

Upper Colorado Region: Bureau of Reclamation, 125 South State Street, Room 8100, Salt Lake City, Utah 84138–1102, telephone 801–524–3864.

New contract actions:

45. *Strawberry High Line Canal Company, Strawberry Valley Project, Utah:* The Strawberry High Line Canal Company has requested to allow for the carriage of non-project water held by McMullin Orchards in the High Line Canal.

46. *Mancos Water Conservancy District, Mancos Project, Colorado:* Proposed amendment to Jackson Gulch Rehabilitation Project repayment contract to provide continued funding within repayment terms that are consistent with terms of Section 9105 of Pub. L. 111–11.

Discontinued contract actions:

12. *Salem Canal and Irrigation Company, Strawberry Valley Project, Utah:* The United States intends to enter into an amendatory contract regarding possible lost generation of power revenues generated at the Spanish Fork Power Plant on the Strawberry Valley Project.

15. *Uintah Water Conservancy District, Flaming Gorge Unit, CRSP, Utah:* The District has requested a long-term water service contract to remove up to 5,500 acre-feet of water annually from the Green River for irrigation purposes under the authority of Section 9(e) of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939. A short-term contract may be executed until a long-term contract can be completed.

42. *Weber Basin Water Conservancy District, Weber Basin Project, Utah:* The District requires a Contributed Funds Act agreement for reimbursable costs not currently under contract.

Discontinued contract action from 2016:

(14) *South Cache Water Users Association, Hyrum Project, Utah:* The Association has requested a loan under Pub. L. 111–11 to pipe approximately 2,100 linear-feet of the Hyrum Mendon Canal.

Completed contract actions:

31. *East Wanship Irrigation Company, Weber Basin Project, Utah:* The Company has requested a supplemental O&M agreement to modify the Federal facilities below Wanship Dam to install a pipe from its current point of delivery to the end of the Primary Jurisdiction Zone. Contract executed May 24, 2017.

34. *North Fork Water Conservancy District and Ragged Mountain Water Users Association, Paonia Project, Colorado:* An existing contract for 2,000 acre-feet expired on December 31, 2016. The parties requested a 5-year contract that began when the existing contract

expired. The new contract will be for up to 2,000 acre-feet of water for irrigation and M&I uses. Up to 200 acre-feet will be available for M&I uses. Contract executed April 12, 2017.

41. *Weber Basin Water Conservancy District, Weber Basin Project, Utah:* The District requires an amendment to its block notices for construction costs not currently under repayment. Contract executed July 31, 2017.

Completed contract action from 2016:
(37) *Grand Valley Water Users Association and Orchard Mesa ID, Grand Valley Project, Colorado:* A contract for repayment of extraordinary maintenance of the Grand Valley Power Plant funded pursuant to Subtitle G of Pub. L. 111–11. Contract executed September 13, 2016.

Great Plains Region: Bureau of Reclamation, P.O. Box 36900, Federal Building, 2021 4th Avenue North, Billings, Montana 59101, telephone 406–247–7752.

New contract actions:

34. *Bureau of Land Management, Fryingpan-Arkansas Project, Colorado:* Consideration of excess capacity contracting to store water in the Fryingpan-Arkansas Project.

35. *Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District, Fryingpan-Arkansas Project, Colorado:* Consideration of amending Contract no. 5–07–70–W0086 to create a reserve fund and convert or renew Contract no. 5–07–70–W0086.

36. *Fresno Dam, Milk River Project, Montana:* Consideration of contract(s) for repayment of SOD costs.

Discontinued contract action:

28. *Avalanche ID; Canyon Ferry Unit, P–SMBP; Montana:* Proposal to negotiate, execute, and administer a long-term water service contract to irrigate up to 11,000 acres of land with water from Canyon Ferry Reservoir.

Completed contract actions:

13. *Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District, Colorado-Big Thompson Project, Colorado:* Amend or supplement the 1938 repayment contract to include the transfer of OM&R for Carter Lake Dam Additional Outlet Works and Flatiron Power Plant Bypass facilities. Contract executed August 3, 2017.

14. *Van Amundson; Jamestown Reservoir, Garrison Diversion Unit, P–SMBP; North Dakota:* Intent to enter into an individual long-term irrigation water service contract to provide up to 285 acre-feet of water annually for a term of up to 40 years from Jamestown Reservoir, North Dakota. Contract executed April 18, 2017.

18. *Midvale ID; Riverton Unit, P–SMBP; Wyoming:* Consideration of a

contract with the District for repayment of SOD costs at Bull Lake Dam. Contract executed June 20, 2017.

29. *Oxbow Ranch; Canyon Ferry Unit, P–SMBP; Montana:* Proposal to negotiate, execute, and administer a long-term water service contract for multiple purposes with water from Canyon Ferry Reservoir. Contract executed April 18, 2017.

31. *Ainsworth ID; Ainsworth Unit, P–SMBP; Montana:* Consideration of a contract with the District for repayment of SOD costs at Merritt Dam. Contract executed July 25, 2017.

Dated: October 18, 2017.

Karl Stock,

Acting Director, Policy and Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

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Change in Discount Rate for Water Resources Planning

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of change in discount rate.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Reclamation is announcing the interest rate to be used by Federal agencies in the formulation and evaluation of plans for water and related land resources is 2.750 percent for fiscal year 2018.

DATES: This discount rate is to be used for the period October 1, 2017, through and including September 30, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. DeShawn Woods, Bureau of Reclamation, Reclamation Law Administration Division, P.O. Box 25007, Denver, Colorado 80225; telephone 303–445–2900.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Water Resources Planning Act of 1965 and the Water Resources Development Act of 1974 require an annual determination of a discount rate for Federal water resources planning. The discount rate for Federal water resources planning for fiscal year 2018 is 2.750 percent. Discounting is to be used to convert future monetary values to present values.

This rate has been computed in accordance with Section 80(a), Public Law 93–251 (88 Stat. 34), and 18 CFR 704.39, which: (1) Specify that the rate will be based upon the average yield during the preceding fiscal year on

interest-bearing marketable securities of the United States which, at the time the computation is made, have terms of 15 years or more remaining to maturity (average yield is rounded to nearest one-eighth percent); and (2) provide that the rate will not be raised or lowered more than one-quarter of 1 percent for any year. The U.S. Department of the Treasury calculated the specified average to be 2.7118 percent. This rate, rounded to the nearest one-eighth percent, is 2.750 percent, which is a change of less than the allowable one-quarter of 1 percent. Therefore, the fiscal year 2018 rate is 2.750 percent.

The rate of 2.750 percent will be used by all Federal agencies in the formulation and evaluation of water and related land resources plans for the purpose of discounting future benefits and computing costs or otherwise converting benefits and costs to a common-time basis.

Dated: October 23, 2017.

Ruth Welch,

Director, Policy and Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Period Extension; Consumer Expenditure Surveys: Quarterly Interview and Diary

ACTION: Notice of availability; Extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: At the request of the Office of Management (OMB) and Budget, the Department of Labor (DOL) is extending the comment period for the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) sponsored information collection request (ICR) revision titled, "Consumer Expenditure Surveys: Quarterly Interview and Diary." The ICR is under OMB review and approval for use in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995.

DATES: The OMB will consider all written comments that agency receives on or before January 17, 2018.

ADDRESSES: A copy of this ICR with applicable supporting documentation; including a description of the likely respondents, proposed frequency of response, and estimated total burden may be obtained free of charge by contacting Michel Smyth by telephone at 202-693-4129, TTY 202-693-8064, (these are not toll-free numbers) or

sending an email to DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

Submit comments about this request by mail or courier to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for DOL-BLS, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503; by Fax: 202-395-5806 (this is not a toll-free number); or by email: OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov. Commenters are encouraged, but not required, to send a courtesy copy of any comments by mail or courier to the U.S. Department of Labor-OASAM, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Attn: Departmental Information Compliance Management Program, Room N1301, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210; or by email: DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michel Smyth by telephone at 202-693-4129, TTY 202-693-8064, (these are not toll-free numbers) or sending an email to DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This ICR seeks approval under the PRA for revisions to the Consumer Expenditure Surveys: Quarterly Interview and Diary. The BLS uses the Consumer Expenditure Surveys to gather information on expenditures, income, and other related subjects. The data is updated periodically in the national Consumer Price Index. In addition, the data is used by a variety of researchers in academia, government agencies, and the private sector. The data is collected from a national probability sample of households designed to represent the total civilian non-institutional population. This revision request includes the addition of a veterans question, outlet questions, and a study of the worksheet. The Census Authorizing Statute and BLS Authorizing Statute authorize this information collection. See 13 U.S.C. 8b and 29 U.S.C. 2.

This information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless it is approved by the OMB under the PRA and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information that does not display a valid Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6. The DOL obtains OMB approval for this information collection under Control

Number 1220-0050. The current approval is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2019; however, the DOL notes that existing information collection requirements submitted to the OMB receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review. New requirements would only take effect upon OMB approval. For additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notices published in the **Federal Register** on August 8, 2017, 82 FR 37115, and December 1, 2017, 82 FR 56966.

Interested parties are encouraged to send comments to the OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section within seven (7) days of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. In order to help ensure appropriate consideration, comments should mention OMB Control Number 1220-0050. The OMB is particularly interested in comments that:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Agency: DOL-BLS.

Title of Collection: Consumer Expenditure Surveys: Quarterly Interview and Diary.

OMB Control Number: 1220-0050.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 11,765.

Total Estimated Number of Responses: 51,420.

Total Estimated Annual Time Burden: 51,484 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: \$0.

Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D).