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NEGOTIATION SESSION RESCHEDULED **FOR RENEWAL OF THE STANDARD FORM SACRAMENTO RIVER** **SETTLEMENT CONTRACTS**

At the request of the Sacramento River Settlement Contractors, the next negotiation session has been rescheduled to Wednesday, June 5, 2002. The contractors have requested to reschedule the negotiation session to allow for additional time to review the Draft Standard Irrigation Form of Contract and prepare for the upcoming negotiation session. The draft form of contract is accessible online at www.mp.usbr.gov/srsc/index.html. The negotiation session has been rescheduled as follows:

In Willows

Wednesday, June 5

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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