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Dated: March 21, 1997.

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Superintendent, Big Thicket National Preserve.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Notice of Request for Revisions and Reinstatement of a Previously Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intentions of the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) to seek renewal of an information collection. Reclamation delivers Colorado River water to water users for diversion and beneficial consumptive use in the States of Arizona, California, and Nevada. Under Supreme Court order, the United States is required, at least annually, to prepare and maintain complete, detailed, and accurate records of diversions of water, return flow, and consumptive use. This information is needed to ensure that a State or a water user within a State does not exceed its authorized use of Colorado River water. Water users are obligated to provide information on diversions and return flows to Reclamation by provisions in their water delivery contracts. Reclamation determines the consumptive use by subtracting return flow from diversions or by other engineering means. Without this information, Reclamation could not comply with the order of the United States Supreme Court to prepare and maintain detailed and accurate records of diversions, return flow, and consumptive use.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by June 6, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

To submit comments on this information collection contact: Bureau of Reclamation, Information Collection Officer, D-7924, P.O. Box 25007, Denver, Colorado 80225-0007; telephone: (303) 236-0305 extension 462; Internet address: infocoll@do.usbr.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of Reclamation, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of Reclamation's estimated time and cost burdens of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including increased use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

This information collection was formerly titled, "Regulations for administering entitlements to Colorado River water in the lower Colorado River basin." Development of those regulations is expected to resume in the future, but the information to be collected is needed by Reclamation independent of the regulations.

Title: Diversions, return flow, and consumptive use of Colorado River water in the lower Colorado River basin.

OMB No.: OMB No. 1006-0015.

Description of respondents: The Lower Basin States (Arizona, California, and Nevada), local and tribal entities, water districts, and individuals that use Colorado River water.

Frequency: Annually, or otherwise as determined by the Secretary of the Interior.

Estimated completion time: An average of 2 hours per respondent.

Annual responses: 160 respondents.

Annual burden hours: 320.

Dated: April 1, 1997.

William E. Rinne,

Area Manager, Boulder Canyon Operations Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Notice of Request for Reinstatement of a Previously Approved Information Collection

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intentions of the

Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) to seek renewal of the information collection for Private Rental Survey. Under Public Law 88-459, Federal agencies are authorized to provide housing for Government employees under specified circumstances. A review of private rental market housing rates is required once every 5 years to ensure that the rental, utility, and related charges to occupants of Government Furnished Quarters (GFQ) are comparable to corresponding charges in the private sector. To avoid unnecessary duplication and inconsistent rental rates, the Bureau of Reclamation conducts housing surveys for the Departments of Interior, Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, Justice, Transportation, Treasury, and Health and Human Services. If the collection activity was not performed, there would be no basis for determining open market rental costs.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of participating agencies, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of Reclamation's estimated burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of this publication.

Title: Private Rental Survey.

OMB No.: OMB No. 1006-0009.

Description of respondents:

Individual property owners and small businesses or organizations (real estate managers or property managers).

Frequency: Each of 14 regions are surveyed every fifth year; this equates to two to three regions surveyed each year.

Estimated completion time: An average of 10 or 12 minutes per respondent.

Annual responses: 3,000 respondents.

Annual burden hours: 590 hours.