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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers host public meeting for the Canyon Lake Master Plan revision

FORT WORTH, Texas – The Fort Worth District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will host a public meeting July 20 to gain public comment on the draft revision of the Canyon Lake Master Plan.

The public meeting will be held at the Canyon Lake Resource & Recreation Center, 125 Mabel Jones Dr., Canyon Lake, Texas, 78133. A brief overview of proposed changes will be presented at 6 p.m., followed by an opportunity to view maps, ask questions, and provide written comment about the project. Public participation is a vital part of completing a successful revision to the Master Plan.

A 30-day public comment period will follow, with comment forms and the updated Master Plan made available for download by July 14 at the following website: <http://www.swf.usace.army.mil/About/Lakes-and-Recreation-Information/Master-Plan-Updates/Canyon-Lake/> and printed copy for review will be available at the Tye Preston Memorial Library, 16311 S. Access Road, Canyon Lake, Texas, 78133 and the Canyon Lake Office at 601 C.O.E. Road, Canyon Lake, Texas 78133.

Completed in 1964 as a flood control project, Canyon Lake also serves multiple-purposes including water supply, hydroelectric power generation, recreation, and environmental stewardship. The current Master Plan, dated December 1970, is in need of revision to address changes in land use, population, outdoor recreation trends, and USACE management policy that have occurred over the past 40 years.

The USACE Canyon Lake Master Plan is the land use document that guides the comprehensive management and development of all recreational, natural, and cultural resources throughout the life of the lake. The Master Plan defines the resource management goals and objectives for public use and resource conservation for the study area, which includes Canyon Lake and all adjacent USACE controlled recreational and natural resource properties. Revision of the Master Plan will not address the technical operational aspects of the lake as it relates to the primary missions of water supply, hydroelectric power generation, or flood risk management.

Key topics addressed in the revised Master Plan include updated and revised land use classification, new natural and recreational resource management goals and objectives, and recreation facility needs identification. Special topics addressed include invasive species management and threatened and endangered species habitat protection at Canyon Lake.

Questions pertaining to the proposed revision can be addressed to: Ernest Eberle, Project Manager, CESWF-OD-SO, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 1560 Thornberry Drive, Somerville, Texas, 77845; (979) 596-1622, or Ms. Rhonda Fields, Project Manager, CESWF-PEC-TP, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, P.O. Box 17300, Fort Worth, Texas, 76102-0300; (817) 886-1681.

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