

Sherman County

Sherman County Courthouse, 500 Court Street, Moro, 98001122

Washington County

Macrum, Isaac, House, 2225 12th Ave., Forest Grove, 98001120

SOUTH DAKOTA**Beadle County**

Piper, Albert S., Homestead Claim Shanty, 2 mi. N of Lake Byron, Carpenter vicinity, 98001126

Minnehaha County

LaSalle Apartments, 703 S. Summit, Sioux Falls, 98001125

TEXAS**Hidalgo County**

Border Theater (Mission, Texas MPS) 905 North Conway Blvd., Mission, 98001124

A Request for Removal has been made for the following resources:

IOWA**Hardin County**

Coal Bank Hill Bridge (Highway Bridges of Iowa MPS) Near Co. Rd. VV over Iowa R. Eldora City, 98000527

PENNSYLVANIA**Lehigh County**

Lehigh County Prison 4th and Linden Sts. Allentown, 81000549

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Reclamation****Central Arizona Project, Hayden-Rhodes Aqueduct Reach 11 Recreation Master Plan, Phoenix, AZ**

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) plans to prepare a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) on the proposed implementation of the Reach 11 Recreation Master Plan. The Master Plan will be prepared concurrently with the EIS. The purpose of the recreation master planning process is to identify and plan for the community's recreation needs within the flood detention basin of the Central Arizona Project's (CAP) Hayden-Rhodes Aqueduct Reach 11 area. The EIS will address environmental consequences of implementing recreational development

alternatives proposed and considered during the master planning process.

A public scoping meeting will be held to receive comments from affected and/or interested agencies and the general public on the environmental impacts, concerns, and issues that should be addressed during the master planning process and in the EIS.

DATES: The public meeting will be held on September 10, 1998, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. To ensure consideration in the preparation of the draft EIS, written comments must be received by November 6, 1998. The draft EIS is expected to be available for review and comment by August 1999.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held at the Paradise Valley Community Center, 17402 North 40th Street (at Bell Road), Phoenix, Arizona. Written comments should be sent to Ms. Sandra Eto, Environmental Protection Specialist, Bureau of Reclamation, Phoenix Area Office (mail code PXAO-1500), P.O. Box 81169, Phoenix, Arizona 85069-1169.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Sandra Eto at (602) 216-3857.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Colorado River Basin Project Act of 1968 authorized the Secretary of the Interior, acting through Reclamation, to construct the CAP. As part of the CAP canal, a flood-retention dike and the Paradise Valley Flood Detention Basin were constructed to provide flood water protection for the CAP canal and adjacent communities. Flood protection, therefore, is the primary purpose of the Basin. In December 1986, Reclamation and the city of Phoenix entered into a land-use agreement under which approximately 1,500 acres within the Paradise Valley Flood Detention Basin are managed by the City of Phoenix's Parks, Recreation, and Library Department (PRLD) for recreational purposes. This area is located between Cave Creek and Scottsdale roads north of the CAP canal, and is commonly known as the Reach 11 Recreation Area.

PRLD's responsibilities include the planning, design, operation, and maintenance of the Reach's recreational developments, although Reclamation retains ownership of the land. A conceptual recreation plan, developed in 1974 as part of the plans for the CAP Reach 11 area, was accepted by Reclamation in 1975. The PRLD updated the 1975 conceptual plan in 1985; this revised conceptual plan was adopted by the Phoenix Parks and Recreation Board in January 1987. Revisions were made to the adopted

1987 master plan in 1995. An equestrian facility and nature trail have been developed within the Reach; no other developments identified in either plan adopted by the Phoenix Parks and Recreation Board have been approved for implementation by Reclamation.

Rapid residential development has occurred south of the Reach, and most of the land to the north is owned by the State of Arizona and private landowners. Given the planned construction of a major freeway and population growth projections for this area, it is anticipated the Reach will become increasingly important in providing open space and recreational opportunities. In 1995, the city of Phoenix and Reclamation recognized that a comprehensive planning effort (i.e., an updated recreational master plan developed with input from the community) would better facilitate future recreational development and use of the entire Reach 11 Recreation Area.

Public Meetings and Written Comments

The scoping process for the EIS and the master plan will consist of a community open house/public meeting (see **DATES** and **ADDRESSES** sections), and community leader and interest group interviews. Thus far, anticipated environmental issues include differing impacts of passive versus active (i.e., developed) recreation; water quality; and the potential for developed wetlands. Three additional open houses will be held at key milestones throughout the master planning and environmental impact analysis process.

Comments regarding the proposed action are welcome at the open house/public meeting. All public input received by Reclamation as a result of previous public involvement related to the Reach will automatically be considered in the preparation of the draft EIS.

If you would like to be placed on the mailing list to receive future information, please contact Ms. Sandra Eto.

Note: Hearing impaired, visually impaired, and/or mobility impaired persons planning to attend this meeting may arrange for necessary accommodations by calling Ms. Kristin Darr, Dames & Moore at 602-861-7476, or faxogram 602-861-7431, no later than August 31, 1998.

Dated: August 5, 1998.

Robert W. Johnson,

Regional Director.

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