

either section 205 of the Act of Congress approved July 3, 1958 (72 Stat. 316), or section 11 of the Act of Congress approved December 23, 1971 (85 Stat. 800).

(d) *District Engineer*. The term "District Engineer" when used in §§211.101 to 211.111 shall mean the District Engineer, U.S. Army Engineer District, Fort Worth, at Fort Worth, Tex., or the District Engineer, U.S. Army Engineer District, Tulsa, at Tulsa, Okla.

(e) *Director of Civil Works*. The term "Director of Civil Works" when used herein shall mean the Director of Civil Works, Office, Chief of Engineers or the Assistant Chief of Engineers for Civil Works.

[23 FR 7348, Sept. 28, 1958, as amended at 37 FR 15371, Aug. 1, 1972]

§211.103 Determination of whether land is required for public purposes, including public recreational use.

The Chief of Engineers and the Director of Public Works are hereby delegated authority to determine which lands are not required for public purposes, including public recreational use, and to determine the exceptions, restrictions and reservations, as are in the public interest, to be included in any reconveyance, including the reservation of such mineral rights as are determined necessary for the efficient operation of the project. This delegation of authority shall not apply to lands below the level of 529 feet in the Garza-Little Elm Reservoir project and below 560 feet in the Grapevine Reservoir project as the lands below these levels will not be available for reconveyance pursuant to the act.

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§211.104 Notice to former owners of availability of land for reconveyance.

Upon determination in accordance with §§211.101 to 211.111 that land is not required for public purposes, including public recreational use, the appropriate District Engineer shall give notice to the former owners thereof (a) by registered letter, addressed to the last known address of the former owner; and (b) by publication at least twice at

not less than 15-day intervals in two newspapers having general circulation in the vicinity in which the land is located.

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§211.105 Filing of application.

Application for reconveyance of land shall be filed with the appropriate District Engineer. Said application shall be in writing, dated and signed by the former owner, or by his attorney in fact, and shall identify the land for which he is making application for reconveyance. Any such application will be considered as filed timely when mailed to or delivered to the appropriate District Engineer within ninety (90) days from the date of the last publication of availability of the land for reconveyance to said former owners. The appropriate District Engineer may extend said ninety (90) day period for a good cause. Any application may be withdrawn by written notice, executed by the former owner, or by his attorney in fact, to the appropriate District Engineer at any time prior to the execution of the contract of sale.

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§211.106 Filing of objection by abutting owner.

An objection by an abutting owner to reconveyance of land to a former owner shall be filed with the appropriate District Engineer. Such objection shall be in writing, dated and signed by the abutting owner, or his attorney in fact, and shall include identification of the land to which the objection pertains, the name of the former owner, the reasons for the objection, and a reference to the land records where the ownership of the abutting owner is recorded. A copy of the letter addressed to the former owner objecting to the reconveyance shall be attached to the letter addressed to the appropriate District Engineer, or other evidence of such notice of objection shall be furnished to the appropriate District Engineer. No objection will be considered valid unless the party or individual making the objection is the record owner of land abutting or adjoining the land to which the objection pertains.

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