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LITTLEROCK DAM COMMUNITY INFO & TOUR DAY ON APRIL 6

Palmdale, CA – Palmdale Water District (PWD), in collaboration with Angeles National Forest and Friends of Littlerock Dam, will hold a joint Littlerock Dam Community Information & Tour Day at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 6, 2019. The meeting will be at Jackie Robinson Center, 8773 East Avenue R, Littlerock, followed by a brief tour of the dam in the afternoon on a charter bus.

The purpose of the event is to update the community on the status of PWD's construction at the dam and answer questions regarding the issuance of the Angeles National Forest Closure Order for Littlerock Dam and surrounding area #05-01-18-08

(<https://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/angeles/alerts-notice/?aid=50588>). The order prohibits recreation activities in the area due to hazards presented by ongoing construction in the area. The Order became effective Dec. 11, 2018 and runs through Feb. 1, 2020.

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The dam will be open to the public only on April 6 for people who attend the morning meeting and register in advance at the meeting. Personal vehicles will not be allowed into the dam due to space limitations. This will provide the public an opportunity to learn why the site is not safe for recreation activities. Much of the area is inundated with water from the winter storms that started in early January. PWD was in the middle of constructing its grade-control structure as part of the Littlerock Sediment Removal Project when the site was flooded. The concrete grade-control structure must be in place to protect the federally endangered arroyo toad before sediment can be removed. The contractors have halted work and were unable to move large pieces of equipment, which they will use once more when they return in the summer to continue construction at the site.

“We’ve had to make the very difficult decision of suspending construction and waiting until the weather improves,” said PWD General Manager Dennis. D. LaMoreaux. “If plans go accordingly, we should complete this first phase by November.”

Since 1918, the Palmdale Water District has provided high-quality water at a reasonable cost. We pride ourselves on providing great customer care; advocating for local water issues that help our residents; educating the community on water-use efficiency; and leading our region in researching and implementing emerging technologies that increase operational efficiency. For more information about PWD, visit www.palmdalewater.org.

The USDA, Forest Service, Angeles National Forest covers about 700,000 acres and is the backyard playground to the huge metropolitan area of Los Angeles. The Angeles manages

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the watersheds within its boundaries to provide valuable water to Southern California and to protect surrounding communities from catastrophic floods. National forests supply 50 percent of the water in California and form the watershed of most major aqueducts and more than 2,400 reservoirs throughout the state. For more information about the Angeles National Forest, visit www.fs.usda.gov/angeles.

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