

the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of October 21, 1976 (90 Stat. 2776; 43 U.S.C. 1761).

3. The provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act amended and to all applicable regulations of the Secretary of the Interior.

4. No portion of the land covered by such patent shall under any circumstances revert to the United States.

For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice, interested parties may submit comments to the District Manager, Grand Junction District Office, Bureau of Land Management, 2815 H Road, Grand Junction, Colorado 81506. Any adverse comments will be evaluated by the State Director, who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action. In the absence of any adverse comments, this realty action will become the final determination of the Department of the Interior.

Dated: December 7, 1998.

**Mark Morse,**

*District Manager.*

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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 and renamed the Criteria for Evaluating Water Conservation Plans to 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 January 22, 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 Public Law 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 or 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 contract 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 (BMPs) for Agricultural Contractors.
4. BMPs for Urban Contractors.
5. Exemption Process.

Tulare Irrigation District 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 located in Sacramento, California and MP's South-Central California Area Office located in Fresno, California. If you wish to review a copy of the plan, please contact Ms. Billingsley to find the office nearest you.

Dated: November 9, 1998.

**Robert F. Stackhouse,**

*Regional Resources Manager, Mid-Pacific Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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### Bureau of Reclamation

#### Proposed Sacramento County Water Agency and San Juan Water District Central Valley Project Water Service Contracts Under Public Law 101-514, Sacramento County, California

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of final environmental impact statement/final environmental impact report (FEIS/FEIR).

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Policy Act (CEQA), the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) and the Sacramento County Water Agency (Agency) as lead agencies have prepared a joint FEIS/FEIR for the proposed Agency and San Juan Water District (District) Central Valley Project water service contracts for use in Sacramento County, California, and construction and operation of a temperature control device (TCD) on the water supply intake at Folsom Dam. Reclamation and the Agency prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIS/DEIR) for the proposed contracts in July 1997. The Agency sent out a recirculated DEIR in August 1998 for a 45-day review.

The purpose of the FEIS/FEIR is to address the potential environmental and socioeconomic impacts resulting from the execution of water service contracts with the Agency and the District, and from the TCD. The FEIS/FEIR includes all comments received on the DEIS/DEIR (including the recirculated DEIR) and responses to those comments.

**DATES:** No Federal decision will be made on the proposed action until January 22, 1999. After this 30-day waiting period, Reclamation will