

The purpose of the update to the 2001 M&I WSP, as modified, is to provide detailed, clear, and objective guidelines for the distribution of CVP water supplies during water shortage conditions, thereby allowing CVP water users to know when, and by how much, water deliveries may be reduced in drought and other low water supply conditions.

The increased level of predictability that will be provided by the update to the 2001 M&I WSP is needed by water managers and the entities that receive CVP water to better plan for and manage available CVP water supplies, and to better integrate the use of CVP water with other available Non-CVP water supplies. The update to the 2001 M&I WSP is also needed to clarify certain terms and conditions with regard to its applicability and implementation. The proposed action is the adoption of an updated 2001 M&I WSP, as modified, and its respective implementation guidelines.

The EIS will be used to develop and evaluate alternatives to the 2001 M&I WSP, as modified, and will include analysis of the adverse and beneficial effects on the quality of the human and physical environment.

Issues to be addressed may include, but are not limited to, CVP water supply availability, impacts on biological resources, historic and archaeological resources, hydrology, groundwater, water quality, air quality, safety, hazardous materials and waste, visual resources, socioeconomic, including real estate, agriculture and environmental justice.

At this time, there are no known or possible Indian trust assets or environmental justice issues associated with the Proposed Action.

Special Assistance for Public Scoping Meetings

If special assistance is required at the scoping meetings, please contact Mr. Louis Moore at (916) 978-5106, or via e-mail at wmoore@usbr.gov. Please notify Mr. Moore as far in advance as possible to enable Reclamation 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 (916) 978-5608.

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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

Central Valley Project Improvement Act, Water Management Plans

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The following Water Management Plans are available for review:

- Truckee-Carson Irrigation District.
- Goleta Water District.
- Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District.
- Feather Irrigation District.

To meet the requirements of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act of 1992 (CVPIA) and the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982, the Bureau of Reclamation developed and published the Criteria for Evaluating Water Management Plans (Criteria). For the purpose of this announcement, Water Management Plans (Plans) are considered the same as Water Conservation Plans. The above entities have each developed a Plan, which Reclamation has evaluated and preliminarily determined to meet the requirements of these Criteria. Reclamation is publishing this notice in order to allow the public to review the plans and comment on the preliminary determinations. Public comment on Reclamation's preliminary (*i.e.*, draft) determination is invited at this time.

DATES: All public comments must be received by April 7, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Please mail comments to Ms. Christy Ritenour, Bureau of Reclamation, 2800 Cottage Way, MP-410, Sacramento, California 95825, or contact at 916-978-5281 (TDD 978-5608), or e-mail at critenour@usbr.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To be placed on a mailing list for any subsequent information, please contact Ms. Christy Ritenour at the e-mail address or telephone number above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We are inviting the public to comment on our preliminary (*i.e.*, draft) determination of

Plan adequacy. Section 3405(e) of the CVPIA (Title 34 Pub. L. 102-575), requires the Secretary of the Interior to establish and administer an office on Central Valley Project water conservation best management practices that shall “* * * develop criteria for evaluating the adequacy of all water conservation plans developed by project contractors, including those plans required by section 210 of the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982.” Also, according to Section 3405(e)(1), these criteria must be developed “* * * with the purpose of promoting the highest level of water use efficiency reasonably achievable by project contractors using best available cost-effective technology and best management practices.” These criteria state that all parties (Contractors) that contract with Reclamation for water supplies (municipal and industrial contracts over 2,000 acre-feet and agricultural contracts over 2,000 irrigable acres) must prepare a Plan that contains the following information:

1. Description of the District.
2. Inventory of Water Resources.
3. Best Management Practices (BMPs) for Agricultural Contractors.
4. BMPs for Urban Contractors.
5. Plan Implementation.
6. Exemption Process.
7. Regional Criteria.
8. Five-Year Revisions.

Reclamation will evaluate Plans based on these criteria. A copy of these Plans will be available for review at Reclamation's Mid-Pacific Regional Office located in Sacramento, California, and the local area office. Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review.

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If you wish to review a copy of these Plans, please contact Ms. Christy Ritenour to find the office nearest you.

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