

Stephen's kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys stephensi*) in conjunction with surveys throughout their range in California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No. TE006112

Applicant: Gretchen Flohr, Fremont, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture) the salt marsh harvest mouse (*Reithrodontomys raviventris*) in conjunction with surveys and ecological research throughout the species range in California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. TE005878

Applicant: Santa Clara Valley Water District, San Jose, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey) the California clapper rail (*Rallus longirostris obsoletus*) in conjunction with surveys in Santa Clara County, California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. TE006333

Applicant: Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture, handle, and release) the shortnose sucker (*Chasmistes brevirostris*) and the Lost River sucker (*Deltistes luxatus*) in conjunction with ecological studies in Klamath Lake, Oregon for the purpose of enhancing their survival. Activities were previously authorized under subpermit MARKDF-7.

DATES: Written comments on these permit applications must be received on or before February 8, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the Chief, Division of Recovery, Planning and Permits, Ecological Services, Fish and Wildlife Service, 911 N.E. 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232-4181; Fax: (503) 231-6243. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when submitting comments. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents within 20 days of the date of publication of this notice to the address above; telephone: (503) 231-2063. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when requesting copies of documents.

Dated: December 30, 1998.

Cynthia U. Barry,

Acting Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[WY-930-1060-04]

Notice of Public Hearing

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

Authority: Public Law 92-195 as amended by Public Law 94-579 and CFR Subpart 4740.1(b).

SUMMARY: A public hearing is scheduled at the Bureau of Land Management Office. A formal hearing will be conducted to receive statements from the public concerning the use of helicopters and motor vehicles in wild horse management operations within Wyoming for calendar year 1999.

DATES: February 8, 1999, 3:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Bureau of Land Management, 280 Hwy 191 North, Rock Springs, Wyoming 82901.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ron Hall, WH&B Program Manager, Rock Springs Field Office, 280 Hwy 191 North, Rock Springs, Wyoming, (307) 352-0208.

The meeting is open to the public and interested persons may make oral statements on the subject. All statements will be recorded.

John S. McKee,

Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AA210-00-4410-01-2410]

Public Land and Resources; Planning, Programming, and Budgeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management; Interior.

ACTION: Notification of resource management planning schedule.

SUMMARY: The Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) requires the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to prepare land use plans to provide management direction for the public lands. Since 1984, the BLM has completed 108 Resource Management Plans (RMP); 56 earlier and smaller

Management Framework Plans (MFP) are still in place. These plans are periodically evaluated, and amended or revised to respond to new circumstances or proposals. Some of the MFPs are replaced by new RMPs when the decisions in the MFPs are no longer valid and it is not feasible to update the decisions through the amendment process.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Planning Regulations at 43 CFR 1610.2(b) require the BLM to annually publish a planning schedule identifying plan amendments and new RMPs in progress or planned over the next three years. Six RMPs are scheduled to be completed in fiscal year 1999: Las Vegas, NV [signed in October 1998]; Dixie, UT; Challis, ID; Southeast Oregon; Newcastle, WY; and the Management Plan for the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, UT. The Owyhee, ID is scheduled for fiscal year 2000.

Two plans will start this year and be completed in fiscal year 2001: the Lakeview (OR) RMP will be done jointly with the Forest Service Management Plans for the Fremont and Winema National Forests. The Snake River (WY) RMP is the smallest ever, just 2,000 acres, covering islands and other isolated lands in Teton County. The 8 new RMPs currently in progress or planned will replace 12 existing MFPs. Since no schedule was published last year, we have included fiscal year 1998 actions, including completing the Roswell, Grass Creek and Green River RMPs.

Fifty-four land use plan amendments are in progress or planned for fiscal year 1999, excluding the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project. This Project which is scheduled for completion in fiscal year 2000 will be used to amend an additional 43 RMPs and MFPs. New Mexico BLM will amend all 10 of its RMPs in fiscal year 1999 to incorporate Statewide Standards and Guides. Eastern States will do three Planning Analyses in fiscal year 1999. For the first time, the Planning Schedule includes formal evaluations of RMPs and MFPs; 16 are scheduled for fiscal year 1999.

The public is invited to comment on the planning schedule. Comments will be considered in refining priorities for the completion of new RMPs and land use plan amendments. Public notice and opportunity for participation are encouraged throughout the planning process, as required by 43 CFR 1610.2(f). The planning process begins with the publication of a Notice of Intent to initiate a new RMP or plan

amendment. Public input is particularly helpful during the scoping process and during the review of draft planning documents.

DATES: Comments on the schedule will be accepted until February 8, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to the Bureau of Land Management, Attention: Ms. Brenda Williams, 1849 C Street NW (LS-1075), Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Williams at (202) 452-7793, or Brenda Williams at (202) 452-5045.

Dated: December 28, 1998.

Henri R. Bisson,
Assistant Director, Renewable Resources and Planning.

TABLE 1.—BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT PLANNING SCHEDULE

State and district or field office	Plan name and type	New, revision, amendment or evaluation	Major issues	FY-98	FY-99	FY-00	FY-01
Arizona:							
Arizona Strip.	Arizona Strip RMP.	Mojave Desert Amendment.	Tortoise habitat, grazing.		PRMP/FEIS	ARMP/ROD	
Kingman ..	Kingman RMP	Hualapai Mountain Land Exchange Amendment.	Changes in land tenure decisions, combined with land exchange proposal.	DRMP/DEIS/PRMP/FEIS	ARMP/ROD		
	Kingman RMP	Cerbat Mountains Herd Management Area Amendment.	Intermingled private ownership, livestock grazing, wild horse herd area.		ARMP/ROD		
Phoenix ...	Phoenix RMP	EZ Ranch Land Exchange Amendment.	Land tenure decision adjustments.	NOI NOA/DR			
	Phoenix RMP	Empire-Cienega Amendment.	Livestock grazing, recreation, ACECs, wildlife habitat, cultural, rights-of-way.	NOI DRMP/DEIS	PRMP/FEIS ARMP/ROD		
	Lower Gila South RMP.	Amendment	ACECs, recreation, land tenure, desert tortoise, wild horse and burro, big horn sheep.		PRMP/FEIS ARMP/ROD		
Tucson	Ray Land Exchange/Plan Amendment.	Ray Land Exchange/Plan Amendment.	Land tenure decision adjustments, combined with land exchange proposal.		DRMP/DEIS PRMP/FEIS ARMP/ROD		
California:							
CDD	California Desert Conservation Area Plan.	West Mojave Desert Amendment.	T&E	DRMP/DEIS	PRMP/FEIS/ROD		
		Northern & Eastern Mojave Desert Amendment.	T&E	DRMP/DEIS	PRMP/FEIS/ROD		
		Northern & Eastern Colorado Desert Amendment.	T&E	DRMP/DEIS	PRMP/FEIS/ROD		
Colorado:							
Craig	Little Snake RMP.	Evaluation .....	.....		EVAL		
	White River RMP.	Amendment	Travel Mgmt			ARMP/RO	
	Kremmling RMP.	Amendment	Oil Shale, land exchange.		ARMP/ROD		
Montrose	Uncompahgre RMP.	Evaluation .....	.....		EVAL	EVAL	
	San Juan/San Miguel RMP.	Evaluation .....	.....				EVAL
Grand Junction.	Grand Junction RMP.	Ruby Canyon/Black Ridge Amendment.	Recreation, Travel Mgmt..		ARMP/ROD		
		Unaweeep Seep Amendment.	Mineral Withdrawal, ACEC Mgmt..				
		Evaluation .....	.....				EVAL
	Glenwood Springs RMP.	Oil & Gas Leasing Amendment.	Oil & Gas Leasing, Wildlife, Travel Mgmt.		ARMP/ROD		
		Evaluation			EVAL	
		Naval Oil Shale Amendment.	Wildlife, Travel Mgmt				ARMP/ROD

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Eastern States:	Canon City.	San Luis RMP	Evaluation	EVAL			
			Cochetopa Hills Transportation Amendment.		ARMP/ROD		
		Wisconsin RMP.	Amendment	Disposition of lands ...		NOI DRMP/EA	PRMP/EA ARMP/DR
		Michigan RMP	Amendment	Minerals management		NOI DRMP/EA	PRMP/EA ARMP/DR
		State of Louisiana.	Planning Analysis	Land disposal		PRMP/EA ARMP/DR DRMP/EA	
Idaho*:	Lower Snake River.	Owyhee RMP	New	Grazing, wildlife		PRMP/FEIS	ARMP/ROD
	Challis	Challis RMP ...	New	Realty, grazing, T&E, wild & scenic rivers.		PRMP/FEIS	
	Shoshone	Bennett Hills/Timmerman Hills MFP, Sun Valley MFP, Magic MFP, and Monument RMP.	Amendments	Land tenure adjustments.		ARMP/ROD NOI DMFP/RMP EA PMFP/RMP EA AMFP/RMP	DR
Montana*:	Butte	Bennett Hills/Timmerman Hills MFP, Sun Valley MFP, Magic MFP, and Monument RMP.	Amendments	Grazing, riparian upland issues, special management designations.			NOI DMFP/RMP EA PMFP/RMP EA AMFP/RMP DR
		Headwaters RMP.	Big Belts Vegetative Treatment/Travel Mgmt. Amendment.	Vegetation, ORV, and wildlife.	NOI	DRMP/DEIS	
		Headwaters RMP.	Clancy/Unionville Vegetative Treatment/Travel Mgmt. Amendment.	Vegetation, ORV, and wildlife.	DRMP/DEIS	PRMP/FEIS ARMP/ROD DRMP/DEIS PRMP/FEIS ARMP/ROD	
Lewistown, Great Falls, Malta, Miles City		Headwaters RMP.	Whitetail/Pipestone Vegetative Treatment/Travel Mgmt. Amendment.	Vegetation, ORV, and wildlife.	NOI	DRMP/DEIS PRMP/FEIS ARMP/ROD	
		Judith-Valley-Phillips RMP.	Disposal JVP/West HiLine Amendment.	Lands	NOI	DRMP/DEIS/ EA/ FONSI/ DR	
		Billings RMP; Powder River RMP; South Dakota RMP.	ACEC Amendment	Wildlife, vegetation, cultural, and T&E.	DRMP/DEIS/	EA/ FONSI/ DR	
Lewistown, Malta.	Judith-Valley-Phillips RMP.	New Decisions for Oil & Gas Leasing.	Oil & Gas, vegetation and wildlife.	DRMP/Supplemental DEIS	PRMP/Supplemental FEIS ARMP/ROD		

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Nevada* Dillon Elko Winnemucca.	Dillon MFP	Oil & Gas Amendment	Oil & Gas		NOI		
	Elko RMP	Evaluation	EVAL			
	Sonoma-Gerlach MFP. Paradise-Denio MFP.	Amendment	Land tenure	PMFP/ EA	AMFP/ DR		
	Sonoma-Gerlach MFP. Paradise-Denio MFP.	Amendment	Recreation, VRM,	DMFP/	FMFP/		
	Sonoma-Gerlach MFP. Paradise-Denio MFP.	Amendment	OHV, cultural.	DEIS	FEIS		
	Sonoma-Gerlach MFP. Paradise-Denio MFP.	Amendment	Land disposal	AMFP/ DR			
	Sonoma-Gerlach MFP. Paradise-Denio MFP.	Evaluation .....	.....	EVAL			
	Sonoma-Gerlach MFP. Paradise-Denio MFP.	Evaluation .....	.....		EVAL		
	Lahontan RMP Walker RMP ..	Amendment	Prescribed fire,	ARMP/ DR			
	Walker RMP ..	Amendment	wildland fire	NOI	DRMP/ EA PRMP/ EA ARMP/ DR		
Carson City.	Lahontan RMP	Amendment	OHV, recreation		DRMP/ EA PRMP/ EA ARMP/ DR		
	Lahontan RMP	Amendment	Open space,	NOI	DRMP/ EA	PRMP/EA	
	Lahontan RMP	Amendment	Acquired lands		DRMP/ EA PRMP/ EA ARMP/ DR	ARMP/DR	
	Walker RMP ..	Amendment	Military withdrawal review and termination.		NOI DRMP/ EA	PRMP/ EA ARMP/ DR	
Ely	Lahontan RMP	Evaluation .....	.....				EVAL
	Caliente MFP	Amendment	Land exchange, conservation easements.		NOI	DRMP/ DEIS	PRMP/ FEIS
	Caliente MFP	Amendment	Desert Tortoise	DRMP/ DEIS	FRMP/ FEIS		
Las Vegas	Egan RMP	Evaluation .....	.....	EVAL			
	Caliente MFP	Evaluation .....	.....		ARMP/ ROD		
	Las Vegas RMP.	New	Desert Tortoise, land disposal, mineral withdrawals, OHV Use, utility corridors, ACECs.	PRMP/FEIS	ARMP/ROD	EVAL	
Battle Mountain.	Tonopah RMP	Amendment	ACECs	NOI	DRMP/DEIS	PRMP/FEIS	ARMP/ROD
	Shoshone-Eureka RMP.	Amendment	Prescribed and wildland fire management.	NOI	DRMP/EA PRMP/EA ARMP/DR		
	Shoshone-Eureka RMP.	Evaluation .....	.....	EVAL			
New Mexico: Taos	Taos RMP	Rio Grande Corridor Amendment.	Recreation	PRMP/FEIS	ARMP/ROD		
Albuquerque.	Rio Puerco RMP.	El Malpais Amendment.	NCA Management		DRMP/DEIS		

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Las Cruces.	Caballo (formerly White Sands) RMP.	Amendment	Oil and Gas leasing and development.		PRMP/FEIS ARMP/ROD NOI DRMP/DEIS	PRMP/FEIS ARMP/ROD	
Statewide	All 8 RMPs as necessary in New Mexico.	Statewide Standards for Public Land Health and Guidelines for Livestock Grazing Management Amendment.	Vegetation, water quality, livestock grazing, fish and wildlife.		DRMP/DEIS PRMP/FEIS ARMP/ROD		
Taos	Taos RMP	Evaluation .....	.....	EVAL			
Farming-ton.	Farmington RMP.	Evaluation .....	.....	EVAL			
Carlsbad	Carlsbad RMP	Evaluation .....	.....	EVAL			
Socorro ...	Socorro RMP	Evaluation .....	.....		EVAL		
Las Cruces.	Mimbres RMP	Evaluation .....	.....		EVAL		
Tulsa	Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas RMP.	Evaluation .....	.....		EVAL		
Albuquerque.	Rio Puerco RMP.	Evaluation .....	.....				EVAL
Las Cruces.	Caballo (formerly White Sands) RMP.	Evaluation .....	.....				EVAL
Oregon*: Vale/ Burns.	Southeastern Oregon RMP.	New	Ecosystem mgmt., wild and scenic rivers, ACEC, NCA, prescribed fire, special status fish, wildlife and plants.	DRMP/DEIS	PRMP/FEIS ARMP/ROD		
Lakeview	Lakeview RMP	New	Ecosystem mgmt., ACEC, migratory big game range, prescribed fire, special status fish, wildlife and plants.		NOI DRMP/DEIS	PRMP/FEIS	ARMP/ROD
Prineville	Brothers/ LaPine RMP.	Criterion/Ten Mile Amendment.	Ecosystem mgmt., ACEC, WSA, prescribed fire, special status fire, wildlife and plants, Tribal values, etc..	NOI	DRMP/DEIS	PRMP/FEIS ARMP/ROD	
	Brothers/ LaPine RMP.	Central Oregon, Urban Interface, Amendment.	Ecosystem mgmt., land tenure and R/W, ACEC, prescribed fire.		DRMP/DEIS	PRMP/FEIS ARMP/ROD	
Salem	Salem RMP ...	Evaluation	Ecosystem mgmt., special status fish, wildlife and plants, harvest levels, location, etc..		EVAL		
Eugene	Eugene RMP						
Roseburg	Roseburg RMP						
Medford	Medford RMP						
Coos Bay	Coos Bay RMP						
Lakeview	Klamath Falls RMP						
	Upper Klamath Basin/ Wood River Ranch RMP						
Utah*: Dixie	Dixie RMP	New	Wild and scenic rivers, desert tortoise, lands, OHV, recreation.	PRMP/FEIS	ARMP ROD		
San Juan	San Juan RMP.	Amendment	Mineral leasing, recreation, wildlife, scenic values.	NOI		DRMP/DEIS	PRMP/FEIS ARMP/ROD

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Book Cliffs	Book Cliffs RMP.	Amendment	Book Cliffs Wildlife Initiative, mineral development, recreation.		DRMP/DEIS	PRMP/FEIS	ARMP/ROD
Diamond Mountain.	Diamond Mountain RMP.	Amendment	Wildlife, land tenure adjustment.		PRMP/EA	PRMP/DR	
Grand	Grand RMP ...	Amendment (combined with San Juan RMP).	Wildlife, mineral leasing.	NOI		DRMP/DEIS	PRMP/FEIS ARMP/ROD
Kanab/ Escalante.	Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument Management Plan (will replace several MFPs).	New	Objects of scientific interest, water, valid existing rights.	DRMP/DEIS	PRMP/FEIS ARMP/ROD		
Wyoming*: Kemmerer Pinedale Rock Springs Cody Worland Rawlins Casper	Kemmerer, Pinedale, Green River, Cody, Grass Creek, Washakie, Great Divide and Platte River RMPs.	Amendment to provide management direction for lands returned to BLM from Bureau of Reclamation withdrawals.	Mineral development		NOI PRMP/EA ARMP/DR	Continue amendment process if/as needed	Continue amendment process if/as needed
Pinedale ..	Snake River RMP.	New—Omitted lands never covered by a land use plan.	Land tenure, minerals, recreation, grazing.		NOI	DRMP/DEIS	PRMP/FEIS, ARMP/ROD
Rock Springs.	Green River RMP.	Amendment for oil and gas and potential mineral location withdrawal decisions.	Mineral development, wildlife, recreation conflicts.	NOI	DRMP/DEIS PRMP/FEIS	ARMP/ROD	
Kemmerer	Kemmerer RMP.	Evaluation .....	.....				EVAL
Worland ..	Grass Creek RMP.	New	Special Mgt. Area designations, Vegetation management, access.	ARMP/ROD			
Worland ..	Washakie RMP.	Potential amendment in conjunction with Red Gulch Dinosaur Track Site Plan.	Mineral development, paleontological, cultural values, recreation, public education, scientific research conflicts.	NOI	DRMP/EA PRMP/EA ARMP/DR		
Newcastle	Newcastle RMP.	New	Access, land tenure, paleontological values, visual resource management.	DRMP/DEIS	PRMP/FEIS ARMP/ROD		
Buffalo	Buffalo RMP ..	Evaluation .....	.....			EVAL	
Rawlins ...	Great Divide RMP.	Shirley Mountain Travel Management Plan Amendment.	ORV designation, wildlife, watershed, recreation.	NOI DRMP/EA PRMP/EA ARMP/DR			
Rawlins ...	Great Divide RMP.	Amendment for coal planning decisions for Carbon Basin Area.	Coal development, wildlife, water quality/quantity.	NOI DRMP/EA PRMP/EA ARMP/DR			
Rawlins ...	Great Divide RMP.	Evaluation			EVAL	
Pinedale ..	Pinedale RMP	Evaluation			EVAL	

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State and district or field office	Plan name and type	New, revision, amendment or evaluation	Major issues	FY-98	FY-99	FY-00	FY-01
*Idaho	24 Land Use Plans.	Plan Amendments, associated with, Interior Columbia, Basin Ecosystem, Management Project.	Ecosystem mgmt., forest and rangeland health, water quality, fish and wildlife.	DRMP/DMFP/DEIS	Supplemental DRMP/DEIS	PRMP/FEIS ARMP/ROD	
Montana	1 Land Use Plan.						
Nevada	3 Land Use Plans.						
Oregon	13 Land Use Plans.						
Wyoming	2 Land Use Plans.						

Key to planning schedule abbreviations:

ACEC—Area of Critical Environmental Concern
 AMFP—Approved Management Framework Plan
 ARMP—Approved Resource Management Plan
 DEIS—Draft Environmental Impact Statement
 DR—Decision Record
 DRMP—Draft Resource Management Plan
 EA—Environmental Assessment
 EIS—Environmental Impact Statement
 EVAL—Evaluation
 FEIS—Final Environmental Impact Statement
 FONSI—Findings of No Significant Impact
 MFP—Management Framework Plan
 NCA—National Conservation Area
 NOI—Notice of Intent
 OHV—Off-Highway Vehicle
 ORV—Off-Road Vehicle
 PMFP—Proposed Management Framework Plan
 PRMP—Proposed Resource Management Plan
 RMP—Resource Management Plan
 ROD—Record of Decision
 R/W—Right-of-Way
 T&E—Threatened and Endangered
 VRM Visual Resource Management
 WSA—Wilderness Study Area

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Central Valley Project Improvement Act, Criteria for Evaluating Water Management Plans

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: To meet the requirements of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA) and the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) developed and published the Criteria for Evaluating Water Conservation Plans, dated April 30, 1993. In September 1996, Reclamation revised the document and renamed it the Criteria for Evaluating Water Management Plans (Criteria). These Criteria were developed based on information provided during public scoping and public review sessions held throughout Reclamation's Mid-Pacific (MP) Region. Reclamation uses these Criteria to evaluate the adequacy of all water management plans developed by Central Valley Project contractors. The Criteria were developed and the plans evaluated for the purpose of promoting the most efficient water use reasonably achievable by all MP Region contractors. Reclamation made a commitment (stated within the Criteria) to publish a notice of its draft determination of the adequacy of each contractor's water management plan in the **Federal Register** to allow the public a minimum of 30 days to comment on its preliminary determinations.

DATES: All public comments must be received by February 8, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Please mail comments to Lucille Billingsley, Bureau of Reclamation, 2800 Cottage Way, MP-410, Sacramento CA 95825.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To be placed on a mailing list for any subsequent information, please contact Lucille Billingsley at the address above, or by telephone at (916) 978-5215 (TDD 978 5608).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under provision of section 3405(e) of the

CVPIA (Title 34 Pub. L. 102-575), "The Secretary (of the Interior) shall establish and administer an office on Central Valley Project water conservation best management practices that shall * * * develop criteria for evaluating the adequacy of all water conservation plans developed by project contractors, including those plans required by section 210 of the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982." Also, according to Section 3405(e)(1), these criteria will be developed " * * * with the purpose of promoting the highest level of water use efficiency reasonably achievable by project contractors using best available cost-effective technology and best management practices."

The Criteria states that all parties (districts) that contract with Reclamation for water supplies (municipal and industrial contracts over 2,000 irrigable acre-feet and agricultural contracts over 2,000 irrigable acres) will prepare water management plans which will be evaluated by Reclamation based on the following required information detailed in the steps listed below to develop, implement, monitor, and update their water management plans. The steps are:

1. Describe the district.
2. Inventory water resources available to the District.
3. Best Management Practices (BMP's) for Agricultural Contractors.
4. BMP's for Urban Contractors.
5. Exemption Process.

Sacramento County Water Agency has developed a water management plan which Reclamation has evaluated and preliminarily determined to meet the requirements of the Criteria.

Public comment on Reclamation's preliminary (i.e., draft) determinations is invited at this time. A copy of the plan will be available for review at Reclamation's MP Regional Office