

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management**

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**Notice of Public Meeting of the Carrizo Plain National Monument Advisory Council****AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Carrizo Plain National Monument Advisory Council (MAC) will meet as indicated below.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Saturday, June 25, 2011, at the Carrisa Plains Elementary School, located approximately 2 miles northwest of Soda Lake Road on Highway 58. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. and finish at 2:15 p.m. The meeting will focus on accomplishments completed and implementation strategy for the Carrizo Plain National Monument. There will be a public comment period from 1:15 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. Lunch will be available for \$8.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The BLM, attention: Johna Hurl, Monument Manager, 3801 Pegasus Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93308. Phone (661) 391-6093 or e-mail: [jhurl@blm.gov](mailto:jhurl@blm.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The nine-member MAC advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of public land issues associated with the public land management in the Carrizo Plain National Monument in Central California. At this meeting, Monument staff will present updated information on implementation planning for the RMP/EIS and accomplishments. This meeting is open to the public. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment, and the time available, the time allotted for individual oral comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations should contact the BLM as indicated above.

Dated: April 11, 2011.

**Johna Hurl,***Monument Manager.*

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**BILLING CODE 4310-40-P****DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Reclamation****Draft Program Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (PEIS/R) and Public Hearings for San Joaquin River Restoration Program, California****AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.**ACTION:** Notice of availability and public hearings.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Reclamation and the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) have prepared a joint Draft PEIS/R, for the implementation of the Stipulation of Settlement (Settlement) in *NRDC et al. v. Kirk Rodgers et al.* The Settlement is based on two goals: (1) To restore and maintain fish populations in "good condition" in the mainstem of the San Joaquin River below Friant Dam to the confluence of the Merced River, including naturally reproducing and self-sustaining populations of salmon and other fish (Restoration Goal); and (2) to reduce or avoid adverse water supply impacts to all of the Friant Division long-term contractors that may result from the flows provided for in the Settlement (Water Management Goal). The Draft PEIS/R document evaluates the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects of implementing the Settlement. The alternatives considered in the Draft PEIS/R include actions that will be implemented to work towards achieving the Settlement's Restoration and Water Management goals.

**DATES:** The Draft PEIS/R will be available for a 60-day public review period. Comments are due by June 21, 2011.

Four public hearings have been scheduled to receive oral or written comments on the Draft PEIS/R:

- Tuesday, May 24, 2011, 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m., Visalia, CA.
- Tuesday, May 24, 2011, 6–8:30 p.m., Fresno, CA.
- Wednesday, May 25, 2011, 6–8:30 p.m., Los Banos, CA.
- Thursday, May 26, 2011, 1:30–4 p.m., Sacramento, CA.

A presentation and open house to view project information and interact with San Joaquin River Restoration Program (SJRRP) staff will precede the public hearings.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments on the Draft PEIS/R to Alicia Forsythe, SJRRP Program Manager, Bureau of Reclamation, 2800 Cottage Way, MP-170, Sacramento, CA 95825, or via e-mail at [PEISRComments@restoresjr.net](mailto:PEISRComments@restoresjr.net).

The public hearings will be held at the following locations:

- Visalia, CA at the Lamp Liter Inn Ballroom, 3300 West Mineral King Avenue.
- Fresno, CA at the Piccadilly Inn—University Grand Ballroom, 4961 North Cedar Avenue.
- Los Banos, CA at the Merced County Fairgrounds Germino Room, 403 F Street.
- Sacramento, CA at the Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza John Q. Ballroom, 300 J Street.

The Draft PEIS/R is available on the SJRRP Web site at <http://www.restoresjr.net> or Reclamation's Web site at [http://www.usbr.gov/mp/nepa/nepa\\_projdetails.cfm?ProjectID=2940](http://www.usbr.gov/mp/nepa/nepa_projdetails.cfm?ProjectID=2940). If you would like to request a compact disc containing the document, please contact Ms. Margaret Gidding at 916-978-5461, or [mgidding@usbr.gov](mailto:mgidding@usbr.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Michelle Banonis at 916-978-5457, via fax at 916-978-5469, or e-mail at [mbanonis@usbr.gov](mailto:mbanonis@usbr.gov). Additional information is available online at <http://www.restoresjr.net>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In 1988, a coalition of environmental groups, led by the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), filed a lawsuit challenging the renewal of long-term water service contracts between the United States and the Central Valley Project (CVP) Friant Division contractors. After more than 18 years of litigation, this lawsuit, known as *NRDC, et al., v. Kirk Rodgers, et al.*, was settled. On September 13, 2006, the Settling Parties, including NRDC, Friant Water Users Authority, and the U.S. Departments of the Interior and Commerce, agreed on the terms and conditions of the Settlement, which was subsequently approved by the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California (Court) on October 23, 2006. The Settlement establishes two primary goals:

- Restoration Goal—To restore and maintain fish populations in "good condition" in the mainstem San Joaquin River below Friant Dam to the confluence of the Merced River, including naturally reproducing and self-sustaining populations of salmon and other fish.
- Water Management Goal—To reduce or avoid adverse water supply impacts on all of the Friant Division long-term contractors that may result from the Interim and Restoration flows provided for in the Settlement.

The planning and environmental review necessary to implement the Settlement is authorized under the San