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Corps to host public meeting for the Lavon Lake Master Plan revision

FORT WORTH, Texas – The Fort Worth District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will host a public meeting on March 10 to receive public input as it prepares to revise the Master Plan for Lavon Lake.

The public meeting will be held at the City of Wylie Recreation Center – Recreation Center Meeting Room, 300 Country Club Road, Building 200, Wylie, Texas, 75098. An open House will begin at 5:30 p.m. followed by a formal presentation at 6:00 p.m. At the conclusion of the presentation there will be time for the public to view maps, ask questions and provide comments about the project.

A Master Plan, defined by USACE as the strategic land use management document that guides the comprehensive management and development of all recreational, natural, and cultural resources throughout the life of the water resource development project. In general, it defines “how” the resources will be managed for public use and resource conservation. Revision of the Master Plan will not address in detail the technical operational aspects of the lake related to the water supply or flood risk management missions of the project.

The Master Plan study area will include Lavon Lake proper and all adjacent recreational and natural resources properties under federal control.

Lavon Lake was constructed in 1953 as a flood risk management and water conservation project. In the 1960's the North Texas Municipal Water District recognized a need for increased water supplies to support the growing population. As a result of the study, the NTMWD partnered with USACE to raise the dam and structure roughly twenty feet to its current elevation. The current Master Plan is dated May 13, 1972 and was completed as part of the planned enlargement of Lavon Lake, which was completed in December 1975. Collin County and adjacent Rockwall and Denton counties each experienced population growths of more than 50 percent during the 2000-2010 census periods. Increased urban growth around the lake and surrounding communities creates a need for bigger roads, more electricity, more water and sewer, and more public recreation opportunities. All of these factors affect management of the Federal lands at Lavon Lake and necessitate a need for a revised Master Plan.

The primary purposes of the Lavon Lake project are flood risk management, water supply, and recreation.

Questions pertaining to the proposed revision can be addressed to: Mr. Ryan Shackelford, Project Manager, CESWF-PEC-PM, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, P.O. Box 17300, Fort Worth, TX 76102-0300, (817) 886-1717.

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