

which was permitted under a series of EISs and Environmental Assessments from the initial Plan of Operations in 1986 through the latest EIS in 2015. Coeur Rochester, Inc. is proposing to expand and optimize its current operations. It proposes to expand mining in both of its current pits (the Rochester and Packard pits) and move, relocate, or expand heap leach pads, waste rock dumps, haul roads, access road, water pipeline, and processing facilities. The proposal would increase disturbance by 2,815.4 acres (435.2 acres on private land and 2380.2 acres on public land).

Mining of the Rochester Pit would extend below the groundwater resulting in a permanent pit lake after closure. Additional, potentially acid-generating material would be excavated and would be processed as ore or stored according to its Waste Rock Storage Plan. The plan would also necessitate an upgrade in power distribution lines and a substation. With the proposed expansion, mine life would be extended to 2033, and would be followed by mine closure and reclamation.

The EIS describes and analyzes the proposed Project's direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts on all affected resources. In addition to the Proposed Action, the following alternatives are also analyzed in the document: Alternative 1, which is an alternate method to manage and store potentially acid generating material; Alternative 2 which was developed to address and manage pit lake development and water quality; and the No Action Alternative.

A Notice of Availability (NOA) of the Draft EIS for the proposed POA11 Project was published in the **Federal Register** on October 18, 2019 (FR Doc No: 2019-55979). Two open house public meetings were held during the comment period. The BLM received seven letters with public comments during the 45-day comment period. Six of the letters contained 18 individual substantive comments which included concerns on potential impacts to grazing allotments, storage and management of potentially acid-generating waste rock, mine closure, groundwater quality, pit lake quality, springs, and potential impacts to community wells for the town of Lovelock, Nevada. These comments were considered and addressed in Appendix F (Draft Environmental Impact Statement Public Comments and BLM Responses) of the Final EIS.

Comments on the Draft EIS received from the public and internal BLM review were considered and incorporated, as appropriate, into the Final EIS. Public comments resulted in

the addition of clarifying text or corrections, but did not significantly change the proposed action.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Reclamation

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#### Central Valley Project Improvement Act 2020 Criteria for Evaluating Water Management Plans Standard Criteria

**AGENCY:** California-Great Basin—Interior Region 10, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Reclamation has made available to the public the draft 2020 Criteria for Evaluating Water Management Plans (Standard Criteria) for public review and comment. Reclamation is publishing this notice in order to allow the public an opportunity to review the draft 2020 Standard Criteria.

**DATES:** Submit written comments on the preliminary determinations on or before March 25, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments to Ms. Charlene Stemen, Bureau of Reclamation, 2800 Cottage Way, CGB-400, Sacramento, CA 95825; or via email at [cstemen@usbr.gov](mailto:cstemen@usbr.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To be placed on a mailing list for any subsequent information, please contact Ms. Charlene Stemen at [cstemen@usbr.gov](mailto:cstemen@usbr.gov) or at 916-978-5218 (TDD 978-5608).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3405(e) of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (Title 34 Pub. L. 102-575) requires the Secretary of the Interior to, among other things, “develop criteria for evaluating the adequacy of all water conservation plans” developed by certain contractors. According to Section 3405(e)(1), these criteria must promote “the highest level of water use efficiency reasonably achievable by project contractors using best available cost-effective technology and best management practices.” In accordance with this legislative mandate, the Bureau of Reclamation developed and published the Standard Criteria, which is updated every 3 years.

We invite the public to comment on our preliminary (*i.e.*, draft) 2020 Standard Criteria.

A copy of the draft 2020 Standard Criteria will be available for review at Reclamation's office in Sacramento, California, located at 2800 Cottage Way, CGB-410, Sacramento, CA 95825. If you wish to review a copy of the draft 2020 Standard Criteria or receive an electronic copy via email, please contact Ms. Stemen or visit <https://www.usbr.gov/mp/watershare>.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

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#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Procedures and Criteria for Approval or Disproval of State Program Submissions

**AGENCY:** Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE), are proposing to renew an information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before April 24, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Send your comments on this information collection request (ICR) by mail to the Mark Gehlhar, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 1849 C. Street NW, Room 4556-MIB, Washington, DC 20240; or by email to [mgehlhar@osmre.gov](mailto:mgehlhar@osmre.gov). Please reference OMB Control Number 1029-0024 in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this ICR, contact Mark Gehlhar by email at [mgehlhar@osmre.gov](mailto:mgehlhar@osmre.gov), or by telephone at 202-208-2716.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we provide the general public and other Federal