

Saint Francis Dam Disaster Memorial – Design Competition Rules Document

The United States Forest Service (USFS) is pleased to announce a competition to secure design concepts for a memorial to honor the victims and memorialize the history of the Saint Francis Dam Disaster. The sponsor of the competition is the Angeles National Forest, in cooperation with the St Francis Dam National Memorial Foundation (SFD MF). This document presents the intentions and mission of the memorial, and also outlines the competition rules and provides information on how to submit memorial design ideas and concepts for consideration.

On February 1, 2021, opportunities to submit ideas and design concepts will begin, and will remain open for for 90 days, closing on April 31, 2021. Once closed, the memorial design submittals will be analyzed by the Competition jury. The jury members will be 11 individuals composed of U.S Forest Service employees, St Francis Dam National Memorial Foundation members, family members of the disaster victims, and significant stakeholder entities (i.e. LADWP, SCE, Santa Clarita City Council, etc.).

DETAILS ON SFD MF

The St Francis Dam National Memorial Foundation (SFD MF) is organized exclusively for charitable purposes as a tax-exempt, non-profit organization under 501-3C of the Internal Revenue Code. The group's mission is organized exclusively for charitable purposes, specifically to raise the funds necessary to establish and support a memorial that recognizes and honors the victims and history of the Saint Francis Dam Disaster. Additional information can be found by contacting the St Francis Dam National Memorial Foundation (SFD MF).

PURPOSE AND PHILOSOPHY OF THE MEMORIAL

The purpose of the Saint Francis Dam Memorial is to recognize and honor those who perished during the failure of the Saint Francis Dam, resulting in the second greatest loss of life in California history, and marking one of the most significant engineering disasters in our nation's history. Up to the present, this disaster has not been accorded the recognition it rightly deserves, especially when examined against other significant disasters and losses of life in our nations history. Through the years, community members of each local community impacted by the disaster have worked independently to correct this, by erecting their own local museums, monuments, and memorials dedicated to the dam disaster, leading tours of the dam site and the impacted communities and towns, and by gathering at the dam site on the anniversary of the collapse to honor those who perished. The designation of the Saint Francis Dam disaster as a National Memorial provides an opportunity to consider these existing memorializing efforts, along with considering new approaches that captures the full breadth of the disaster, in developing a memorial that enhances or unites with these prior local and community based memorializing efforts.

This effort is not about those of us involved in establishing the memorial, rather it is about honoring those who perished, and the families and communities affected by this tragic event. Memorials, traditionally, can take the form of a monument with a plaque, but they can also take on other forms. Memorials represent and generate a multitude of different emotions, memories, symbols and meanings for individuals whether or not they have a direct connection with the disaster.

COMPETITION RULES

1. Eligibility
 - a. The competition is open to the general public.
 - b. Competitors must be 18 years of age or older.

- c. Competitors may enter the competition as an individual or as a member of a collaborative team.
 - d. Jury members or their families are not eligible to compete.
2. Jury
- a. The jury for the competition will consist of the following individuals (if any jury member cannot participate, additional members of the Saint Francis Dam collaborative will be asked to take their place):
 - i. Angeles National Forest, Forest Supervisor
 - ii. Los Angeles Gateway Ranger District, District Ranger
 - iii. Fillmore City Council member
 - iv. LADWP representative
 - v. SCE representative
 - vi. Santa Clarita City Council Member
 - vii. St Francis Dam National Memorial Foundation member
 - viii. Tribal Tataviam representative
 - ix. Santa Paula representative
 - x. Two randomly selected members of the Saint Francis Dam collaborative
 - b. In agreeing to serve on the jury, all jurors have attested that they have read the competition rules and that they agree to be bound by them.
 - c. The selection of the winning design(s) will be made by the jury through an anonymous voting process.
 - d. The jury votes will determine the top three contest submissions.
 - e. In the case of a tie, the Regional Forest Supervisor will be asked to provide the tiebreaking vote
3. Communications
- a. Any questions from participants can be directed to Aaron Ash, Deputy District Ranger, Los Angeles Gateway Ranger District;
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Forest Service
Angeles National Forest,
Los Angeles Gateway District
p: 626-574-5372
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4. Schedule
- a. Contest will begin on February 1, 2021.
 - b. All memorial design submissions must be received no later than April 31, 2021.
 - c. Announcement of winners will occur in the Summer of 2021. The winner(s) will be notified by email, and announcements will be made via ANF news release(s), FS websites, social media, etc.
 - d. The winning designs will also be acknowledged in the Historical Monument Plan, currently being developed
5. Submissions
- a. Submissions shall be submitted in electronic format and submitted by email to (SM.FS.anf_lagd@usda.gov). (entries should not exceed a maximum file size of 10MB and should have the Subject heading of "Memorial Design").
 - b. Angeles National Forest Land Management Plan (LMP) desired conditions for the area or "Place" can be found at (https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb5166877.pdf) **keyword search: Santa Clara Canyon**. A new administrative change recently amended to the ANF LMP also provides additional information on this place or "Special Interest Area" (https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd872458.pdf).

- c. Each submittal may include one or all of the following:
 - i. Project Information: Include a design concept statement or idea
 - ii. Plans and Drawings: Include site plan, sections, details and/or diagrams as needed to explain project's design merits
 - iii. Renderings: Views showing any major elevations, other views, images, photographs, or details describing special features.
Graphics should contribute to supporting the mission statement.
6. Publications and Announcement of Results
 - a. The USFS and SFDMF shall have the right to publish, display, reproduce, or otherwise publicize all design submissions. The authors of the designs will be fully identified in all such publications or displays.
7. Ownership and Use of Designs
 - a. The USFS and SFDMF will retain the ownership and right to use all submitted designs, idea, or concepts.
8. The Top 3 Selected Design Proposals – Monetary Awards will be awarded by the SFDMF.
 - a. Minimum Prizes for winning proposals will comprise of:
 - i. 1st Prize - \$700.00
 - ii. 2nd Prize - \$200.00
 - iii. 3rd Prize - \$100.00
 - b. All efforts will be made to give credit and acknowledgement to any participant(s) whose concept or idea is implemented into the final Memorial. The USFS will make all efforts to ensure that person or individuals are identified and recognized at the location of the memorial (i.e. signage, inscription, etc.).