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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Fort Worth District receives FY 2013 Civil Works budget

FORT WORTH, Texas – The Fort Worth District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced today its portion of President Obama's fiscal year 2013 budget for the Army's Civil Works program, set at approximately \$73 million to support direct funded projects.

Project specific funding for FY2013 will be distributed among three civil works appropriation accounts as follows:

- \$2.17 million for Investigations
- \$2 million for Construction
- \$ 69.6 million for Operations and Maintenance

"Investments in the District's Civil Works program will reduce the risk of flood impacts in communities, restore significant aquatic ecosystems, generate low-cost renewable hydropower, and support American jobs," said Fort Worth District Commander, Richard J. Muraski, Jr.

Investigations are conducted to see if a particular project meets the criteria to move into construction. The FY 2013 budget includes funding for four investigations within the District's area of responsibility. The budget includes \$700,000 for the Dallas Floodway, \$650,000 for the Nueces River Basin, \$425,000 for the Lower Colorado River Basin and \$400,000 for the Guadalupe-San Antonio Basin.

Additionally, one construction project, Onion Creek, located in Austin and Travis County, Texas, was budgeted for \$2 million. These funds will be primarily used to continue the buyout of homes which are highly prone to flooding along Onion Creek.

This year's O&M budget will be distributed among the District's 25 lakes which depend on annual appropriations for operations and maintenance. Operations and Maintenance funding also includes approximately \$2 million for interim risk reduction measures. These measures will reduce risks associated with dam safety at various lakes, until permanent reduction measures are implemented.

"Continued funding of the construction, maintenance and operation of critical Civil Works infrastructure projects is an investment in the State's economy, security and quality of life – now and in the future," added Muraski.

The District's civil works projects provide job opportunities for many local residents as its area of responsibility covers approximately 53 percent of the state of Texas. This includes portions of 10 river basins from the Rio Grande River in the Southwest to the Red River in the Northeast.

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