservoir release and convey emergency flows from Lake Perris in the event of an emergency drawdown. The proposed project would be constructed partially within the SRA and Lake Perris Fairgrounds, just north of Ramona Expressway, and would connect to the Perris Valley Channel.

The proposed project would modify the existing emergency release structure by removing the existing bulkhead and replacing it with one or more automated valves, which add flexibility, redundancy, and reliability to the structure, resulting in a facility that is safer to operate in the event of an emergency. The proposed conveyance facility improvements would safely convey up to a maximum release of 3,800 cfs to the Perris Valley Channel. The proposed water conveyance system would be composed of three distinct sections: SRA Segment, Fairgrounds Segment, and Western Segment. If an emergency operation was initiated, water would be directed by a levee system across the open SRA land between the dam and the Ramona Expressway (the SRA Segment), toward a channel across the southern end of the Lake Perris Fairgrounds (Fairgrounds Segment), and finally conveyed in a channel north of Ramona Expressway to the Perris Valley Channel (Western Segment).

**ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS:** The Draft EIR evaluates potential impacts of the project and identifies mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid many impacts of the project. The Draft EIR finds that significant impacts would occur to the following resource areas: aesthetics, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, hazards and hazardous materials, land use, noise and vibration, public services, utilities, and service systems, and transportation and traffic. Following implementation of mitigation measures, the Draft EIR concludes that impacts to aesthetics, noise and vibration, and transportation and traffic resources would remain significant.

**PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD:** The Draft EIR will be circulated for 45-days for public review. Comments on the Draft EIR must be received between September 9, 2016 and October 24, 2016. Written comments should be sent to: *Tom Barnes on behalf of the California Department of Water Resources, Perris Dam Emergency Release Facility Project, 626 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 1100, Los Angeles, CA 90017,* or email comments to: [tbarnes@esassoc.com](mailto:tbarnes@esassoc.com).

**AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION:** The Draft EIR may be viewed at the following locations:

- Riverside County Library, Perris Branch (163 E. San Jacinto Ave., Perris, CA 92570)
- Moreno Valley Public Library (25480 Alessandro Blvd., Moreno Valley, CA 92553)
- On the web: [http://www.water.ca.gov/lakeperris/perris\\_erf\\_deir.cfm](http://www.water.ca.gov/lakeperris/perris_erf_deir.cfm)

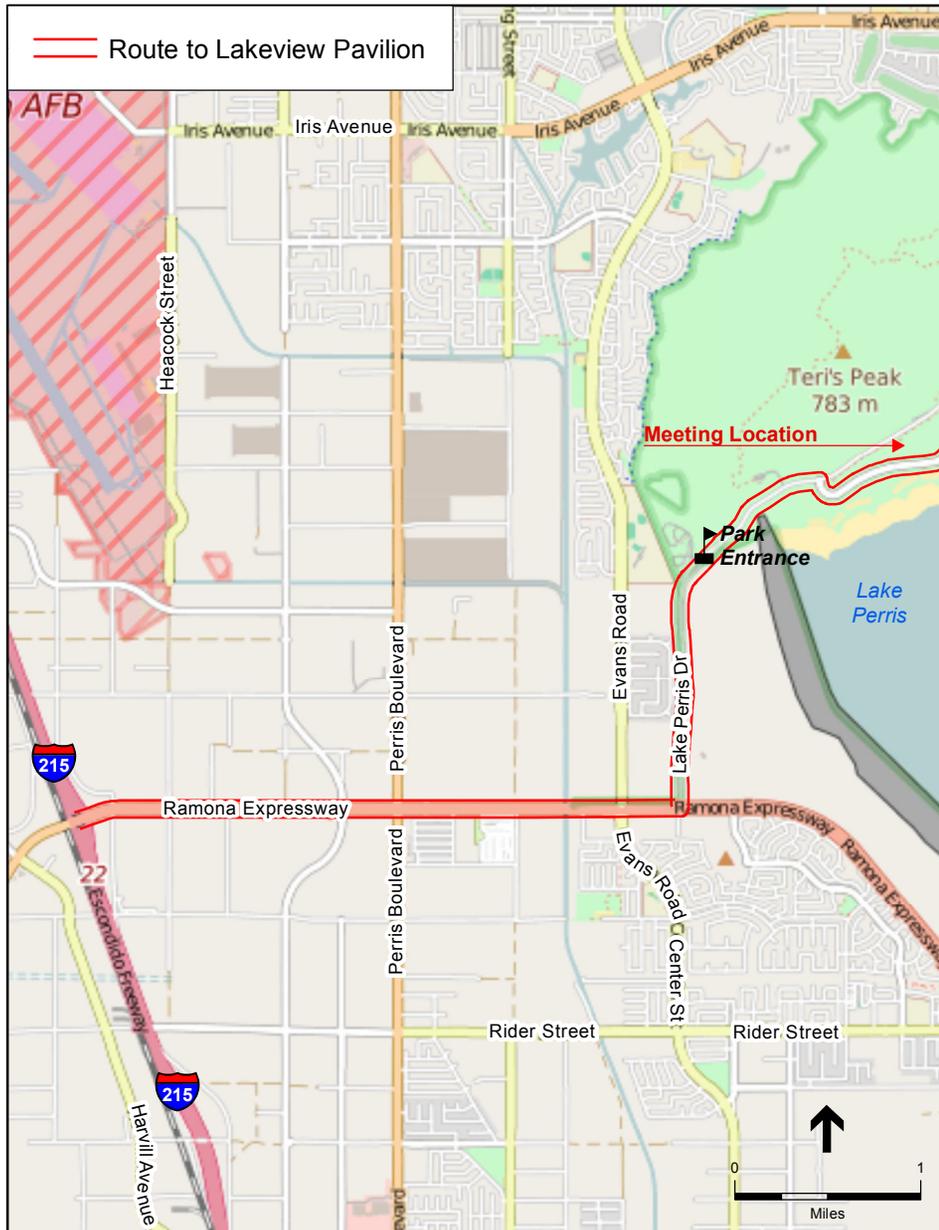
A public meeting will be held to receive comments on the Draft EIR at the following location:

**September 27, 2016, 6:00 pm**  
**Lakeview Pavilion**  
**Lake Perris State Recreation Area**  
**17801 Lake Perris Drive**  
**Perris, CA 92571**

For more information on the project please contact:

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## Perris Dam Emergency Release Facility

### Public Meeting

September 27, 2016 at 6:00 pm

### Lakeview Pavilion

Lake Perris State Recreation Area (SRA)  
17801 Lake Perris Drive, Perris, CA 92571

### Directions from 215 Freeway:

- Travel East along Ramona Expressway
- Turn North on Lake Perris Drive
- You will stop at the SRA entrance booth
- Continue along Lake Perris Drive
- Turn Right onto Via Del Lago
- Follow this road until you reach Parking Lot 9
- Turn Right onto Parking Lot 9, Lakeview Pavilion

**\* Park fee waived for those attending meeting**



Perris Dam Emergency Release Facility  
**Directions to Public Meeting**