

addition, the water use is utilized extensively to determine the effectiveness of conservation measures and to determine irrigation water requirements. This information will also be used by other Federal and non-Federal programs to carry out research programs regarding irrigation and water use. Crop and water statistics are of importance as factual statements of program accomplishment and will be used as documentation for Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) requirements.

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 will 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.

*Title:* Crop Acreage and Yields and Water Distribution.

*OMB No.:* 1006-0001.

*Description of respondents:* Irrigators and water user entities in the 17 Western States who receive irrigation water service from Reclamation facilities. Also included are entities who receive other water service, such as municipal and industrial water through Reclamation facilities.

*Number of respondents:* 25,000.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Estimated completion time:* An average of 15 minutes per response.

*Annual responses:* 25,000.

*Annual burden hours:* 6,250 hours.

Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted within 60 days of the publication.

Dated: February 24, 1998.

**J. William McDonald,**

*Acting Director, Program Analysis Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Reclamation

#### Bay-Delta Advisory Council's Ecosystem Roundtable Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Bay-Delta Advisory Council's (BDAC) Ecosystem

Roundtable will meet to discuss several issues including: additional proposals, designated actions, and focused grants for FY 98 funding, revised planning process, funding coordination, CVPIA FY 98 budget and other issues. This meeting is open to the public. Interested persons may make oral statements to the Ecosystem Roundtable or may file written statements for consideration.

**DATES:** The Bay-Delta Advisory Council's Ecosystem Roundtable meeting will be held from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm on Friday, March 13, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** The Ecosystem Roundtable will meet at the Resources Building, 1416 Ninth Street, Room 1131, Sacramento, CA 95814.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cindy Darling, CALFED Bay-Delta Program, at (916) 657-2666. If reasonable accommodation is needed due to a disability, please contact the Equal Employment Opportunity Office at (916) 653-6952 or TDD (916) 653-6934 at least one week prior to the meeting.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary (Bay-Delta system) is a critically important part of California's natural environment and economy. In recognition of the serious problems facing the region and the complex resource management decisions that must be made, the state of California and the Federal government are working together to stabilize, protect, restore, and enhance the Bay-Delta system. The State and Federal agencies with management and regulatory responsibilities in the Bay-Delta system are working together as CALFED to provide policy direction and oversight for the process.

One area of Bay-Delta management includes the establishment of a joint State-Federal process to develop long-term solutions to problems in the Bay-Delta system related to fish and wildlife, water supply reliability, natural disasters, and water quality. The intent is to develop a comprehensive and balanced plan which addresses all of the resource problems. This effort, the CALFED Bay-Delta Program (Program), is being carried out under the policy direction of CALFED. The Program is exploring and developing a long-term solution for a cooperative planning process that will determine the most appropriate strategy and actions necessary to improve water quality, restore health to the Bay-Delta ecosystem, provide for a variety of beneficial uses, and minimize Bay-Delta system vulnerability. A group of citizen advisors representing California's

agricultural, environmental, urban, business, fishing, and other interests who have a stake in finding long-term solutions for the problems affecting the Bay-Delta system has been chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) as the Bay-Delta Advisory Council (BDAC) to advise CALFED on the program mission, problems to be addressed, and objectives for the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. BDAC provides a forum to help ensure public participation, and will review reports and other materials prepared by CALFED staff. BDAC has established a subcommittee called the Ecosystem Roundtable to provide input on annual workplans to implement ecosystem restoration projects and programs.

Minutes of the meeting will be maintained by the CALFED Bay-Delta Program, Suite 1155, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Friday within 30 days following the meeting.

Dated: February 23, 1998.

**Roger Patterson,**

*Regional Director, Mid-Pacific Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

#### Notice of Proposed Information Collection

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

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) is announcing that the information collection request for the title described below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The information collection request describes the nature of the information collection and the expected burden and cost.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before April 1, 1998, to be assured of consideration.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request a copy of the information collection request, explanatory information and related form, contact John A. Trelease at (202) 208-2783, or electronically to jtreleas@osmre.gov.