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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Reclamation

#### **Delta-Mendota Canal Recirculation Project, Calaveras, Contra Costa, Fresno, Kings, Merced, San Benito, San Joaquin, Santa Clara, Stanislaus, and Tuolumne Counties, CA**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation, Interior

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) and notice of public scoping meetings.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) and the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) intend to prepare an EIS/EIR for the Delta-Mendota Canal (DMC) Recirculation Project. Reclamation is the Federal lead agency for NEPA and DWR is the State lead agency for CEQA.

The purpose of the project is to prepare a feasibility study of the DMC Recirculation Project that will evaluate the costs, benefits, feasibility, and impacts of possibly recirculating water from the DMC Canal for release to the San Joaquin River. Recirculation may provide additional flows for fishery objectives and may help to meet San Joaquin River water quality objectives, while reducing the reliance on the New Melones Reservoir for water releases. As part of the feasibility study process, a Draft EIS/EIR is expected to be available in 2008.

**DATES:** Public scoping meetings will be held to solicit public input on the alternatives, concerns, and issues to be addressed in the EIS/EIR. The meetings dates and times are as follows:

- Monday, April 16, 2007, 10 a.m.–12 p.m., Sacramento, CA.
- Monday, April 16, 2007, 6 p.m.–8 p.m., Los Banos, CA.
- Tuesday, April 17, 2007, 6 p.m.–8 p.m., Modesto, CA.

Written comments on the scope of the EIS/EIR should be mailed to the Bureau of Reclamation at the address below by May 9, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** The public scoping meeting locations are:

- Sacramento at the Federal Building, 2800 Cottage Way, Cafeteria Conference Rooms C-1001 and C-1002.

- Los Banos at the Miller and Lux Senior Center Building, 830 6th Street.

- Modesto at the Modesto Centre Plaza, 1000 L Street, Pistache Room.

Written comments on the scope of the EIS/EIR should be sent to: Ms. Sammie Cervantes, Bureau of Reclamation, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825, via e-mail [scervantes@mp.usbr.gov](mailto:scervantes@mp.usbr.gov), or faxed to 916-978-5094.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Maury Kruth, Reclamation Project Manager, at the above address, at 916-978-5078, TDD 916-978-5608, via fax at 916-978-5094, or e-mail at [mkruth@mp.usbr.gov](mailto:mkruth@mp.usbr.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The DMC is located on the western side of Central California's San Joaquin Valley and runs for approximately 120 miles, beginning near the City of Tracy at the southern edge of the Sacramento River and San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary (Delta) and terminating at the Mendota Pool of the San Joaquin River. The project study area can be defined as the lower main stem of the San Joaquin River below its confluence with the Merced River, the areas served by the Merced, Tuolumne, and Stanislaus Rivers on the western side of the Sierra Nevada Mountains, and the areas served by the DMC, including approximately 30 water agencies. Immediately downstream from the confluence with the Stanislaus River, the San Joaquin River becomes part of the Delta, which serves as a source of water supply for agricultural, environmental, municipal, and urban uses. The south Delta will be considered part of the project study area.

The SWRCB has established Delta water quality and flow objectives that are to be met as a condition of the operation of the C.W. "Bill" Jones Pumping Plant (formerly the Tracy Pumping Plant) and the State Water Project Harvey O. Banks Pumping Plant. The current objectives for operation of the Central Valley Project and the State Water Project facilities in the Delta are the SWRCB's 1995 *Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary*, and the SWRCB's Water Rights D-1641, as amended.

In D-1641, SWRCB required Reclamation to prepare a Plan of Action (POA) to evaluate the potential impacts of recirculating water from DMC through the Newman Wasteway, in consultation with National Marine Fisheries Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, California Department of Fish and Game, DWR, and the South Delta Water Agency. The POA has been

completed and is being implemented by this feasibility study.

Federal authorization comes from Public Law 108-361, Section 103(d)(2)(D)(ii) of the CALFED Bay-Delta Authorization Act, which states in part that "\* \* \* the Secretary [of the Interior] shall include, to the maximum extent feasible, the measures described in clauses (iii) through (vii)." Section 103(d)(2)(D)(iii) states "the Secretary shall incorporate into the program a recirculation program to provide flow, reduce salinity concentrations in the San Joaquin River, and reduce the reliance on the New Melones Reservoir for meeting water quality and fishery flow objectives through the use of excess capacity in export pumping and conveyance facilities." Section 103(f)(1)(G) states "\* \* \* funds may be used to conduct feasibility studies, evaluate, and if feasible, implement the recirculation of export water to reduce salinity and improve dissolved oxygen in the San Joaquin River."

Previous recirculation studies have consisted of modeling and physically discharging water from the DMC to the San-Joaquin River via one of the wasteways that connect the DMC to the river. Ongoing studies that might affect the DMC Recirculation Project include Vernalis Adaptive Management Plan, CALFED Conveyance Program—South Delta Improvements Program, the New Melones Revised Plan of Operations, and the West Side Regional Drainage Plan. A recent litigation settlement regarding the San Joaquin River from Friant Dam to the Merced River may also affect the DMC Recirculation Project.

If special assistance is required at the scoping meetings, please contact Ms. Sammie Cervantes at 916-978-5189, TDD 916-978-5608, or via e-mail at [scervantes@mp.usbr.gov](mailto:scervantes@mp.usbr.gov). Please notify Ms. Cervantes as far in advance of the meetings as possible to enable Reclamation to secure the needed services. If a request cannot be honored, the requestor will be notified. A telephone device for the hearing impaired (TDD) is available at 916-978-5608.

Comments received in response to this notice will become part of the administrative record and are subject to public inspection. Our practice is to make comments, including names, home addresses, home phone numbers, and e-mail addresses of respondents, available for public review. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their names and/or home addresses, etc., but if you wish us to consider withholding this information, you must state this prominently at the

beginning of your comments. In addition, you must present a rationale for withholding this information. This rationale must demonstrate that disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy. Unsupported assertions will not meet this burden. In the absence of exceptional, documentable circumstances, this information will be released. We will always make submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

Dated: February 23, 2007.

**Kenneth Lentz,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

#### Notice of Proposed Information Collection for 1029-0089

**AGENCY:** Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) is announcing that the information collection request for 30 CFR part 702, Exemption for Coal Extraction Incidental to the Extraction of Other Minerals has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The information collection request describes the nature of the information collection and the expected burden and cost.

**DATES:** OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, public comments should be submitted to OMB by April 30, 2007, in order to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory

Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Department of Interior Desk Officer, by telefax at (202) 395-6566 or via e-mail to [OIRA\\_Docket@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_Docket@omb.eop.gov). Also, please send a copy of your comment to John A. Trelease, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 1951 Constitution Ave, NW., Room 202—SIB, Washington, DC 20240, or electronically to [jtrelease@osmre.gov](mailto:jtrelease@osmre.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request a copy of the information collection request contact John A. Trelease at (202) 208-2783. You may also contact Mr. Trelease at [jtrelease@osmre.gov](mailto:jtrelease@osmre.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** OMB regulations at 5 CFR 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities [see 5 CFR 320.8(d)]. OSM has submitted a request to OMB to renew its approval for the collection of information found at 30 CFR Part 702. OSM is requesting a 3-year term of approval for this information collection activity.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control number of this collection of information is 1029-0089, and may be found in OSM's regulations at 702.10.

As required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), a **Federal Register** notice soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on December 8, 2006 (71 FR 71189). No comments were received. This notice provides the public with an additional 30 days in which to comment on the following information collection activity:

**Title:** 30 CFR part 702—Exemption for Coal Extraction Incidental to the Extraction of Other Minerals.

**OMB Control Number:** 1029-0089.

**Summary:** This part implements the requirement in Section 701(28) of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA), which grants an exemption from the requirements of SMCRA to operators extracting not more than 16 $\frac{2}{3}$

percentage tonnage of coal incidental to the extraction of other minerals. This information will be used by the regulatory authorities to make that determination.

**Bureau Form Number:** None.

**Frequency of Collection:** Once and annually thereafter.

**Description of Respondents:**

Producers of coal and other minerals and the State regulatory authorities.

**Total Annual Responses:** 120.

**Total Annual Burden Hours:** 535.

**Total Non-wage Costs:** \$200.

Send comments on the need for the collection of information for the performance of the functions of the agency; the accuracy of the agency's burden estimates; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection burden on respondents, such as use of automated means of collection of the information, to the addresses listed under **ADDRESSES**. Please refer to OMB control number 1029-0089 in all correspondence.

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## JUDICIAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED STATES

### Revision of Certain Dollar Amounts in the Bankruptcy Code Prescribed Under Section 104(b) of the Code

**AGENCY:** Judicial Conference of the United States.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Modification of **Federal Register** notice that certain dollar amounts in title 11 and title 28, United States Code, are increased. [Original notice appeared in the **Federal Register** of February 14, 2007].

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following provides (1) An updated list of the adjustments to 11 U.S.C. Section 707(b) and (2) an updated list of the Bankruptcy Forms which will be amended to reflect the adjusted dollar amounts.

11 U.S.C.	Dollar amount to be adjusted	New (adjusted) dollar amount
707(b)—dismissal of a case or conversion to a case under chapter 11 or 13 (means test):		
(1)—in paragraph (2)(A)(i)(I) .....	\$6,000	\$6,575
(2)—in paragraph (2)(A)(i)(II) .....	10,000	10,950
(3)—in paragraph (2)(A)(ii)(IV) .....	1,500	1,650