

be used to support the span. Other bridge alternatives considered in the Draft EIS/EIR include: Alternative BR1 (50-foot-long bridge with a raised road); Alternative BR2 (50-foot-long bridge with a low road); Alternative BR3 (150-foot-long bridge with raised road); and Alternative BR4 (266- to 300-foot-long bridge with highest road).

Scoping and Public Involvement: Between December 2002 and December 2004, 17 public meetings were held, as well as a variety of site visits and meetings with representatives of various agencies. On December 3, 2002, a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement was published in the **Federal Register**, beginning the formal scoping process for the project. The NOI identified goals for the project, and public scoping meetings were held on October 22, October 29, and November 2, 2002, with a site visit for the public held on November 9, 2002, to solicit input on the project and its potential impacts. Following these meetings, a Big Lagoon Working Group consisting of interested individuals, agencies, and organizations was formed to help develop project alternatives. The working group convened regularly in meetings that were open to the public. In addition, two alternatives workshops were held for the public on September 30 and October 4, 2003. The results of those workshops, as well as a more detailed summary of the scoping process, are presented in the Alternatives Public Workshops Report (NPS 2004). Finally, Marin County circulated a Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report on April 27, 2004, soliciting comments on the specific issues to be included in the scope of CEQA environmental review. All of these activities informed the alternatives formulation process.

Comments: Copies of the Draft EIS/EIR will be sent to affected Federal, Tribal, State and local government agencies, to interested parties, and those requesting copies. Paper and digital copies (compact disc) of the document will also be available at park headquarters and at local libraries. The complete document will be posted on the GGNRA's Web site (<http://www.nps.gov/goga>) and on NPS's Planning, Environment and Public Comment Web site (<http://parkplanning.nps.gov/goga>). All written comments must be postmarked or transmitted no later than 75 days from the date of EPA's notice of filing published in the **Federal Register** (as soon as this occurs, the confirmed close of the comment period will be posted on the Web sites noted above, and listed in all notification announcements sent

from GGNRA). Written comments will be accepted online at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/goga> (click on the project title and follow instructions), or by sending a letter addressed as follows: Superintendent, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Fort Mason, Building 201, San Francisco, CA 94123 (Attn: Muir Beach Creek and Wetland Restoration). Two public meetings will be scheduled to hear comments on the Draft EIS/EIR, approximately 30 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Please visit the project Web site (noted above) to learn more about the project, planning process, and the confirmed dates and time for the public meetings. Questions regarding this project may also be directed at any time to Steve Ortega (415) 561-4841 or via e-mail at steve_ortega@nps.gov.

All comments are maintained in the administrative record and will be available for public review at GGNRA headquarters. Please note our practice is to make comments, including names, home addresses, home phone numbers, and e-mail addresses of respondents, available for public review. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their names and/or home addresses, etc., but if you wish us to consider withholding this information you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. In addition, you must present a rationale for withholding this information. This rationale must demonstrate that disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy. Unsupported assertions will not meet this burden. In the absence of exceptional, documentable circumstances, this information will be released. We will always make submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives of or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

Decision Process: Following the analysis of all comments received concerning the Draft EIS/EIR, at this time it is anticipated that the Final EIS/EIR would be completed in spring 2007. The availability of the final documents will be announced in the **Federal Register**, and also publicized via local and regional press media, direct mailings, and Web site postings. Not sooner than thirty days after the distribution of the Final EIS/EIR, a Record of Decision may be executed (at this time it is anticipated a recommended decision would be developed in summer 2007). As a delegated EIS the approving official responsible for the final decision is the

Regional Director, Pacific West Region. Subsequently, the official responsible for implementing the approved wetland and restoration plan will be the General Superintendent, Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

Dated: October 3, 2006.

Patricia L. Neubacher,
Acting Regional Director, Pacific West Region.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

New Melones Lake Project Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement (RMP/EIS), Calaveras and Tuolumne Counties, CA

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an RMP/EIS and notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Reclamation Act of 1902, the Reclamation Project Act of 1939, and the Reclamation Recreation Management Act of 1992, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) proposes to prepare an integrated RMP/EIS for the New Melones Lake Project. Reclamation is the lead federal agency for NEPA. The RMP process is designed to evaluate current and future resource conditions for a management area and to analyze whether updated or new management actions are necessary to attain desired long-term goals.

The public is invited to participate in the planning process by submitting comments during the scoping period and the public comment period on the draft RMP/EIS. Other opportunities to participate will be described during the public scoping meetings.

DATES: Reclamation will host a series of three public scoping meetings to solicit input on the development of alternatives, concerns, and issues to be addressed in the RMP/EIS. The meeting dates and times are:

- Monday, January 29, 2007, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Sonora, CA,
- Tuesday, January 30, 2007, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Angels Camp, CA,
- Wednesday, January 31, 2007, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Manteca, CA.

ADDRESSES: Scoping meetings will be held at:

- Sonora at the Sonora Union High School Cafeteria, 251, South Barretta Street, Sonora, CA,

- Angels Camp at the Brett Harte High School Library, 323 South Main, Angels Camp, CA,

- Manteca at the Manteca High School Cafeteria, 450 East Yosemite Avenue, Manteca, CA.

Written comments on the scope of the proposed RMP/EIS should be sent by close of business on February 16, 2007 to: Ms. Elizabeth Vasquez, Natural Resource Specialist, Central California Area Office, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, 7794 Folsom Dam Road, Folsom, CA 95630, or e-mail to evasquez@mp.usbr.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Elizabeth Vasquez at 916-989-7192.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In 1976, during planning for construction of the New Melones Dam, a master plan was created to manage the various resources available at New Melones Lake. This plan and a subsequent 1995 draft resource management plan do not fulfill the need for resource management planning, due to the age of the documents, changes in visitor use over the last 30 years, and the accumulation of more complete information about the various resources managed by Reclamation as part of the New Melones Lake Project.

The RMP process is designed to evaluate current and future resource conditions for a management area and to analyze whether updated or new management actions are necessary to attain desired long-term goals. All proposed management actions will be incorporated into a single document that will guide management of biological, social, and physical resources and, when implemented, will result in the desired conditions for the management area. The associated EIS will assess the potential effects of current management actions as well as those proposed under the action alternatives. The final RMP/EIS will reflect the alternative that is deemed most preferable given the range of resources to be managed and the management tools available to Reclamation.

Reclamation has developed a preliminary list of management issues to be addressed in the RMP/EIS. These items include:

- Public health and safety;
- Recreational use;
- Interest groups;
- Traffic and transportation;
- Cultural and archaeological resources;
- Land use, including historic and proposed rights-of-way; and
- Sensitive species and habitats.

This list is not exhaustive and may increase or change as a result of public response during the scoping period.

Additional Information

Persons needing reasonable accommodations in order to attend and participate in the public meeting should contact Ms. Vasquez as soon as possible. In order to allow sufficient time to process requests, please call no later than one week before the meeting. Information regarding this proposed action is available in alternative formats upon request.

During the meetings, Reclamation representatives will present an overview of the project. Those attending the meeting will have the opportunity to submit comments, which Reclamation will consider in the development of alternatives and for analysis of environmental issues that should be addressed in the RMP and EIS. (Additional coordination meetings can be arranged with responsible/cooperating agencies and with special interest groups upon request.)

Letters describing the proposed action and soliciting comments will be sent to the appropriate federal, state, and local agencies and to private organizations and citizens who have expressed an interest or who are known to have an interest in this proposal.

Comments received in response to this notice will become part of the administrative record and are subject to public inspection. Our practice is to make comments, including names, home addresses, home phone numbers, and email addresses of respondents, available for public review. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their names and/or home addresses, etc., but if you wish us to consider withholding this information, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. In addition, you must present a rationale for withholding this information. This rationale must demonstrate that disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy. Unsupported assertions will not meet this burden. In the absence of exceptional, documentable circumstances, this information will be released. We will always make submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of

organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

Michael Nepstad,

Acting Regional Environmental Officer, Mid-Pacific Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office of Justice Programs

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comments Requested

ACTION: 30-Day notice of information collection under review:

Reinstatement of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired:

The Annual Survey of Jails. The Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget

(OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collected is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. The proposed information collected was previously published in the **Federal Register** Volume 71, Number 200, page 61071, on October 17, 2006, allowing a 30 day comment period. The purpose of this notice is to allow for an additional 30 days for public comment until January 17, 2007. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the items contained in this notice, especially the estimated public burden or associated response time, should be directed to The Officer of Management and Budget, Officer of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention Department of Justice Desk Officer, Washington DC 20503. Additionally, comments may be submitted to OMB via facsimile to (202) 395-7285.

Request written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including