

reduction action to not less than 10 deer per square mile through sharpshooting and through capture and euthanasia. These actions would be taken for the purposes of assessing disease presence, prevalence, and distribution. These actions may also minimize the likelihood of CWD becoming established, minimize the likelihood of amplification and spread if the disease is introduced, and promote elimination of CWD, if possible.

Alternative D, the NPS Preferred Alternative, would combine actions of Alternative C to directly reduce the deer population with reproductive control of does as under Alternative B to maintain population levels. CWD response actions would be the same as described for Alternative C.

Changes to the FEIS as a result of public comment on the DEIS consist of factual updates to baseline data and clarifications added to the text. No changes were made to the preferred alternative or other alternatives evaluated nor was the outcome of the impact analysis changed. Agency and public comments received on the DEIS with NPS responses are provided as Appendix F of the FEIS.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Extension of Public Comment Period for Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement To Develop and Implement Agency-Specific Programs for Solar Energy Development

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of extension.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) (the Agencies) are extending the public comment period for the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement to Develop and Implement Agency-Specific Programs for Solar Energy Development (Solar PEIS). The Solar PEIS includes BLM-administered lands in the States of Arizona, California, Colorado, New Mexico, Nevada, and Utah. A notice published in the **Federal Register** on June 30, 2009 [74 FR 31307] provided for a public

comment period ending on July 30, 2009.

DATES: Several individuals and organizations have requested an extension of the comment period. The Agencies have decided to act in accordance with these requests; therefore, comments on the solar energy study areas will now be accepted through September 14, 2009. Comments received or postmarked after September 14, 2009 will be considered to the extent practicable.

ADDRESSES: You may submit written comments by the following methods:

- *Electronically, using the online comment form available on the project Web site: <http://solareis.anl.gov>. This is the preferred method of commenting.*
- *In writing, addressed to: Solar Energy PEIS, Argonne National Laboratory, 9700 S. Cass Avenue—EVS/900, Argonne, IL 60439.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information contact: Linda Resseguie, BLM Washington Office, linda_reseguie@blm.gov, 202-452-7774; or Lisa Jorgensen, Department of Energy, Golden Field Office, lisa.jorgensen@go.doe.gov, 303-275-4906. You may also visit the Solar PEIS Web site at <http://solareis.anl.gov>.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Madera Irrigation District Water Supply Enhancement Project

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability and notice of public meeting for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS).

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) has made available for public review and comment the Draft EIS for the Madera Irrigation District Water Supply Enhancement Project (MID WSEP). Reclamation proposes to approve the banking of up to 55,000 acre-feet per year of Central Valley Project (CVP) water outside the MID service area and the alteration of Reclamation-owned facilities. The total banking capacity of the MID WSEP is 250,000 acre-feet.

The draft EIS evaluates the potential environmental effects of the proposed MID WSEP on the property known as

Madera Ranch (west of the City of Madera, Madera County, CA), and the improvements to associated facilities needed to operate the MID WSEP. Portions of the 24.2 Canal, Section 8 Canal, Main Number 1 Canal, Cottonwood Creek, and Gravelly Ford Canal would be enlarged, extended, or improved.

The MID WSEP would be completed in two phases. Phase 1 would involve recharge-related facilities only. Phase 2 would involve supplemental recharge facilities and facilities for recovery of banked water. The draft EIS addresses both phases.

DATES: Submit written comments on the draft environmental document on or before September 25, 2009.

A public meeting will be held on August 27, 2009 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in Madera, CA to discuss the purpose and content of the draft environmental document and to provide the public an opportunity to comment on the draft environmental document. Written comments will also be accepted at the public meeting.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held at Madera Irrigation District Office, 2152 Road 28¹/₄, Madera, CA 93637.

Written comments on the Draft EIS should be addressed to Ms. Patricia Clinton, Bureau of Reclamation, 1243 N Street, Fresno, CA 93721-1831.

Copies of the draft document may be requested from Ms. Patricia Clinton at the above address, by calling 559-487-5127, TDD 559-487-5933, or at pclinton@usbr.gov. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for locations where copies of the Draft EIS are available.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Patricia Clinton, Bureau of Reclamation at the phone numbers or e-mail address above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Groundwater levels in the Madera subbasin have experienced steep declines. These conditions have made it increasingly expensive for farmers to pump groundwater. In addition, in many years, MID has been unable to deliver sufficient surface water to farmers either because surface water is available primarily during the early months of the year when irrigation demand is low, or surface water is available only for short periods of time during the growing season.

To increase water storage, enhance water supply reliability and flexibility for current and future water demand and reduce local overdraft, MID proposes to implement the WSEP. MID would bank CVP water and other imported water in the aquifer underlying Madera Ranch. In wet years,