

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Lauren Perry at 702-293-8020, or at the above address.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Evolving water use patterns in the southern area of the Las Vegas Valley and the need to increase the reliability and flexibility of the SNWA water supply system have resulted in the proposal to redistribute, treat, and convey existing water supplies to meet the water demand projections and use patterns in this area. The proposed SVFE Project would increase treatment and conveyance capacity to allow SNWA to redistribute existing water supplies to locations identified by the City of Henderson and the Las Vegas Valley Water District to meet projected water demands and to increase the flexibility and reliability of the SNWA system to meet seasonal and regional water needs. The Project consists of two major elements: (1) An expansion of raw water transmission and treatment facilities (the treatment element), and (2) construction of a new transmission system to convey treated water to the southern area of the Las Vegas Valley (the conveyance element).

The raw water transmission and treatment element of the Project includes upgrades and additional facilities to redistribute raw water from existing sources at Lake Mead to the River Mountains Water Treatment Facility (RMWTF); expansion of treatment capacity within the existing footprint of the RMWTF; and enhancement of existing pumping station capacity and water filtration rates.

The conveyance element would include construction of approximately 26 miles of underground pipeline (72- to 114-inch diameter) from the RMWTF to a location west of Interstate 15 in the vicinity of Cactus Avenue and Decatur Boulevard. Appurtenant facilities would include a 40-million gallon storage reservoir, rate-of-flow control stations, and a pumping station. Currently, the South Valley Lateral transmits water supplies to the southern Las Vegas Valley. The conveyance element of the SVFE Project would increase SNWA's management flexibility and system reliability by supplying water to locations identified by the City of Henderson and Las Vegas Valley Water District, and through a planned interconnection with the South Valley Lateral, would allow areas to be served from either lateral if needed as a result of maintenance, repair, or power outage.

Potential project alternatives include different pipeline alignments, different pipeline construction methods (trench excavation and tunneling), and different

locations for pumping stations, storage reservoir, and appurtenant facilities. Alignments being considered for the treatment element of the Project include following the existing raw water pipeline from the vicinity of Lake Mead to the RMWTF, or a new route under the River Mountains. One alignment being considered for the conveyance element includes a southern route from the RMWTF that heads south and then west and generally parallels the southern corporate limits of the City of Henderson, the northern boundary of Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area, and north of the Henderson Executive Airport to Gillespie Street. The northern conveyance alignment heads west from the RMWTF to U.S. Highway 95 where the alignment may go either north or south around Black Mountain. The route continues west and generally parallels Interstate 215 to St. Rose Parkway and to Maryland Parkway where the route turns south and then west to Gillespie Street. At Gillespie Street both the northern and southern alignments head south to St. Rose Parkway and north to Silverado Ranch Boulevard to new distribution facilities, and west across Interstate 15 to the terminus in the vicinity of Cactus Avenue and Decatur Boulevard. Maps of the potential alternative alignments will be available for review at the public scoping meetings, may be requested from Ms. Lauren Perry (at the above address), or may be viewed at <http://www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g2000/envdocs.html>.

Special Assistance for Public Scoping Meeting

If special assistance or other accommodation is needed, please notify Ms. Lauren Perry at 702-293-8020, or at svfe-eis@lc.usbr.gov, or by mail at the above address as far in advance as possible to secure the needed services. If a request cannot be honored, the requestor will be notified.

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Dated: March 20, 2008.

Jayne Harkins,

Deputy Regional Director, Lower Colorado Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Meeting of the Yakima River Basin Conservation Advisory Group, Yakima River; Basin Water Enhancement Project, Yakima, WA

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: As required by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given that the Yakima River Basin Conservation Advisory Group, Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project, Yakima, Washington, established by the Secretary of the Interior, will hold a public meeting. The purpose of the Conservation Advisory Group is to provide technical advice and counsel to the Secretary of the Interior and Washington State on the structure, implementation, and oversight of the Yakima River Basin Water Conservation Program.

DATES: Tuesday, April 29, 2008, 1 p.m.–4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Bureau of Reclamation, Yakima Field Office, 1917 Marsh Road, Yakima, Washington.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting will be to review the option of using the acquired habitat lands to mitigate the impacts that occur from the planned conservation measures and develop recommendations. This meeting is open to the public.

Dated: March 25, 2008.

Walter Larrick,

Assistant Program Manager Pacific Northwest Region.

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