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**Lance J. Bishop,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Public Meetings: Mojave-Southern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council, Nevada

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Mojave-Southern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council (RAC), will hold three meetings in Nevada in fiscal year 2015. The meetings are open to the public.

*Dates and Times:* April 24, BLM Southern Nevada District Office, 4701 N. Torrey Pines Dr., Las Vegas, Nevada; July 16-17, BLM Ely District, Caliente Field Office, 1400 S. Front Street, Caliente, Nevada; and Sept. 17, Beatty Community Center, 100 A Avenue South, Beatty, Nevada. Meeting times will be published in local and regional media sources at least 14 days before each meeting. All meetings will include a public comment period.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Chris Hanefeld, Public Affairs Specialist, Ely District Office, 702 N. Industrial Way, Ely, NV 89301, telephone: (775) 289-1842, email: [chanefel@blm.gov](mailto:chanefel@blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The 15-member Council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in Nevada. Topics for discussion at each meeting will include, but are not limited to:

- April 24 (Las Vegas)—Southern Nevada District Resource Management

Plan, Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act and Transmission Corridors.

- July 16-17 (Caliente)—Ash Springs Recreation Area, and Mountain Biking and Trails Systems.

- September 17 (Beatty)—Battle Mountain District Resource Management Plan, and Mountain Biking and Trails Systems.

Managers' reports of field office activities will be given at each meeting. The Council may raise other topics at the meetings.

Final agendas will be posted on-line at the BLM Mojave-Southern Great Basin RAC Web site at <http://bit.ly/MOSORAC> and will be published in local and regional media sources at least 14 days before each meeting.

Individuals who need special assistance such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, or who wish to receive a copy of each agenda, may contact Chris Hanefeld no later than 10 days prior to each meeting.

**Rudy Evenson,**

*Deputy Chief, Office of Communications.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Reclamation

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#### Notice of Availability for the Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report for Long-Term Water Transfers, Central Valley and Bay Area, California

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Reclamation and the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority have prepared the Long-Term Water Transfers Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR). The Final EIS/EIR addresses water transfers to Central Valley Project (CVP) contractors south of the Delta and in the San Francisco Bay area from CVP and non-CVP sources from north of the Delta using Delta pumps (both CVP and State Water Project (SWP) facilities). Water transfers could occur through various methods such as groundwater substitution, cropland idling, reservoir release, and conservation, and could include individual and multiyear transfers from 2015 through 2024.

**DATES:** Reclamation will not make a decision on the proposed action until at least 30 days after the release of the Final EIS/EIR. After the 30-day waiting period, Reclamation will complete a Record of Decision (ROD). The ROD will state the action that will be implemented and will discuss all factors leading to the decision.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written correspondence or requests for copies to Mr. Brad Hubbard, Bureau of Reclamation, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825; or via email to [bhubbard@usbr.gov](mailto:bhubbard@usbr.gov).

To request a compact disc of the Final EIS/EIR, please contact Mr. Brad Hubbard as indicated above, or call (916) 978-5204. The Final EIS/EIR may be viewed at the Bureau of Reclamation's Web site at [http://www.usbr.gov/mp/nepa/nepa\\_projdetails.cfm?Project\\_ID=18361](http://www.usbr.gov/mp/nepa/nepa_projdetails.cfm?Project_ID=18361). See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for locations where copies of the Final EIS/EIR are available for public review.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Brad Hubbard, Project Manager, Bureau of Reclamation, via email at [bhubbard@usbr.gov](mailto:bhubbard@usbr.gov), or at (916) 978-5204; or Ms. Frances Mizuno, Assistant Executive Director, San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority, via email at [frances.mizuno@sldmwa.org](mailto:frances.mizuno@sldmwa.org), or at (209) 832-6200.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Hydrologic conditions, climatic variability, and regulatory requirements for operation of water projects commonly affect water supply availability in California. Project supplies are often the primary source of water for south of Delta users, and the complex factors constraining operational decisions not only strain total annual water supplies, but regularly create mismatched timing between planting decisions and announcement of final water supply allocations, making advance planning for water shortages necessary and routine. These conditions and resulting shortages create a need for water transfers to help meet water demands.

The purpose of the Long-Term Water Transfers EIS/EIR is to facilitate voluntary water transfers from willing sellers upstream of the Delta to water users south of the Delta and in the San Francisco Bay Area. The maximum approvable quantity transferable to any contractor cannot exceed that contractor's total contract supply, but instead helps to make up for shortages. Such transfers need to be implementable within narrow annual windows for decisions on each end and flexible enough to address highly

variable shortages and annual differences in farming decisions north and south of the Delta.

The EIS/EIR analyzes four alternative actions. Alternative 1 is No Action. Alternative 2, Full Range of Transfers, is the Proposed Action. This alternative combines all potential transfer measures that met the purpose and need and were carried forward through the screening process. Alternative 3, No Cropland Modifications, includes conservation, groundwater substitution, and reservoir release. Alternative 4, No Groundwater Substitution, includes conservation, cropland idling transfers—rice, field and grains, crop shifting, and reservoir release.

Transfers of CVP supplies and transfers that require use of CVP facilities are subject to review by the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) in accordance with the Central Valley Project Improvement Act of 1992, Reclamation's water transfer guidelines, and California State law. Pursuant to Federal and State law and subject to separate written agreement, Reclamation and the Department of Water Resources would facilitate water transfers involving CVP contract water supplies and CVP and SWP facilities. Buyers and sellers would be responsible for negotiating the terms of the transfers, including amount of water for transfer, method to make water available, and price.

The EIS/EIR identifies potential selling parties in northern California, methods by which water could be made available for transfer, and maximum amounts of water available through each method. The EIS/EIR also identifies potential purchasing agencies south of the Delta and the proposed use of transfer water.

The EIS/EIR analyzes alternative transfer methods to make water available through operational flexibility of the existing system. Groundwater substitution transfers occur when sellers forego diversion of their surface water supplies and pump an equivalent amount of groundwater as an alternative supply. The purchasing agency would receive the foregone surface water supply. The quantity of water available for transfer would account for potential stream flow losses as a result of groundwater-surface water interaction. Cropland idling would make water available for transfer that would have been used for agricultural irrigation without the transfer. Typically, the proceeds from the water transfer would pay farmers to idle land that they would have placed in production. Reservoir release transfers would involve releasing water from non-Project entities

(not part of the CVP or SWP) for transfer that would have otherwise remained in storage. Conservation transfers involve actions to reduce the diversion of surface water by the transferring entity by reducing irrecoverable water losses.

Water transfers under the Proposed Action involving conveyance through the Delta would be implemented within the operational parameters of the existing system, which includes Biological Opinions on the Continued Long-term Operations of the CVP/SWP and any other regulatory restrictions in place at the time of implementation of the water transfers. Current operational parameters applicable to the transfer water include use of the SWP's Harvey O. Banks Pumping Plant and CVP's C.W. "Bill" Jones Pumping Plant during July through September only.

A Notice of Availability of the Draft EIS/EIR was published in the **Federal Register** on September 30, 2014 (79 FR 58802). The comment period on the Draft EIS/EIR ended on December 1, 2014. The Final EIS/EIR contains responses to all comments received and reflects comments and any additional information received during the review period.

Copies of the Final EIS/EIR are available for public review at the following locations:

1. Bureau of Reclamation, Mid-Pacific Region, Regional Library, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825.
2. Natural Resources Library, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW., Main Interior Building, Washington, DC 20240-0001.
3. San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority, 842 6th Street, Los Banos, CA 93635.

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Dated: February 23, 2015.

**Pablo R Arroyave,**

*Deputy Regional Director, Mid-Pacific Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Filing of Plats of Survey; Colorado

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Filing of Plats of Survey; Colorado

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Colorado State Office is publishing this notice to inform the public of the intent to officially file the survey plat listed below and afford a proper period of time to protest this action prior to the plat filing. During this time, the plat will be available for review in the BLM Colorado State Office.

**DATES:** Unless there are protests of this action, the filing of the plat described in this notice will happen on April 20, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** BLM Colorado State Office, Cadastral Survey, 2850 Youngfield Street, Lakewood, CO 80215-7093.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Randy Bloom, Chief Cadastral Surveyor for Colorado, (303) 239-3856.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The plat and field notes of the dependent resurvey and survey in Township 19 South, Range 71 West, Sixth Principal Meridian, Colorado, were accepted on March 5, 2015.

**Randy Bloom,**

*Chief Cadastral Surveyor for Colorado.*

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