

Reservoir, and bull trout enhancements within the Yakima River basin.

The Draft EIS evaluates construction and operation of two alternative designs and locations for the Kachess Drought Relief Pumping Plant, including reservoir intakes and tunnels, pumping plants and pump units, pipelines, surge tanks, outlet works, fish screens and barriers, power supply substations, and electric transmission lines. The Draft EIS also evaluates construction and operation of two alternative designs and alignments for the Keechelus-to-Kachess Conveyance, including the Yakima River diversion and intake, the Yakima River-to-Keechelus portal conveyance, fish screens, bored tunnels, discharge structures, spillways and stilling basins, and mechanical buildings. The fifth action alternative evaluates implementation of both the Kachess Drought Relief Pumping Plant and the Keechelus-to-Kachess Conveyance. All action alternatives include several proposals to improve streamflow and habitat functions, eliminate passage barriers, increase abundance, and improve overall resiliency of bull trout populations in the Kachess and Keechelus watersheds.

The objectives of the proposals are to address conditions in the Yakima River basin including: (1) Fish impacts caused by high flows in the upper Yakima River; (2) insufficient capacity of Keechelus Reservoir to fully capture runoff in the Keechelus watershed; (3) currently inaccessible storage in Kachess Reservoir; (4) difficulty in refilling Kachess Reservoir during drought years; and (5) low resiliency of bull trout, an Endangered Species Act-listed species.

The primary study area generally encompasses Kachess Reservoir and its tributaries, Keechelus Reservoir and its tributaries, the Kachess River, the Yakima River between Keechelus Dam and the Easton Diversion Dam near Lake Easton, the South Fork Tieton River, and the electric transmission line route from near Easton to the Kachess Reservoir pumping plant. The extended study area generally includes the Yakima Project vicinity.

Reclamation is conducting feasibility studies for both the Kachess Drought Relief Pumping Plant and the Keechelus-to-Kachess Conveyance. After release of the DEIS for public review and comment, the Final EIS will be prepared and processed with the Final Feasibility Report to support decision making for any related future recommendation, approvals, or authorizations that may result.

Authority

The Kachess and Keechelus reservoirs were authorized on December 12, 1905, by the Secretary of the Interior in connection with the Tieton and Sunnyside Divisions of the Yakima Project. The Secretary was acting under authority of the Reclamation Act of June 17, 1902. The Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project was authorized on December 28, 1979 (93 Stat. 1241, Pub. L. 96-162, Feasibility Study—Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project). Title XII of the Yavapai-Prescott Indian Tribe Water Rights Settlement Act of 1994 (108 Stat. 4526, Pub. L. 103-434) authorized fish, wildlife, and recreation as additional purposes of the Yakima Project.

Public Review of Draft EIS

Copies of the Draft EIS are available for public review at the following locations:

1. Bureau of Reclamation, Columbia-Cascades Area Office, 1917 Marsh Road, Yakima, Washington 98901.
2. Washington State Department of Ecology, 15 W. Yakima Avenue, Suite 200, Yakima, Washington 98902.

Libraries

1. Carpenter Memorial Library, 302 N Pennsylvania Ave., Cle Elum, WA 98922.
2. Ellensburg Public Library, 209 N. Ruby St., Ellensburg, WA 98926.
3. Roslyn Public Library, 201 S. First St., Roslyn, WA 98941.
4. Benton City Library, 810 Horne Dr., Benton City, WA 99320.
5. Kennewick Library, 1620 S. Union St., Kennewick, WA 99338.
6. Kittitas Public Library, 200 N. Pierce St., Kittitas, WA 98934.
7. Mid-Columbia Library, 405 S. Dayton St., Kennewick, WA 99336.
8. Pasco Library, 1320 W. Hopkins St., Pasco, WA 99301.
9. Prosser Library, 902 7th St., Prosser, WA 99350.
10. Richland Public Library, 955 Northgate Dr., Richland, WA 99352.
11. Sunnyside Public Library, 621 Grant Ave., Sunnyside, WA 98944.
12. Toppenish Library, 1 S. Elm St., Toppenish, WA 98948.
13. Wapato Library, 119 E. 3rd St., Wapato, WA 98951.
14. Washington State Library, Point Plaza East, 6880 Capitol Blvd. SE., Tumwater, WA 98504.
15. West Richland Library, 3803 W. Van Giesen St., Richland, WA 99353.
16. Yakama Nation Library, 100 Spiel-Yi Loop, Toppenish, WA 98948.
17. Yakima Valley Regional Library, 102 N. 3rd St., Yakima, WA 98901.

Special Assistance for Public Meetings

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Dated: January 5, 2015.

Lorri J. Lee,

Regional Director, Pacific Northwest Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

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Notice of Availability and Notice of Public Meeting for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report for the North Valley Regional Recycled Water Program

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Reclamation and the City of Modesto have made available for public review and comment the North Valley Regional Recycled Water Program Draft Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR). The North Valley Regional Recycled Water Program would provide recycled water from the Cities of Turlock and Modesto via the Central Valley Project's Delta-Mendota Canal to Del Puerto Water District for irrigation purposes, and would further provide annual supplemental water to south of the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta Central Valley Project Improvement Act designated wildlife refuges for wetlands.

DATES: Written comments on the Draft EIS/EIR should be submitted on or before March 10, 2015.

A meeting to receive oral or written comments will be held on Wednesday, February 11, 2015 from 5 to 8 p.m. Staff will be available to take comments and answer questions during this time.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Mr. Ben Lawrence, Bureau of Reclamation, 1243 N Street, Fresno, California 93721; or via email to blawrence@usbr.gov.

The public meeting will be held at Modesto City Hall, Room 2001, 1010 10th Street, Modesto, California.

The Draft EIS/EIR may be viewed at the Bureau of Reclamation's Web site at http://www.usbr.gov/mp/nepa/nepa_projdetails.cfm?Project_ID=17241, or at the following locations:

1. Bureau of Reclamation, South-Central California Area Office, 1243 N Street, Fresno, CA 93721.

2. Natural Resources Library, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW., Main Interior Building, Washington, DC 20240-0001.

To request a compact disc of the Draft EIS/EIR, please contact Mr. Ben Lawrence as indicated above, or call (559) 487-5039.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Ben Lawrence, Natural Resources Specialist, Bureau of Reclamation, via email at blawrence@usbr.gov, or at (559) 487-5039; or Mr. Scott Taylor, Repayment Specialist, Bureau of Reclamation, via email at staylor@usbr.gov, or at (559) 487-5504.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Del Puerto Water District (Del Puerto WD) and the Cities of Turlock and Modesto propose to implement a regional solution to address water supply shortages within Del Puerto WD's service area on the west side of the San Joaquin River in San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Merced Counties. Specifically, the project proposes to deliver up to 59,000 acre-feet per year by 2045 of recycled water produced by the cities to the Delta Mendota Canal (DMC). After introduction to the DMC, the recycled water would be conveyed to Del Puerto WD customers, to the Central Valley Project Improvement Act-designated refuges or to San Luis Reservoir for storage, depending on time of year and water demand. The Draft EIS/EIR assesses the environmental effects of four alternatives being considered, which are described below. In each case (except for the No Action Alternative), operational exchanges with the Bureau of Reclamation may be necessary in order to balance seasonal supply and demand.

Under Alternative 1, the Combined Alignment Alternative, a new pipe would be constructed to deliver treated water from Turlock's facilities to the city of Modesto's pumping plant. From there, a pipeline would be constructed to deliver the combined water from both cities west, underneath the San Joaquin River. The pipeline would end at a new discharge structure on the DMC. The DMC would then be used to convey water to downstream users.

Alternative 2, the Separate Alignment Alternative, is similar to Alternative 1, except that separate pipelines would be constructed from the Modesto and Turlock water treatment facilities. There would be two crossings underneath the San Joaquin River, and two new discharge structures on the DMC.

Under Alternative 3, the Patterson Irrigation District (PID) Conveyance Alternative, Modesto and Turlock would continue to discharge their treated water to the San Joaquin River. The water would be diverted by PID at their existing intake on the river, which would need to be expanded, delivered to the DMC by way of an expanded PID conveyance system, and discharged to the DMC by way of a new outfall structure. From there, the water would be conveyed to downstream users. This alternative would require an expansion of PID's fish screen facility and a pipeline parallel to PID's main canal to accommodate increased water volume, but no new river crossings.

Alternative 4, the No Action Alternative, represents the state of the environment without implementation of any action alternatives. Modesto and Turlock would continue to discharge their treated municipal water to the San Joaquin River, and no additional water would be supplied to Del Puerto WD or the Central Valley Project Improvement Act refuges.

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If special assistance is required to participate in the scoping meeting, please contact Mr. Benjamin Lawrence at (559) 487-5039, or via email at blawrence@usbr.gov. Please contact Mr. Lawrence at least 10 working days prior to the meeting. A telephone device for the hearing impaired (TTY) is available at (559) 487-5933.

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to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: December 12, 2014.

Pablo Arroyave,
Deputy Regional Director.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

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Government in the Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: United States International Trade Commission.

TIME AND DATE: January 12, 2015 at 11:30 a.m.

PLACE: Room 101, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436, Telephone: (202) 205-2000.

STATUS: Open to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Agendas for future meetings: none.
2. Minutes.
3. Ratification List.
4. Vote in Inv. Nos. 701-TA-457 and 731-TA-1153 (Review) (Tow-Behind Lawn Groomers from China). The Commission is currently scheduled to complete and file its determinations and views of the Commission on January 22, 2015.

5. Outstanding action jackets: none. In accordance with Commission policy, subject matter listed above, not disposed of at the scheduled meeting, may be carried over to the agenda of the following meeting. Earlier notification of this meeting was not possible.

Issued: January 7, 2015.

By order of the Commission.

William R. Bishop,
Supervisory Hearings and Information Officer.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[USITC SE-15-002]

Government in the Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: United States International Trade Commission.

TIME AND DATE: January 14, 2015 at 11 a.m.

PLACE: Room 101, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436, Telephone: (202) 205-2000.