

portions of San Bernardino County, California.

SUMMARY: This document provides notice that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) intends to prepare a Resource Management Plan (RMP) with an associated Environmental Impact Statement for the Lake Havasu Field Office. This field office is currently managing the resources under portions of four different Land Use Plans (LUP): Yuma District RMP 1985, Kingman RMP 1995, Lower Gila North Management Framework Plan (MFP) 1983, and Lower Gila South RMP 1988. The proposed plan will meet the needs and obligations set forth by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), and BLM management policies. This notice initiates the public scoping process to examine proposed issues and planning criteria.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The modification of the Lake Havasu Field Office boundaries has necessitated creation of the Lake Havasu RMP. Currently the office is managing resources under four different Land Use Plans (LUP): Yuma District RMP 1985, Kingman RMP 1995, Lower Gila North MFP 1983, and the Lower Gila South RMP 1988. The proposal is to revise and update the previous plans and combine them into one RMP for the Lake Havasu Field Office. This action requires an EIS level analysis, followed by an approved RMP and Record of Decision (ROD). Public meetings will be held throughout the plan scoping and preparation period. Meetings will be held in the communities of Parker, Lake Havasu City, and Bullhead City, Arizona, to ensure local participation and input. At least 15 days public notice will be given for meetings/activities where the public is invited to attend. Written comments will also be accepted throughout the planning process at the address below. Meetings and comment deadlines will be announced through the mailings, local news media, and the BLM web site (www.az.blm.gov). Additional public participation and input will be provided through comment on the alternatives and the BLM Draft RMP/ Draft EIS. Documents pertinent to this proposal may be examined at the Lake Havasu Field Office located in Lake Havasu City, Arizona or via the BLM web site. Early participation by all those interested is encouraged and will help determine the future management of the Lake Havasu Resource Management Area.

Preliminary issues and management concerns have been received internally from BLM personnel, other agencies,

tribes and at meetings with individuals and user groups. This input represents the BLM understanding to date on issues and concerns with current management practices. Major issues to be addressed in the plan include, but are not limited to: 1) Protection of natural and cultural resources; 2) Management of public activities and uses; 3) Consistency with other agencies and community plans; 4) Facilities and infrastructures to provide visitor services and administration; 5) Transportation and access management.

After gathering public comments on what issues the plan should address, the suggested issues will be placed in one of three categories:

1. Issues to be resolved in the plan
2. Issues resolved through policy or administrative action.
3. Issues beyond the scope of this plan.

Rationale will be provided for each issue in Category 2 or 3. In addition to the preceding major issues, questions and concerns to be addressed include: ecosystem health, riparian condition, threatened and endangered species habitat, wildlife habitat, biodiversity, reintroduction of native species, wilderness values and management, cultural resource protection and interpretation, recreation/visitor use, rangeland management, and minerals management. The following disciplines will be represented on the BLM planning team: recreation, wildlife, range management, fire ecology, wilderness, geology, realty, cultural resources, soils, hydrology, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), and engineering.

Background Information

The plan will address and incorporate BLM policies, regulations and management directives. The BLM Lake Havasu Field Office manages approximately 1.3 million acres of Public Land in Arizona and California. The mission statement is: "Provide quality outdoor recreation opportunities and meet community expansion demands along the Colorado River, managing resources wisely. Foster responsible stewardship of the Public Lands through resource protection, public outreach and education." The BLM intends to conduct formal scoping until January 31, 2002, to formulate alternative management strategies. During the winter of 2002, the team will hold field discussions and public meetings on each management alternative. The Draft RMP/Draft EIS will be issued for public comment by January 2003. The proposed RMP and Final EIS will be published by

September of 2003, the approved RMP and ROD will be published by December 2003.

Comments

Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the address below during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

ADDRESSES: For further information, future mailings, and to register comments, contact Catherine L. Wolff-White, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, Bureau of Land Management Lake Havasu Field Office, 2610 Sweetwater Drive, Lake Havasu City, AZ 86406. Phone: 928-505-1309, Fax 520-505-1208.

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Donald Ellsworth,

Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Notice and Agenda for Meeting of the Royalty Policy Committee of the Minerals Management Advisory Board

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of the Interior established a Royalty Policy Committee on the Minerals Management Advisory Board to provide advice on the Department's management of Federal and Indian minerals leases, revenues, and other minerals-related policies. Committee membership includes representatives from States, Indian tribes, allottee organizations, minerals industry associations, the general public, and Federal departments. At this thirteenth meeting, the committee will again consider minority and majority reports on sodium/potassium draft

valuation regulations. The Coal and Accounting Relief for Marginal Properties Subcommittees will also present reports. A discussion will be held on the appeals process. MMS will present reports on coal waste piles, program reengineering, RIK operations, and the Wyoming and Texas Section 8g royalty-in-kind pilot evaluations. Panels comprised of MMS and guest presenters will discuss topical energy issues such as proposed energy bills and the Administration's National Energy Policy, and the status of MMS's new financial management system.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 18, 2001, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mountain Standard time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Denver West Hotel, 360 Union Boulevard, Lakewood, Colorado, telephone number (303) 987-2000 or (720) 963-2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Gary Fields, Royalty Policy Committee Coordinator, Minerals Revenue Management, Minerals Management Service, P.O. Box 25165, MS 300B3, Denver, CO 80225-0165, telephone number (303) 231-3102, fax number (303) 231-3780, email gary.fields@mms.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The location and dates of future meetings will be published in the **Federal Register** and posted on the Internet at www.mrm.mms.gov/Laws_R_D/RoyPC/RoyPC.htm. The meetings will be open to the public without advance registration. Public attendance may be limited to the space available. Members of the public may make statements during the meetings, to the extent time permits, and file written statements with the committee for its consideration. Written statements should be submitted to Mr. Fields at the email or mailing address listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Transcripts of committee meetings will be available 2 weeks after each meeting for public inspection and copying at MMS, Building 85, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado. Meeting minutes will be posted on the Internet at www.mrm.mms.gov/Laws_R_D/RoyPC/RoyPC.htm approximately 1 month after the meeting. These meetings are being held under the authority of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, 5 U.S.C. Appendix 1, and Office of Management and Budget Circular No. A-63, revised.

Dated: July 20, 2001.

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Associate Director for Minerals Revenue Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency Basin Management Plan Update Project, Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties, CA

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS).

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) proposes to prepare an EIS for Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency's (PVWMA) Basin Management Plan Update Project.

The Proposed Action is the approval of the connection of a pipeline to the Santa Clara Conduit, the delivery to and use of Central Valley Project (CVP) water in the Pajaro Valley, and the funding for the design, planning, and construction of a recycled water facility. CVP water to be delivered includes an existing contract assignment from the Mercy Springs Water District to PVWMA, and additional CVP water supplies, including additional contract assignments as required to balance water demands with water supplies in the Pajaro Valley Basin. The facilities that would be constructed for the Proposed Action include a 23-mile-long pipeline and tertiary treatment facilities at the existing Watsonville Wastewater Treatment Plant. Once constructed, these facilities would be operated and maintained by the PVWMA to provide a long-term supplemental supply of water to balance water demands with water supplies in the Pajaro Valley Basin. The Proposed Action is intended to address groundwater overdraft and seawater intrusion problems in the Pajaro Valley Basin.

Through an initial scoping meeting, Reclamation will seek public input on this and other alternatives for consideration in the EIS.

DATES: The scoping meeting will be held in Watsonville, California, on August 29, 2001, at 6 p.m.

Submit written comments on the scope of the alternatives and impacts to be considered on or before October 2, 2001.

ADDRESSES: The scoping meeting will be held at the Watsonville Senior Center, 114 East 5th Street, Watsonville, CA 95076.

Written comments on the scope of the alternatives and impacts to be considered should be sent to Mr. David Young, Bureau of Reclamation, South-Central California Area Office, 1243 N Street, Fresno, CA 93721-1813; or by telephone at (559) 487-5127; or faxed to (559) 487-5130 (TDD 559-487-5933).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. David Young, Bureau of Reclamation, (559) 487-5127; or Mr. Charles McNiesh, Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency, (831) 722-9292.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency

The Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency (PVWMA) was formed in 1984 and was charged with protecting and managing the water supplies of the Pajaro Valley and developing additional water supplies necessary to meet existing and future water needs. The PVWMA was formed in response to groundwater overdraft and seawater intrusion problems in the groundwater basin, which were first identified in 1953. The PVWMA service area encompasses approximately 79,000 acres of irrigated agricultural lands and non-irrigated lands in Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz Counties; the City of Watsonville; and the unincorporated communities of Pajaro, Freedom, Corralitos, and Aromas.

Basin Management Plan (BMP) Update Project

The BMP Update is the water supply management plan developed by PVWMA to balance water demands with water supplies in the Pajaro Valley Basin. The draft BMP update will be available in the fall of 2001 (the last version, entitled the draft Basin Management Plan 2000, was published May 30, 2000). The BMP Update modifies water supply planning information presented in previous studies (including the Basin Management Plan, 1993), defines water supply planning objectives, and outlines a Local-Import Alternative and a Local-Only Alternative. The Proposed Actions to be evaluated in the EIS (connection of a pipeline to the Santa Clara Conduit, the delivery to and use of CVP water in the Pajaro Valley, and the funding for the design, planning, and construction of a recycled water facility) are associated primarily with the Local-Import Alternative; however, Federal funding for a recycled water facility is