

Adobe Road, Twentynine Palms,
California 92277
Thursday, December 16, 1999 at 7 pm
Needles City Hall, 1111 Bailey
Avenue, Needles, California 92363

DATES: Comments must be received in writing to the Metropolitan Water District no later than February 22, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the Draft EIR/EIS should be mailed to: Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Post Office Box 54153, Los Angeles, California 90054-0153, Attention: Mr. Dirk Reed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Further information regarding the project may be obtained from Mr. Reed at (213) 217-6163 or Mr. Jack Safely at (213) 217-6981.

Dated: December 1, 1999.

Douglas Romoli,
Acting District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Notice of Intent to Repatriate a Cultural Item in the Possession of the Fort Concho National Historic Landmark, San Angelo, TX

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

Notice is hereby given under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 43 CFR 10.10 (a)(3), of the intent to repatriate a cultural item in the possession of the Fort Concho National Historic Landmark, San Angelo, TX which meets the definition of "unassociated funerary object" under Section 2 of the Act.

The cultural item is a large Jordano brown ceramic pot with a kill hole at the bottom.

In 1952, this item was donated to the Fort Concho National Historic Landmark by Hollen Mayes. Museum documentation indicates it was removed from a burial in the Diablo Mountains near Van Horn, Culberson County, TX. While the external finish and interior have been greatly altered due to conservation attempts, the form and style of this item is consistent with known Tigua ceramics. Oral history presented by representatives of the Ysleta del Sur Pueblo of Texas indicates this cultural item was originally in the possession of a Tigua (Ysleta del Sur Pueblo) tribal member who was killed near Van Horn, TX.

Officials of the Fort Concho National Historic Landmark have determined

that, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.2 (d)(2)(ii), this cultural item is reasonably believed to have been placed with or near individual human remains at the time of death or later as part of the death rite or ceremony and is believed, by a preponderance of the evidence, to have been removed from a specific burial site of a Native American individual. Officials of the Fort Concho National Historic Landmark have also determined that, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.2 (e), there is a relationship of shared group identity which can be reasonably traced between this item and Ysleta del Sur Pueblo of Texas.

This notice has been sent to officials of Ysleta del Sur Pueblo of Texas. Representatives of any other Indian tribe that believes itself to be culturally affiliated with this object should contact Kathleen S. Roland, Curator of Collections, Fort Concho National Historic Landmark, 630 S. Oakes St., San Angelo, TX 76903; telephone: (915) 657-4440 before January 6, 2000. Repatriation of this object to Ysleta del Sur Pueblo may begin after that date if no additional claimants come forward. Dated: November 30, 1999.

Francis P. McManamon,

*Departmental Consulting Archeologist,
Manager, Archeology and Ethnography
Program.*

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DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Colorado River Interim Surplus Criteria; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement

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, and the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA, the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation ("Reclamation"), proposes to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement ("EIS") for development of interim implementing criteria pursuant to Article III (3) of the Long-Range Operating Criteria that will be used by the Secretary of the Interior ("Secretary") to determine surplus conditions for management of the Colorado River.

Reclamation previously published **Federal Register** notices on Tuesday,

May 18, 1999 (64 FR 27008) and Friday May 28, 1999 (64 FR 29068) announcing its intention to consider the development of specific criteria that will identify those circumstances under which the Secretary may make Colorado River water available for delivery to the States of Arizona, California, and Nevada (Lower Division States or Lower Basin) in excess of the 7,500,000 acre-foot Lower Basin apportionment. Those notices announced four public scoping meetings and requested oral and written comments on the need for such criteria, the format for the criteria, the scope of specific surplus criteria, and the issues and alternatives that should be analyzed.

The public comment period ran from May 18, 1999 until June 30, 1999. In addition to oral comments submitted at four public scoping meetings, we received 32 letters during the comment period. The respondents included one irrigation district, three water districts, two individuals, three environmental organizations, nine state agencies, two federal organizations, three tribes, two cities, three water users associations, one corporation, one water resource organization, one conservation district and one public utility.

Based on the public comments received, Reclamation has made the decision to prepare an EIS that evaluates the potential impacts of alternative implementing interim criteria that will be used by the Secretary to determine surplus conditions for management of the Colorado River.

Supplementary information is provided in the aforementioned May 18, 1999 **Federal Register** notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jayne Harkins, telephone (702) 293-8190; faxogram (702) 293-8042; E-mail at: jharkins@lc.usbr.gov or Tom Ryan, telephone (801) 524-3732, faxogram (801) 524-3858; E-mail at: tryan@uc.usbr.gov.

Dated: December 1, 1999.

David J. Hayes,

Acting Deputy Secretary of the Interior.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: United States International Trade Commission.

TIME AND DATE: December 10, 1999 at 11:00 a.m.