

A SECOND CHANCE IN THE DESERT: BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS AND SOLUTIONS AT MOJAVE RIVER DAM

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Our Mission



Deliver vital engineering solutions, **in collaboration with our partners**, to secure our Nation, energize our economy, and reduce disaster risk.

BUILDING STRONG

Protect People from Water



- **Flood Risk Management**
- FEMA Disaster Response
- **Water Recreation**

Protect Water from People



- Regulatory (Permits)
- Planning
- **Environmental Stewardship**

Make Water Useful



- Navigation (Locks and Dredging)
- Hydropower
- Recreation



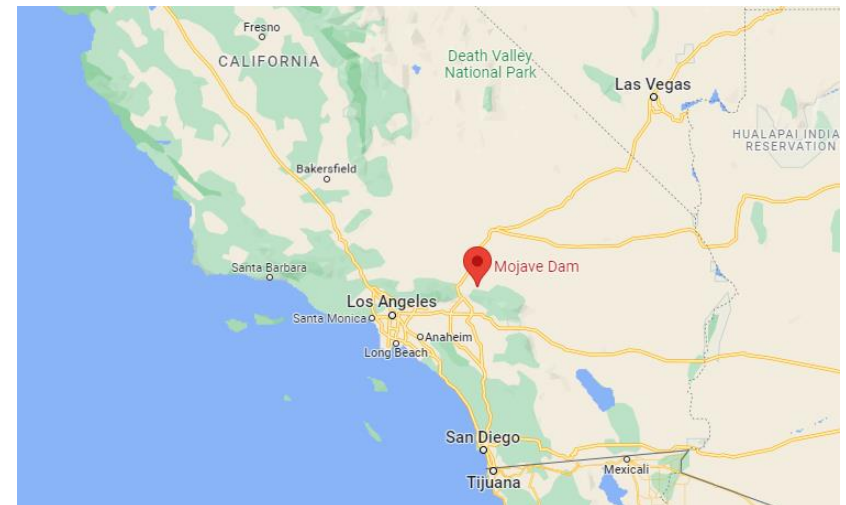
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MOJAVE RIVER DAM



- In Mojave Desert
- Built 1968
- Dry Dam
- Confluence of Deep Creek & West Fork Mojave River
- Critical Habitat





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IMPACTS OF ILLEGAL OFF-ROADING ACTIVITY

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Debris set on fire at Dam inlet



Boy, 8, drowns at Deep Creek

Juvenile pronounced dead at local hospital after CPR efforts

Man killed near Deep Creek



Driving over habitat



Hazardous driving

WHY SO MANY OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLES?



Social Media Attention



Water in the Desert



Family Tradition

HOW DO YOU ENGAGE WITH COMMUNITIES THAT USE PUBLIC LANDS ILLEGALLY?



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DISTRUST

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I heard if you want something from the Corps, you have to contact their headquarters in DC. There's nobody here to help you.

To be honest, I don't think this is going to work. Last time we tried to work with the Corps, you made lots of promises but never returned our calls.

The Corps? What do you do around here?



HOW DO YOU OVERCOME DISTRUST?

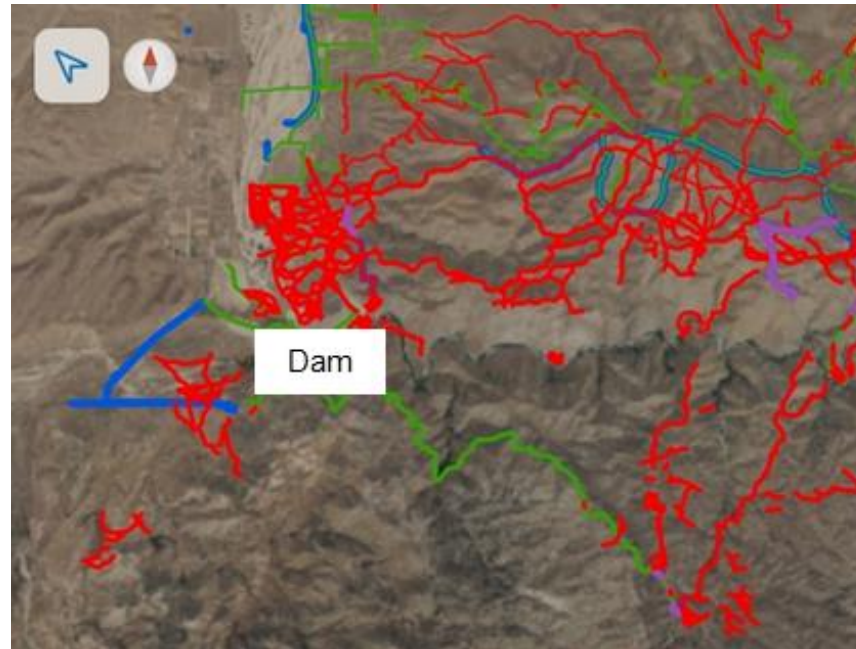


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MEETING AND WORKING WITH PARTNERS



The Common Interest





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SCMF Seven Programs



WHAT IS CHUNKING?

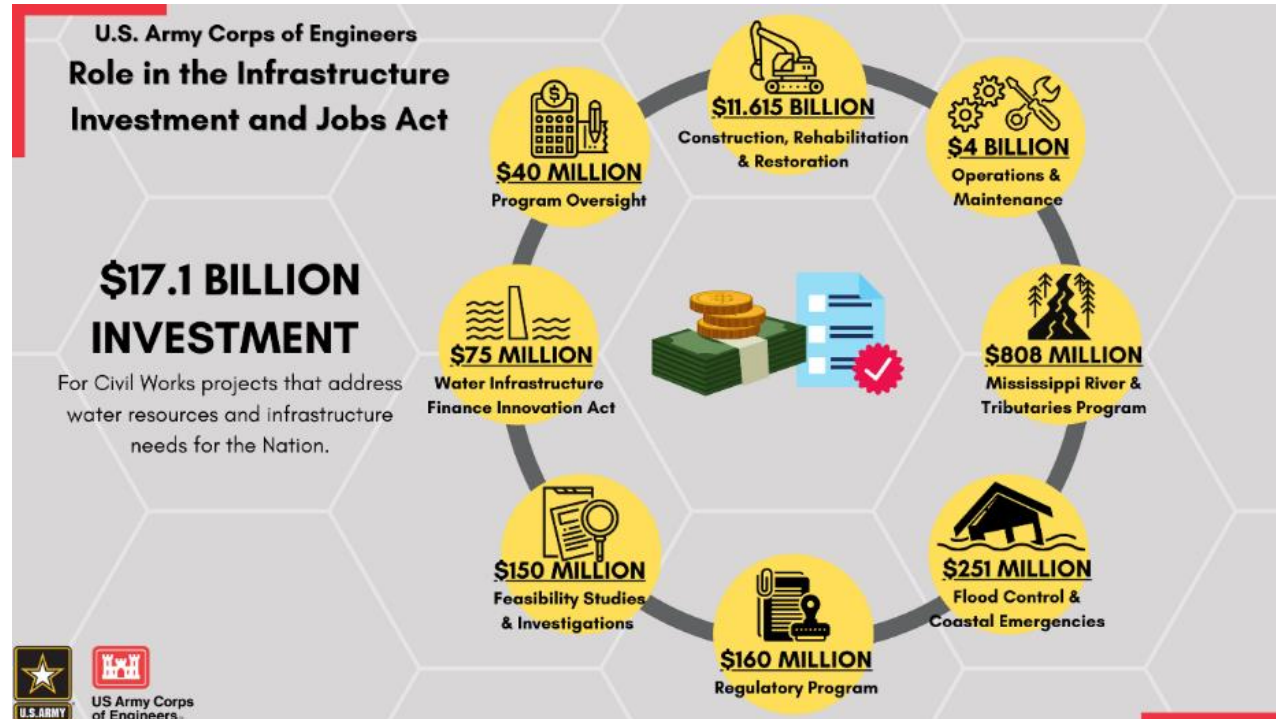




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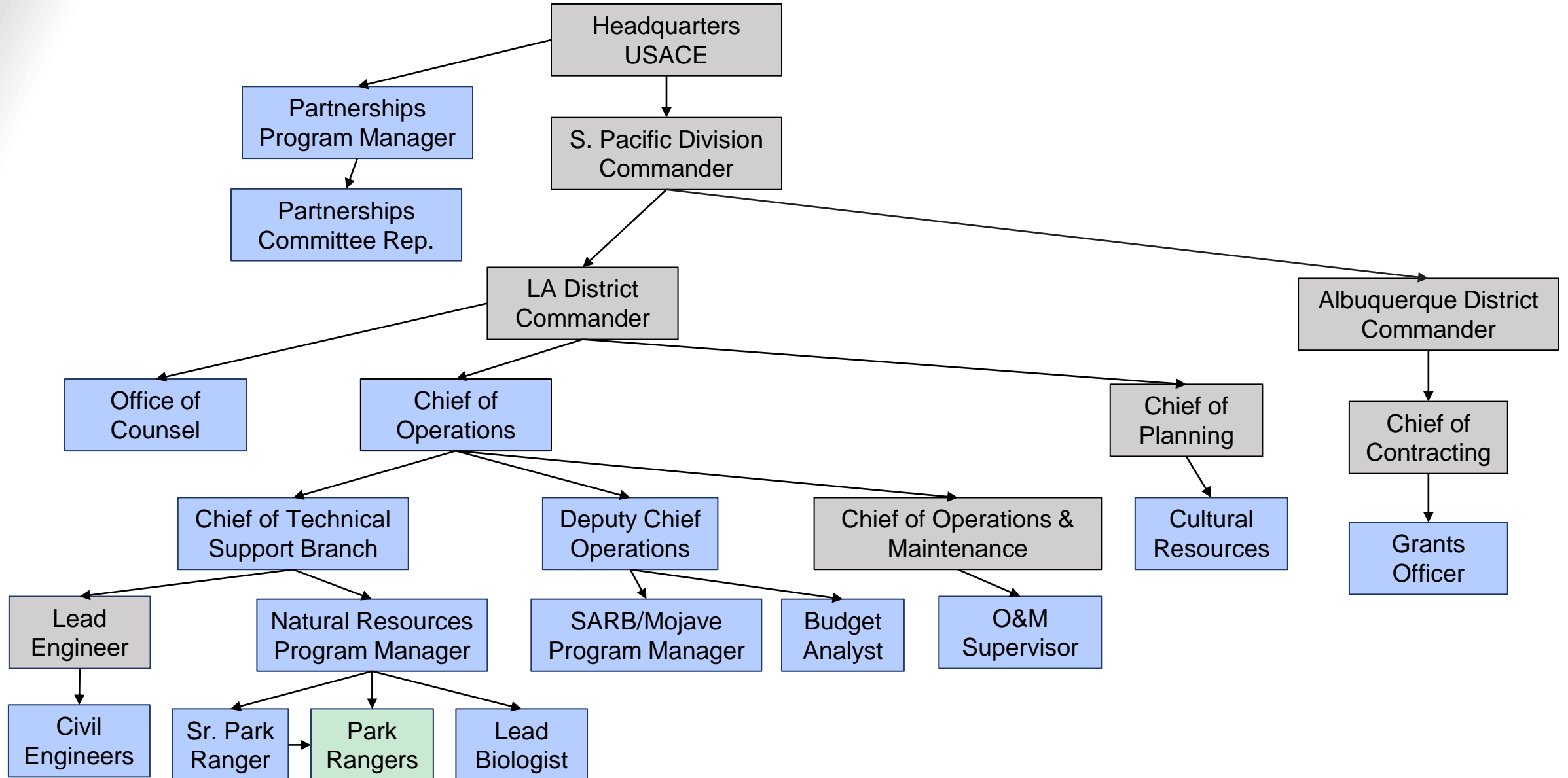
- Received \$500,000 for barriers!
- ~~Give money to a partner~~
- Open opportunity for Cooperative Agreement
- Desire to work with a youth conservation corps
- Cost effective and opportunity for job skills development



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BUILDING INTERNAL NETWORK





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WHERE WE ARE NOW



Two years later:

- SCMF selected for Cooperative Agreement
- Finish NEPA and plan signing ceremony
- Installation beginning Sept
- Anticipate more funding
- New opportunities!
- Handover

WHAT ARE YOUR SUGGESTIONS TO CONDUCT A PROPER HANDOVER?



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