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NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUE FOR RENEWAL OF THE STANDARD FORM SACRAMENTO RIVER SETTLEMENT CONTRACTS

Reclamation and its Sacramento River Settlement Contractors will continue negotiating the renewal of the Standard Form Contracts. Reclamation has made available the Draft Standard Irrigation Form of Contract, accessible online at www.mp.usbr.gov/srsc/index.html. The next negotiation session is scheduled as follows:

In Willows

Wednesday, May 22

10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District

344 East Laurel Street

A total of 145 existing Sacramento River Settlement contracts will be negotiated, 56 Standard Form Contracts and 89 Short Form Contracts. An initial negotiation session will be scheduled at a later date for the Short Form Contracts. The basic difference between the two forms of contract are the number of acres covered by the contract. The existing Settlement Contracts were originally executed in 1964 with a term not to exceed 40 years. All of these contracts expire on March 31, 2004. The total amount of water under both Standard and Short Form Contracts is approximately 2.2 million acre-feet and covers a total of almost 440,000 acres of land bordering the Sacramento River and its tributaries between Redding and Sacramento.

The contract negotiations are open to the public, and members of the media and other interested parties are encouraged to attend. Dates, times, and locations of scheduled negotiation sessions are subject to change on short notice; please check the website for possible changes. Information on available documents can also be obtained by accessing Reclamation's website. For additional details on the negotiation process, please contact Don Bultema at 530-934-1361, TDD 530-934-7089.

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