



Whittier Narrows Dam Safety Modification, CA

Construction

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

BUILDING STRONG ®

LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION:

The Whittier Narrows Dam Safety Modification Project is a flood control project with incidental water conservation. This project is the central element of the Los Angeles County Drainage Area (LACDA) flood control system. The dam was constructed in 1957 and is operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District. The project is located at the "Whittier Narrows", a natural gap in the hills that form the southern boundary of the San Gabriel Valley. The Rio Hondo and the San Gabriel River flow through the reservoir flood control basin. Whittier Narrows Dam has dam safety issues requiring a very high urgency of action (DSAC I).



AUTHORIZATION:

Flood Control Act of 1941.

ACTIVITIES FOR FY 2026:

On January 23, 2026 the President signed the Interior and Environmental Appropriations Act which authorized incremental funding for the project. The construction contract is scheduled to be awarded by March 24, 2026 with the first increment utilizing the Incremental Funding Clause. The current working estimate for the project is \$1.367B Construction General for dam safety.

ISSUES AND OTHER INFORMATION:

The FY2026 Interior and Environmental Appropriations Act provided authority to utilize incremental contract funding, this will allow the project to award the construction option with funds on hand. The FY26 President's Budget included \$571M which will fully fund the construction contract.

Integrated Design and Construction Contract: Advertised January 2024. Awarded Preconstruction Services 25 April 2025. Delayed from October 2024 due to extensive contractor negotiations.

A dam failure could result in significant loss of life and property damage to a population over 1.2M and a structure inventory valued at over \$204B. Proposed Contract 3 addresses remaining dam safety risks, including foundation erosion and overtopping of the dam that could lead to failure.

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST:

Senators Padilla and Schiff, Representatives Chu (CA-28), Cisneros (CA-31), Sanchez (CA-38), Garcia (CA-42), Barragan (CA-44), Tran (CA-45), Min (CA-47).

As of: 26 FEB 2026

FINANCIAL SUMMARY:

	<u>Construction</u>
Estimated Federal Cost	\$1,367,119,000*
Estimated Non-Federal Cost	\$0
Total Estimated Project Cost	\$1,367,119,000
Allocation thru FY24	\$424,691,000
President's Budget for FY25	\$0
Conference Add for FY25	\$0
Approve IIJA FY25	\$0
Workplan for FY25	\$0
President's Budget for FY26	\$571,000,000
Balance to Complete After FY26	\$371,428,000