

December 31, 2009. Additionally, subsurface drainage flows discharged to Mud Slough (North) were to have met water quality objectives by October 1, 2010, as required by the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region's (CVRWQCB) 1998 Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan) for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins. However, difficulty in acquiring final funding has delayed the development and availability of treatment and disposal technology to reduce selenium loads to meet the 2010 deadline. It is anticipated that the extension to 2019 would allow enough time to acquire funds and develop feasible treatment technology to meet Basin Plan objectives and Waste Discharge Requirements.

A scoping meeting will be held to solicit input on alternatives, concerns, and issues to be addressed in the EIS/EIR. Written comments may also be sent.

**DATES:** A scoping meeting will be held on Thursday, January 17, 2008 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in Los Banos, CA.

Written comments on the scope of the EIS/EIR should be sent by January 25, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** The scoping meeting location is the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority, Board Room, 842 Sixth Street, Suite 7, Los Banos, CA 93635.

Send written comments on the scope of the EIS/EIR to Ms. Laura Myers, Bureau of Reclamation, South-Central California Area Office, 1243 N Street, Fresno, CA 93721, via e-mail to [lmymers@mp.usbr.gov](mailto:lmymers@mp.usbr.gov), or faxed to 559-487-5130.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Laura Myers, 559-487-5179.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Prior to 1996 when the interim Project was implemented, subsurface agricultural drainage water was conveyed through channels that were also used to deliver water to wetland habitat areas. This dual use limited Reclamation's ability to deliver fresh water to the wetlands.

The interim Project was implemented in November 1995 through an "Agreement for Use of the San Luis Drain" (Use Agreement) (Agreement No. 6-07-20-w1319) between Reclamation and the Authority. A Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI No. 96-1-MP) was approved by Reclamation for the interim Project, and the environmental commitments set forth in the FONSI were made an integral component of the initial Use Agreement. The Use Agreement and its renewal in 1999 allowed for use of the Drain for a

5-year period that concluded September 30, 2001.

A new Use Agreement (Agreement No. 01-WC-20-2075) was completed on September 28, 2001, for the period through December 31, 2009. This original Project, as well as the proposed extension, consolidates subsurface drainage flows on a regional basis (from the 97,000-acre Grassland Drainage Area); applies the drainage to salt tolerant crops to reduce the volume; utilizes a 4-mile channel to place it into the Drain at a point near Russell Avenue (Milepost 105.72, Check 19); and utilizes a 28-mile segment of the San Luis Drain to convey the remaining drainage flows around wetland habitat areas which it discharges it to Mud Slough (North) and subsequently to the San Joaquin River.

The actions to be analyzed in the EIS/EIR include continued use of the Grassland Bypass Channel and a 28-mile segment of the San Luis Drain, continued discharges to Mud Slough (North), sediment management options within that San Luis Drain segment; ongoing use and development of areas utilized for application of subsurface drainage on salt tolerant crops, and programmatic consideration of future phases of the treatment and disposal program. The Project extension also includes a monitoring program with biological, water quality, and sediment components. Results of the monitoring program are currently reviewed by an Oversight Committee quarterly, or as necessary, to implement the Use Agreement.

In order to continue to discharge into Mud Slough (North) in the State's China Island Wildlife Area, the Authority would need to extend or amend a Memorandum of Understanding with the California Department of Fish and Game, Reclamation would need to extend the Use Agreement with the Authority for the continued use of the San Luis Drain after 2009, the CVRWQCB would need to revise their Basin Plan objectives for 2010 and amend the existing Waste Discharge Requirements in order to allow for anticipated drainage discharge into Mud Slough North, and Reclamation and the Authority would need to remove existing and future sediments from the affected portion of the Drain.

#### **Special Assistance for Public Scoping Meeting**

If special assistance is required at the scoping meetings, please contact Susan Mussett at 209-826-9696, or via e-mail at [susan.mussett@sldmwa.org](mailto:susan.mussett@sldmwa.org). Please notify as far in advance of the meeting as possible to secure the needed

services. If a request cannot be honored, the requestor will be notified. A telephone device for the hearing impaired (TDD) is available at 559-487-5933.

#### **Public Disclosure**

Before including your name, address, phone number, e-mail 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.

Dated: December 17, 2007.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

### **Bureau of Reclamation**

#### **Red River Valley Water Supply Project, ND**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) is notifying the public that Reclamation and the State of North Dakota have prepared a Final EIS for the Red River Valley Water Supply Project (RRVWSP). The purpose of the RRVWSP is to supply water to meet the water needs of the people and industries in the Red River Valley through the year 2050. The project's needs were established by Congress in the Dakota Water Resources Act of 2000. The project needs are defined as municipal, rural, and industrial supplies; water quality; aquatic environment; and water conservation measures. Reclamation published a Draft EIS on December 30, 2005. Following public comments on the Draft EIS and the addition of new information, Reclamation published a Supplemental Draft EIS on January 31, 2007. The comment period for the Draft EIS started on December 30, 2005 and continued through April 25, 2007 with review of the Supplemental Draft EIS. Revisions were made to the Final EIS to incorporate responses to comments on the Supplemental Draft EIS and new

information. However, these revisions do not significantly impact the analysis or results presented in the Supplemental Draft EIS. The primary changes are inclusion of a final biological assessment prepared in compliance with the Endangered Species Act, an analysis of forecasted depletions and sedimentation on the Missouri River mainstem reservoir system, and a literature review of the best available climate change information. The Final EIS includes written responses to all public comments on both the DEIS and SDEIS. It also identifies the GDU Import to Sheyenne River Alternative as Reclamation's and the State of North Dakota's preferred alternative.

**DATES:** Reclamation will not make a decision on the proposed action until at least 30 days after the release of the Final EIS. After the 30-day waiting period, Reclamation will complete a Record of Decision (ROD). The ROD will state the selected action for implementation and will discuss factors and rationale used in making the decision.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Signe Snortland, telephone: (701) 221-1278, or FAX to (701) 250-4326, or [ssnortland@gp.usbr.gov](mailto:ssnortland@gp.usbr.gov). Additional information including a complete copy of the Public Notice, Executive Summary, Final EIS, and Appendices are available on the Red River Valley Water Supply Project Web site at <http://www.rrvwsp.com>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The final EIS considers five action alternatives and a no action alternative. Three of the action alternatives propose to use water from the Missouri River as an additional source of project water. The DEIS evaluated two treatment methods designed to reduce the risk of invasive species transfer (basic method and microfiltration). In response to comments on the DEIS, an additional treatment method, dissolved air flotation was evaluated in the SDEIS and FEIS. All of these treatment methods would be effective in removing or inactivating a broad range of organisms, including all of the potentially invasive species evaluated in the EIS. Estimated costs for construction, operation and maintenance of the treatment plant are provided. The Final EIS is available for public inspection at the following locations:

#### Iowa

- Des Moines Public Library, 100 Locust Street, Des Moines, IA

#### Kansas

- Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library, 1515 SW 10th Street, Topeka, KS

#### Minnesota

- Breckenridge Public Library, 205 7th Street North, Breckenridge, MN
- East Grand Forks Library, 422 4th Street Northwest, East Grand Forks, MN
- Moorhead Public Library, 118 5th Street South, Moorhead, MN
- Perham Public Library, 225 2nd Ave. NE, Perham, MN
- Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians, PO Box 550, Red Lake, MN
- St. Paul Public Library, 90 West 4th Street, St. Paul, MN
- Warroad City Library, 202 Main Ave. NW, Warroad, MN
- White Earth Reservation, 26246 Crane Road, White Earth, MN

#### Missouri

- Kansas City Public Library, 14 West 10th Street, Kansas City, MO
- Missouri River Regional Library, 214 Adams Street, Jefferson City, MO

#### Montana

- Bureau of Reclamation, Great Plains Regional Office, 316 N. 26th Street, Billings, MT

#### Nebraska

- Lincoln City Libraries, 136 South 14th Street, Lincoln, NE

#### North Dakota

- Alfred Dickey Public Library, 105 3rd Street SE, Jamestown, ND
- Bureau of Indian Affairs, Turtle Mountain Agency, PO Box 60, Highway 5 West, Belcourt, ND
- Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fort Berthold Agency, 202 Main Street, New Town, ND
- Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fort Totten Agency, PO Box 270/Main Street, Fort Totten, ND
- Bureau of Reclamation, Dakotas Area Office, 304 E. Broadway Ave., Bismarck, ND
- Fargo Public Library, 102 3rd Street North, Fargo, ND
- Garrison Diversion Conservancy District, 401 Highway 281 NE, Carrington, ND
- Grand Forks Public Library, 2110 Library Circle, Grand Forks, ND
- Leach Public Library, 417 2nd Ave. North, Wahpeton, ND
- North Dakota State Library, 603 East Blvd. Ave., Bismarck, ND
- Standing Rock Administrative Service Center, Bldg. #1, North Standing Rock Avenue, Fort Yates, ND
- West Fargo Public Library, 109 3rd Street East, West Fargo, ND

#### South Dakota

- Bureau of Indian Affairs, Sisseton Agency, Veterans Memorial D, Agency Village, SD
- South Dakota State Library, 800 Governors Drive, Pierre, SD

#### Province of Manitoba

- Millennium Library, 251 Donald Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

#### Province of Ontario

- Kenora Branch Library, 24 Main Street South, Kenora, Ontario, Canada

Dated: December 10, 2007.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### Submission for OMB Review: Comment Request

December 17, 2007.

The Department of Labor (DOL) hereby announces the submission of the following public information collection requests (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35). A copy of each ICR, with applicable supporting documentation; including among other things a description of the likely respondents, proposed frequency of response, and estimated total burden may be obtained from the RegInfo.gov Web site at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain> or by contacting Darrin King on 202-693-4129 (this is not a toll-free number)/e-mail: [king.darrin@dol.gov](mailto:king.darrin@dol.gov).

Interested parties are encouraged to send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: John Kraemer, OMB Desk Officer for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, Telephone: 202-395-7316/Fax: 202-395-6974 (these are not a toll-free numbers), E-mail: [OIRA\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov) within 30 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**. In order to ensure the appropriate consideration, comments should reference the OMB Control Number (see below).

The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary