

Programmatic EIS/EIR was published in the **Federal Register** on March 16, 1998 (63 FR 12823). The public review period was originally to end on June 1, 1998.

In addition, CALFED will be preparing a Revised Draft Programmatic EIS/EIR. The Revised Draft Programmatic EIS/EIR will identify a draft preferred alternative and will have revised appendices. It will be available for public review and comment before preparation of a Final Programmatic EIS/EIR.

**DATES:** Public comments on the Draft Programmatic EIS/EIR should be submitted on or before July 1, 1998. The Revised Draft Programmatic EIS/EIR is expected to be available for public review by the end of 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on the Draft Programmatic EIS/EIR should be addressed to Mr. Rick Breitenbach, CALFED Bay-Delta Program, 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1155, Sacramento, California 95814. Requests for a printed copy of the Draft Programmatic EIS/EIR should also be addressed to Mr. Rick Breitenbach. When requesting a copy, please specify whether you would like the Executive Summary or a complete set of the Draft EIS/EIR with 12 Appendices.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information, contact Mr. Rick Breitenbach, telephone: (800) 900-3587.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Reclamation

#### Proposed Water Service Contract, El Dorado County Water Agency, El Dorado County, CA

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

**ACTION:** Supplemental notice of intent to prepare a draft environmental impact statement/environmental impact report (EIS/EIR) and notice of scoping meetings.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (as amended) and Section 21061 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) and El Dorado County Water Agency (Agency) intend to prepare a joint EIS/EIR for a water service contract from the Central Valley Project, California.

The proposed project consists of a water supply contract for the Agency under which Reclamation would provide up to 15,000 acre-feet/year from Folsom Reservoir. The Agency's provisional plans, subject to review and potential revision during the EIS/EIR process, are to divide this water equally between El Dorado Irrigation District (EID) and Georgetown Divide Public Utility District (GDPUD). EID proposes to take its supply from Folsom Reservoir. GDPUD proposes to take its supply either from Folsom Reservoir or upstream by way of a water exchange with Placer County Water Agency (PCWA). The GDPUD diversion facility is proposed to either be co-located with a PCWA site or located adjacent to the Auburn Dam diversion tunnel, at the mouth of Knickerbocker Canyon, or about 3,000 feet upstream of the Auburn Dam diversion tunnel near Tamaroo Bar.

**DATES:** Two public scoping meetings for this project will be held. The meetings will be at 6:30 p.m. on August 6, 1998, and at 1:30 p.m. on August 7, 1998, to help identify alternatives and significant issues to be addressed in the draft EIS/EIR. Arrangements for special services at the meeting must be requested no later than July 31, 1998 (see Supplementary Information section for more details).

Written comments on the scope of the EIS/EIR may be sent to the Agency at the address below by August 21, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** The scoping meetings will be held at the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 330 Fair Lane, Building A, in Placerville, California.

Please send written comments on the scope of the EIS/EIR to Merv de Haas, General Manager, El Dorado County Water Agency, 330 Fair Lane, Placerville, California 95667, telephone: (530) 621-5392.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Rod Hall, Environmental Specialist, Bureau of Reclamation, 7794 Folsom Dam Road, Folsom, California 95630, telephone: (916) 989-7279, or Mr. Merv de Haas at the above address and telephone number.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The contract to be negotiated has been authorized and directed by the United States Congress as part of Public Law 101-514. This contract has been excluded from the prohibition on new contract funding found in Public Law 102-575.

Public Law 101-514 directs the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) to enter into long-term municipal and industrial water supply contracts to meet the immediate water needs of El

Dorado County. The law directs the Secretary to enter into a contract for up to 15,000 acre-feet/year with the Agency.

The EIS/EIR will include evaluation of the "no project" alternative, alternative diversion points, and alternative treatment and delivery facilities. Alternative diversion points include a point near the confluence of the American and Sacramento Rivers and several upstream locations on the Middle Fork of the American River. Alternative EID treatment facilities include the existing El Dorado Hills treatment plant and a new treatment plant at Bass Lake. GDPUD proposes to treat the water at a new facility located near the town of Cool, the specific location depending on which diversion point is selected. The EIS/EIR will also address impacts to the physical environment from diversion, distribution, and use of the contract water. The documentation will include analysis of the potential impacts to the natural environment, particularly aquatic, wetland, and riparian communities, including any effect on special-status species, recreation resource values, and related socio-economic values. Secondary growth impacts associated with the water delivery and secondary impacts associated with construction of water delivery facilities used to divert, treat, and distribute Folsom Reservoir water will be investigated.

The proposed project has been the subject of previous scoping meetings that were published in the **Federal Register** (58 FR 28034, May 12, 1993). However, because of changes in proposed alternatives resulting from those meetings and related correspondence, additional scoping activities are being initiated at this time.

#### Special Services

A headphone device for the hearing impaired will be available at the meetings. Persons requiring other special services should contact Debby Holcomb of the Agency at (530) 621-5392. Please notify this office as far in advance of the meetings as possible, but no later than July 31, 1998, to enable the Agency to secure the needed services. If a request cannot be honored, the requester will be notified.

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