



Official Statement

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WHITTIER NARROWS DAM

The safety and security of our local residents has always been a top priority of the City of Pico Rivera. Given that priority, the city takes any credible risks of potential flooding seriously and has been planning accordingly.

To date the city has prepared an evacuation plan with a grant by the California Department of Water Resources. Additionally, the City has been awarded supplementary funding from the state in the amount of \$300,000 to improve on the plan and include the cities downstream.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) which operates the dam recently completed a study that projected the cost to modify the Whittier Narrows Dam at approximately \$500-\$600 million. The City considers the modification of the dam one of the highest priorities and has lobbied Congressional offices for funding for the project.

It is important to emphasize that a large storm of the magnitude described in the LA Times article is a **rare** storm event that is estimated to have a 1 in 900 or .1% chance of occurring. A large storm of severe magnitude would occur over a series of days which would allow officials time to notify residents to evacuate.

The City of Pico Rivera wants to reassure its residents that despite the unlikely event of a large storm, we are taking the study by USACE seriously and have been planning accordingly to ensure the safety of our residents.

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