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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Reclamation

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#### Notice of Public Review and Comment Period Extension for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Central Valley Project Municipal and Industrial Water Shortage Policy, Central Valley, California

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Reclamation is extending the public review and comment period for the Central Valley Project Municipal and Industrial Water Shortage Policy Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The Draft EIS was initially noticed by Reclamation on November 19, 2014 and public comments were originally due on January 12, 2015. In response to public requests, the comment period is being extended until March 13, 2015.

**DATES:** Send written comments on the Draft EIS on or before March 13, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments or requests for copies to Mr. Tim Rust, Bureau of Reclamation, Resources Management Division, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825, or via email to [trust@usbr.gov](mailto:trust@usbr.gov).

To request a compact disc of the Draft EIS, please contact Mr. Tim Rust as indicated above, or call (916) 978-5516. The Draft EIS may be viewed at Reclamation's Web site at <http://www.usbr.gov/mp/cvp/mandi/index.html>. See Supplementary Information section for locations where copies of the Draft EIS are available for public review.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Tim Rust, Program Manager, Bureau of Reclamation, via email at [trust@usbr.gov](mailto:trust@usbr.gov), or at (916) 978-5516; or Mr. Michael Inthavong, Natural Resources Specialist, Bureau of Reclamation, via email at [minthavong@usbr.gov](mailto:minthavong@usbr.gov), or at (559) 487-5295.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The comment period is being extended for the Central Valley Project Municipal and Industrial Water Shortage Policy draft EIS. On November 19, 2014, a 53-

day public comment period was opened through notification in the **Federal Register** (79 FR 68912). In response to requests from the public, the comment period is being extended for an additional 18 days. The comment period will now officially close on March 13, 2015.

#### Background

For background information, see the November 19, 2014, **Federal Register** notice.

#### Public Review of Draft EIS

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

1. Bureau of Reclamation, Mid-Pacific Region, Regional Library, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825.
2. Natural Resources Library, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW., Main Interior Building, Washington, DC 20240-0001.

#### Public Disclosure

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Reclamation

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#### Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Notice of Public Meetings for the Kachess Drought Relief Pumping Plant and Keechelus Reservoir-to-Kachess Reservoir Conveyance, Kittitas and Yakima Counties, Washington

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Reclamation and Washington State Department of Ecology have made available for public review and comment the Kachess Drought Relief Pumping Plant and

Keechelus Reservoir-to-Kachess Reservoir Conveyance Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The Draft EIS describes the potential environmental effects of the No Action Alternative and five action alternatives. The action alternatives examine constructing and operating a pumping plant to access up to 200,000 acre-feet of water in Kachess Reservoir during drought years and conveying it to the Kachess River for irrigation use within the Yakima Project, and constructing and operating a gravity flow tunnel from Keechelus Reservoir to Kachess Reservoir that could convey up to 400 cubic feet of water per second to Kachess Reservoir. The action alternatives include activities to enhance the resiliency of bull trout populations in the Kachess and Keechelus watersheds as well as elsewhere in the Yakima River basin.

**DATES:** Send written comments on the Draft EIS on or before March 10, 2015.

Two public meetings will be held on the following dates:

1. Tuesday, February 3, 2015, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Ellensburg, WA.
2. Thursday, February 5, 2015, 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Cle Elum, WA.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments or requests for copies to Ms. Candace McKinley, Bureau of Reclamation, 1917 Marsh Road, Yakima, WA 98901; or via email to [kkbt@usbr.gov](mailto:kkbt@usbr.gov). The Draft EIS is also accessible on the following Web sites: <http://www.usbr.gov/pn/programs/eis/kdrpp/index.html> and <http://www.usbr.gov/pn/programs/eis/kkc/index.html>.

The public meeting locations are:

1. Ellensburg—Hal Holmes Community Center, 209 N. Ruby Street, Ellensburg, Washington 98926;
2. Cle Elum—U.S. Forest Service, Cle Elum Ranger District, Tom Craven Conference Room, 803 W. 2nd Street, Cle Elum, Washington 98922.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Candace McKinley, 509-575-5848, ext. 603; or by email at [kkbt@usbr.gov](mailto:kkbt@usbr.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This EIS was previously identified in the Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement as "Keechelus Reservoir-to-Kachess Reservoir Conveyance and Kachess Inactive Storage." The name was changed to better reflect the proposed action evaluated in the EIS.

The Draft EIS documents the potential direct, indirect, and cumulative physical, biological, and socioeconomic environmental effects that may result from the new pumping plant at Kachess Reservoir, water conveyance from Keechelus Reservoir to Kachess