

associated impacts of each. Alternative 3 (Preferred Alternative) would implement the GCP as proposed.

*Authority:* The environmental review of this project is being conducted in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508), and with other appropriate Federal laws and regulations, policies, and procedures of the Service for compliance with those regulations.

Dated: February 17, 2012.

**Mark J. Musaus,**

*Acting Regional Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Public Meeting, Las Cruces District Resource Advisory Council Meeting, New Mexico

**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), Las Cruces District Resource Advisory Council (RAC), will meet as indicated below.

**DATES:** The meeting date is April 11 2012, at the BLM Las Cruces District Office, 1800 Marquess Street, Las Cruces, NM 88005, from 10 a.m.–4 p.m. The public may send written comments to the RAC at the above address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rena Gutierrez, BLM Las Cruces District, 1800 Marquess Street, Las Cruces, NM 88005, 575-525-4338. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8229 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The 10-member RAC advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in New Mexico.

Planned agenda items include opening remarks from the District Manager, access issues, illegal trash dumps, and the Social-Economic Strategic Plan.

A half-hour public comment period during which the public may address the Council will begin at 2:30 p.m. on April 11, 2012. All RAC meetings are open to the public.

Depending on the number of individuals wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited.

**Bill Childress,**

*District Manager, Las Cruces.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Reclamation

#### Remanded Biological Opinions on the Coordinated Long-Term Operation of the Central Valley Project and State Water Project: Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Notice of Scoping Meetings

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent and scoping meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Reclamation intends to prepare an environmental impact statement for modifications to the continued long-term operation of the Central Valley Project, in a coordinated manner with the State Water Project, that are likely to avoid jeopardy and destruction or adverse modification of designated critical habitat. We are seeking suggestions and information on the alternatives and topics to be addressed and any other important issues related to the proposed action.

**DATES:** Submit written comments on the scope of the environmental impact statement by May 29, 2012.

Four public scoping meetings will be held to solicit public input on alternatives, concerns, and issues to be addressed in the environmental impact statement:

1. Wednesday, April 25, 2012, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Madera, CA.
2. Thursday, April 26, 2012, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Diamond Bar, CA.
3. Wednesday, May 2, 2012, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Sacramento, CA.
4. Thursday, May 3, 2012, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Marysville, CA.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments to Janice Piñero, Endangered Species Compliance Act Specialist, Bureau of

Reclamation, Bay-Delta Office, 801 I Street Suite 140, Sacramento, CA 95814-2536; fax to (916) 414-2439; or email at [jpinero@usbr.gov](mailto:jpinero@usbr.gov).

The scoping meetings will be held at the following locations:

1. Madera—Madera County Mail Library, Blanche Galloway Room, 121 N. G Street, Madera, CA 93637.
2. Diamond Bar—South Coast Air Quality Management District, Room CC6, 21865 Copley Dr., Diamond Bar, CA 91765.
3. Sacramento—Federal Building, 650 Capitol Mall, Stanford Room, Sacramento, CA 95814.
4. Yuba County Government Center, Board of Supervisors Chambers, 915 Eighth St., Marysville, CA 95901.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Janice Piñero at (916) 414-2428; or email at [jpinero@usbr.gov](mailto:jpinero@usbr.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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#### I. Agencies Involved

We, the Bureau of Reclamation, are the lead Federal agency. We will invite the following agencies to participate as cooperating agencies for preparation of the environmental impact statement (EIS) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), as amended:

- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS),
- National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS),
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

We have also identified other Federal, State, and local agencies (e.g., California Department of Water Resources, California Department of Fish and Game, State and Federal Contractors Water Agency, etc.) as potential cooperating agencies, and we will invite them to participate as such in the near future.

#### II. Why We Are Taking This Action

The Central Valley Project (CVP) is the largest Federal Reclamation project. We operate the CVP in coordination with the State Water Project (SWP), under the Coordinated Operation Agreement between the Federal government and the State of California