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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Delta-Mendota Canal/California Aqueduct Intertie, Alameda County, CA

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIS).

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Reclamation, as the National Environmental Policy Act Federal lead agency, has prepared the Delta-Mendota Canal/California Aqueduct Intertie (Intertie) Final EIS. The Intertie is a proposed action in the August 2000 CALFED Bay-Delta Program Programmatic Record of Decision. The Intertie Final EIS evaluates constructing and operating a pipeline connecting the Delta-Mendota Canal (DMC) and the California Aqueduct. The purpose of the Proposed Action is to improve the DMC conveyance conditions that restrict the Central Valley Project's (CVP) Jones Pumping Plant to less than its authorized pumping capacity of 4,600 cubic feet per second.

A notice of availability of the Draft EIS was published in the **Federal Register** on July 14, 2009 (74 FR 34031). The written comment period on the Draft EIS ended on August 31, 2009. The Final EIS contains responses to all comments received and reflects comments and any additional information received during the review period.

DATES: Reclamation will not make a decision on the Proposed Action until at least 30 days after release of the Final EIS. After the 30-day waiting period, Reclamation will complete a Record of Decision (ROD). The ROD will state the action that will be implemented and will discuss all the factors leading to that decision.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the Final EIS may be requested from Mr. Louis Moore, Bureau of Reclamation, 2800 Cottage

Way, Sacramento, CA 95825; by calling 916-978-5106 (TDD 916-978-5608); or by e-mailing wmoore@usbr.gov. The Final EIS is also accessible from the following Web site: <http://www.usbr.gov/mp/intertie/docs/index.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Louis Moore at the phone number or e-mail address above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Final EIS documents the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects to the physical, biological, and socioeconomic environment that may result from the construction and operation of the Intertie facilities.

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Public hearings were held on August 4, 2009 in Sacramento, California and on August 5, 2009 in Stockton, California.

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

- Bureau of Reclamation, Mid-Pacific Region, Regional Library, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825.
- California Bay-Delta Authority, 650 Capitol Mall, 5th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95812.
- Bureau of Reclamation, Denver Office Library, Building 67, Room 167, Denver Federal Center, 6th and Kipling, Denver, CO 80225.
- Natural Resources Library, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW., Main Interior Building, Washington, DC 20240-0001.

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information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your correspondence to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: October 30, 2009.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Tonopah Solar Energy, LLC Crescent Dunes Solar Energy Project, Nye County, NV

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Battle Mountain District Office, Tonopah Field Office, Nevada intends to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Crescent Dunes Solar Energy Project located on public lands in Nye County, Nevada.

DATES: Submit comments on or before December 24, 2009. The BLM will announce public scoping meetings to identify relevant issues through local news media and the BLM Web site, http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/battle_mountain_field.html, at least 15 days prior to each meeting. The BLM will provide additional opportunities for public participation upon publication of the Draft EIS.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on issues related to the proposed project by the following methods:

- *E-mail:* crescent_dunes@blm.gov
- *Fax:* (775) 482-7810 (attention: Tim Coward)
- *Mail or Hand Delivery:* Bureau of Land Management, Tonopah Field Office, Attn: Tim Coward, Project Manager, 1553 South Main Street, P.O. Box 911, Tonopah, NV 89049.

Documents pertinent to this project may be examined at the Tonopah Field Office.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information or to have your name added to the mailing list, contact Tim Coward, (775) 482-7800, or e-mail crescent_dunes@blm.gov.