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CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS
January 17, 2001

TO: BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS
FROM: ELLEN OPPENHEIM, General Manager
SUBJECT: VALLEY FAIR



The attached correspondence was received by the Valley Region on December 12, 2000 from the Department of the Army, Los Angeles District, Corps of Engineers, in response to a request from the Department of Recreation and Parks for conceptual approval of a permanent Valley Fair location. The letter states in part that due to the nature and extent of the Fair activity, the Army Corps of Engineers does not believe the project fits appropriately with its recreation mission. In subsequent conversations with the Corps regarding the content of this letter, Department staff has affirmed that the Corps has formally denied approval of the Valley Fair's Master Plan for Hansen Dam.

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Attachment



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
LOS ANGELES DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS
P.O. Box 532711
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90083-2326

December 5, 2000

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

Office of the Chief
Operations Branch

Mr. Kevin Regan
City of Los Angeles
Department of Parks and Recreation
6335 Woodley Avenue
Los Angeles, California 91406

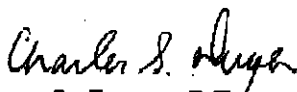
Dear Mr. Regan:

The Corps has been weighing the request from the San Fernando Valley Fair (51st District) to relocate permanently to the Hansen Dam Flood Control Basin, on property leased to the City of Los Angeles, Department of Parks and Recreation. We know that the City has not decided about the Fair, but their actions to relocate to Hansen FCB caused us to issue a decision before they commit funds toward this relocation. After much deliberation we determined that the Valley Fair does not fit the Corps recreation mission.

The Valley Fair runs 4 days, 1% of available days, but would encumber eighty acres of property for 365 days. We understand the Fair Board intends to rent the fairgrounds to generate revenue to cover Fair expenses. However, Corps recreation lands shall not be used primarily for commercial use. We promote *outdoor* recreation and much of "rental recreation" will be indoors; such as computer shows and craft fairs. The Valley Fair is a State agency, therefore the State should assist them in finding a new site.

Contrary to the Fair's webpage, NO permission has been granted by the Corps to hold the Valley Fair at Hansen FCB in 2001. We will forward a copy of this letter to Ms. Dale Coons at the Fair Board. If you need additional assistance, please feel free to call Katie Parks, Outdoor Recreation Planner of my staff, at (213) 452-3399.

Sincerely,


George L. Beams, P.E.
Chief, Construction-
Operations Division