

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Reclamation**

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Contra Costa Water District Alternative Intake Project, Contra Costa and San Joaquin Counties, CA**AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Report/ Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/ EIS) and notice of public hearings.**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) and the Contra Costa Water District (CCWD) have made available for public review and comment a Draft EIR/EIS for the proposed Contra Costa Water District Alternative Intake Project. The Draft EIR/EIS describes and presents the environmental effects of five alternatives: the No-Action Alternative and four action alternatives. Three public hearings will be held to receive comments from individuals and organizations on the Draft EIR/EIS.**DATES:** The Draft EIR/EIS will be available for a 45-day public review period. Comments are due by close of business on Monday, June 26, 2006. Three public hearings have been scheduled to receive oral or written comments regarding the project's environmental effects:

- June 6, 2006, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., Antioch, CA
- June 7, 2006, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Sacramento, CA
- June 8, 2006, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., Concord, CA

A 30-minute open house to view project information and interact with the project team will precede the public hearings in Antioch and Concord.

ADDRESSES: The public hearings will be held at the following locations:

- Antioch at the Antioch Woman's Club, 509 G Street, Antioch, CA
- Sacramento at the Federal Building Cafeteria, Conference Room C-1001, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA
- Concord at the Contra Costa Water District Board Room, 1331 Concord Avenue, Concord, CA 94524

Send comments on the Draft EIR/EIS to Ms Erika Kegel, Project Manager, Bureau of Reclamation, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825 or Ms. Samantha Salvia, Project Manager, Contra Costa Water District, PO Box H2O, Concord, CA 94524-2099.

Copies of the Draft EIR/EIS may be requested from Ms. Samantha Salvia, Project Manager, Contra Costa Water

District, PO Box H2O, Concord, CA 94524-2099; telephone: 925-688-8057; e-mail: alternativeintake@ccwater.com. Copies of the Draft EIR/EIS are available for public inspection at:

- Bureau of Reclamation, Regional Library, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA
- Contra Costa Water District, 1331 Concord Ave., Concord, CA
- Antioch Public Library, 501 W. 18th Street, Antioch, CA
- Brentwood Public Library, 751 Third Street, Brentwood, CA
- Concord Public Library, 2900 Salvio Street, Concord, CA

The Draft EIR/EIS and related documents are also available at Reclamation's Web site at http://www.usbr.gov/mp/nepa/nepa_projdetails.cfm?Project_ID=1818 and CCWD's project Web site at <http://www.ccwater-alternativeintake.com>.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Erika Kegel, Project Manager, Bureau of Reclamation, Mid-Pacific Region, 2800 Cottage Way, MP-730, Sacramento, CA 95825-1898, 916-978-5081, TDD 916-978-5608, ekegel@mp.usbr.gov or Ms. Samantha Salvia, Project Manager, Contra Costa Water District, PO Box H2O, Concord, CA 94524-2099, 925-688-8057, alternativeintake@ccwater.com.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The project purpose is to protect and improve the quality of water delivered to CCWD's untreated- and treated-water customers. Project objectives are to improve delivered water quality, especially during drought periods; protect and improve health and/ aesthetic benefits to customers; improve operational flexibility; and protect delivered water quality during emergencies. Water quality problems for CCWD result from elevated concentrations of salinity (chloride and bromide), minerals, organic carbon, and turbidity at CCWD's Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta intakes. The proposed action includes the construction of a new intake and fish screen in the Delta on Victoria Canal, a pumping plant, and an associated 2- to 4-mile-long pipeline from the new intake across Victoria Island to CCWD's existing Old River conveyance system. Reclamation actions associated with the proposed action are agreeing to a change in point of diversion of Central Valley Project (CVP) water under Contract No. I75r-3401A-LTR1 and petitioning the California State Water Resources Control Board for necessary water right changes regarding point of diversion. Through the proposed action, CCWD is seeking to relocate some of its

diversions to a Delta location with better water quality and would not seek to increase its water rights, CVP contract amounts, or permitted Los Vaqueros Reservoir filling rates.

Oral and written comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, will be available for public review. Individual respondents may request that their home address be withheld from public disclosure, which will be honored to the extent allowable by law. There may be circumstances in which a respondent's identity may also be withheld from public disclosure, as allowable by law. If you wish to have your name and/or address withheld, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public disclosure in their entirety.

Hearing Process Information

The purpose of the public hearings is to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on environmental issues addressed in the Draft EIR/EIS. Written comments will also be accepted.

Persons needing special assistance to attend and participate in the public hearings should contact Ms. Erika Kegel, at 916-978-5081, TDD 916-978-5608, as soon as possible. To allow sufficient time to process requests, please call no later than one week before the public hearings. Information regarding this proposed action is available in alternative formats upon request.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians****Notice of Proposed Information Collection****AGENCY:** Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.**SUMMARY:** In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians, Department of the Interior, announces

the proposed extension of a public information collection required by The American Indian Trust Fund Management Reform Act of 1994, "Application to Withdraw Tribal Funds from Trust Status, 25 CFR 1200," OMB Control No. 1035-0003, and that it is seeking comments on its provisions. After public review, the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians will submit the information collection to Office of Management and Budget for review and approval.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by July 10, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians, Office of External Affairs, Attn: Carrie Moore, Department of the Interior, MS 5140 MIB, 1849 C St, NW., Washington, DC 20240.

Individuals providing comments should reference OMB control number 1035-0003, "Application to Withdraw Tribal Funds from Trust Status, 25 CFR 1200."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instrument, please write to the above address, or call Carrie Moore, 202-208-4866.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR part 1320, which implement 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 1320.8 (d)). This notice identifies an information collection activity that the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians will submit to OMB for extension or re-approval.

Public Law 103-412, The American Indian Trust Fund Management Reform Act of 1994, allows Indian tribes on a voluntary basis to take their funds out of trust status within the Department of the Interior (and the Federal Government) in order to manage such funds on their own. 25 CFR part 1200, subpart B, § 1200.13, "How does a tribe apply to withdraw funds?" describes the requirements for application for withdrawal. The Act covers all tribal trust funds including judgment funds as well as some settlement funds, but excludes funds held in Individual Indian Money accounts. Both the Act and the regulation state that upon

withdrawal of the funds, the Department of the Interior (and the Federal Government) have no further liability for such funds. Accompanying their application for withdrawal of trust funds, tribes are required to submit a Management Plan for managing the funds being withdrawn, to protect the funds once they are out of trust status.

This information collection allows the Office of the Special Trustee to collect the tribes' applications for withdrawal of funds held in trust by the Department of the Interior. If this information were not collected, the Office of the Special Trustee would not be able to comply with The American Indian Trust Fund Management Reform Act of 1994, and tribes would not be able to withdraw funds held for them in trust by the Department of the Interior.

II. Data

(1) *Title:* Application to Withdraw Tribal Funds from Trust Status, 25 CFR 1200.

OMB Control Number: 1035-0003.

Current Expiration Date: August 31, 2006.

Type of Review: Information Collection: Renewal.

Affected Entities: State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Estimated annual number of respondents: 12.

Frequency of response: Once per respondent.

(2) *Annual reporting and record keeping burden:*

Total annual reporting per respondent: 342 hours.

Total annual reporting: 4104 hours.

(3) *Description of the need and use of the information:* The statutorily-required information is needed to provide a vehicle for tribes to withdraw funds from accounts held in trust for them by the United States Government.

III. Request for Comments

The Department of the Interior invites comments on:

(a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection and the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(d) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other

collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; to develop, acquire, install and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of collecting, validating and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; to train personnel and to be able to respond to a collection of information, to search data sources, to complete and review the collection of information; and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

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 Office of Management and Budget control number.

Dated: May 3, 2006.

Carrie Moore,

Director, Office of External Affairs, Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

Notice of Proposed Information Collection for 1029-0035

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 the title described below 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 its expected burden and cost.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before June 9, 2006, to be assured of consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request a copy of the information collection request, explanatory information and related form, contact John A. Trelease at (202) 208-2783. You may also contact Mr. Trelease at jtreleas@osmre.gov.