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County Hires Team to Keep Lake Gregory Project On Schedule

SAN BERNARDINO—January 14, 2014—On Tuesday, the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors approved a two-year contract with a construction management company that will oversee the second phase of the Lake Gregory rehabilitation project in Crestline.

“Lake Gregory is the heart and soul of Crestline, and I am committed to protecting and preserving the lake and its recreational and economic value to the community,” San Bernardino County Board of Supervisor Chair Janice Rutherford said. “The professional construction management team we hired today will work to ensure this project gets done right and as expeditiously as possible.”

Under the \$443,800 contract, Griffin Structures, Inc. will work with the County Department of Special Districts to develop a master schedule for the project, which includes repairing outlet valves in the lake’s earthen dam, dredging a portion of the lake’s swimming area, and designing and securing regulatory approvals to stabilize the lake dam.

In 1986, the California Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD) notified the County about possible seismic deficiencies in the earthen dam that formed Lake Gregory in the late 1930s. The County hired consultants to evaluate the dam and address the issues raised by the State. However, no action was taken to meet the requirements, and in February 2010, State officials ordered removal of flashboards from the dam’s spillway because of seismic concerns. The boards increased the water level by trapping runoff and were historically kept in place throughout the summer swim season. DSOD also notified the County that it had to repair deficiencies in the dam that could make it susceptible to collapse following a major earthquake.

In 2012, the Board of Supervisors set aside \$4 million to fund repairs to the dam, including fixing a valve needed to release water from the lake in the event of an emergency. That repair is scheduled to be completed by the fall of this year. The County plans to use a buttress to stabilize the dam. This will require approvals from multiple regulatory agencies and could be completed as soon as the fall of 2016.

Meanwhile, the County plans to complete additional dredging in the lake’s swimming area later this year.

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