

be held from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. with a more structured meeting scheduled to begin immediately following the "Open House".

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Civic Center, 400 West 4th Street, Truth or Consequences, New Mexico.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Clay McDermeit, Reclamation Team Leader for the Elephant Butte and Caballo Reservoir RMP, 505 Marquette N.W., Suite 1313, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 87102; Telephone (505) 248-5391; or Ms. Rosemary Romero, Public Involvement Specialist, Western Network, 811 St. Michael's Drive, Suite 106, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505; Telephone 1-800-326-9805.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the RMP is to produce a written management document, consistent with existing laws, treaties, and compacts, that may be used as guide by Reclamation and other involved agencies in the allocation of resources and appropriate uses of both lands and waters within the reservation boundaries.

The RMP will address: (1) Multiple uses, and (2) other agency management functions as delegated through various agreements with Reclamation. The DEIS will present an analysis of the impacts of alternative management practices associated with the land and water resources at both reservoirs.

Four "open house" meetings were previously held during February 1996 in El Paso, Las Cruces, Truth or Consequences and Albuquerque to solicit input from agencies and the general public on issues that should be addressed during the development of the RMP. As a result of these meetings and further discussions with the planning work group and the general public, it has been determined that a draft environmental impact statement will be prepared in conjunction with the RMP.

Reclamation has previously prepared four NEPA documents that address operation and maintenance activities on the Rio Grande in the vicinity of both reservoirs. The documents are:

\* Final Environmental Impact Statement, Operation and Maintenance Program for the Rio Grande-Velarde to Caballo Dam-Rio Grande and Middle Rio Grande Projects (1977);

\* Final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact, Rio Grande Conveyance rehabilitation, Operation and Maintenance Program, Elephant Butte Reservoir, New Mexico (1982);

\* Final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact,

Rio Grande Channel Restoration, Operation and Maintenance Program, Elephant Butte Dam to Caballo Reservoir, Sierra County, New Mexico, (1985); and

\* Final Supplement to the Final Environmental Impact Statement-River Maintenance Program for the Rio Grande-Velarde to Caballo Dam, Rio Grande and Middle Rio Grande Projects, New Mexico.

During the "Open House" and the more structured part of the Scoping Meeting, agencies and the general public are encouraged to submit written comments and may request additional clarification of the RMP and EIS process. Anyone interested in more information concerning the study should contact Mr. Clay McDermeit or Ms. Romero.

The Truth or Consequences Civic Center is accessible to the disabled. However, any individuals requiring special assistance at the meeting should make their needs known in advance to Ms. Romero.

Dated: July 16, 1996.  
Garry Mr. Rowe,  
*Area Manager.*  
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### **Conservation Advisory Group, Yakima River Basin Water Enhancement Project, Yakima, Washington**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** Title XII of Public Law 103-434 directs the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the State of Washington, the Yakama Indian Nation, Yakima River Basin irrigators and other interested parties, to establish the Yakima River Basin Water Conservation Advisory Group within 12 months of enactment. The purpose of the Conservation Advisory Group is to provide technical advice and counsel to the Secretary and the State on the structure, implementation, and oversight of the Yakima River Basin Water Conservation Program.

**DATES:** Meetings will be held:

- July 30 and 31, 1996 at the Arboretum, 1401 Arboretum Drive, Yakima, Washington—9 a.m. to 4 p.m..
- August 22, 1996, at the Yakama Indian Nation, 401 Ft. Rd., Toppenish, Washington—9 a.m. to 4 p.m..
- September 25 and 26, 1996, at the Bureau of Reclamation, 1917 Marsh Road, Yakima, Washington—9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Walt Fite, Program Manager, Yakima River Water Enhancement Project, P.O. Box 1749, Yakima, Washington 98907; (509) 575-5848 ext. 267.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Basin Conservation Program is structured to provide economic incentives with cooperative Federal, State, and local funding to stimulate the identification and implementation of structural and nonstructural cost-effective water conservation measures in the Yakima River basin. Improvements in the efficiency of water delivery and use will result in improved streamflows for fish and wildlife and improve the reliability of water supplies for irrigation.

Dated: July 9, 1996.  
James V. Cole,  
*Manager, Upper Columbia Area Office.*  
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### **DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

#### **Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration**

[Application No. D-10173, et al.]

#### **Proposed Exemptions; Mewbourne Oil Company, Inc. Plan (the Plan)**

**AGENCY:** Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed exemptions.

**SUMMARY:** This document contains notices of pendency before the Department of Labor (the Department) of proposed exemptions from certain of the prohibited transaction restrictions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (the Act) and/or the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the Code).

Written Comments and Hearing Requests

Unless otherwise stated in the Notice of Proposed Exemption, all interested persons are invited to submit written comments, and with respect to exemptions involving the fiduciary prohibitions of section 406(b) of the Act, requests for hearing within 45 days from the date of publication of this Federal Register Notice. Comments and request for a hearing should state: (1) The name, address, and telephone number of the person making the comment or request, and (2) the nature of the person's interest in the exemption and the manner in which the person would be adversely affected by the exemption. A request for a hearing must also state the issues to be addressed and include a general description of the evidence to be