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Interested Persons, Organizations, and Agencies

Subject: Narrows Project Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS)

Dear Interested Persons, Organizations, and Agencies:

We have completed the SDEIS in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. As stated in a Notice of Intent published in the *Federal Register* on November 25, 2003, this document was prepared in compliance with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. A CD copy of the document is enclosed for your review and comment.

The Narrows Project SDEIS describes the effects of the Bureau of Reclamation issuing to the Sanpete Water Conservancy District (SWCD) a loan pursuant to the authority of the Small Reclamation Projects Act (SRPA), as amended, as well as issuing to the SWCD a right of use of Federal lands in accordance with Reclamation law. These Reclamation actions would facilitate the construction by SWCD of the proposed Narrows Dam and reservoir, a non-Federal project proposed to be located on Gooseberry Creek in Sanpete County, Utah. The loan application and request for a right of use of Federal lands by SWCD to build the Narrows Project is intended to meet SWCD's purpose of developing an irrigation and municipal and industrial supply source for water users in northern Sanpete County, Utah.

The SDEIS updates information and analyses contained in the Narrow Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) published in March 1998. The SDEIS discloses the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects of the proposed action and alternative actions for water development in northern Sanpete County, Utah. The SDEIS describes and analyzes the potential effects of three action alternatives and a no action alternative.

Reclamation's release of this SDEIS does not imply either approval or denial of the SRPA loan application or the request for authorization to use withdrawn lands. If Reclamation approves the SRPA loan and right of use of Federal lands in accordance with Reclamation law, and Congress appropriates the necessary funds, a supplemental water supply would be developed by SWCD. Most of the reservoir basin would be located on adjacent, privately-owned land. A dam and reservoir would be constructed on Gooseberry Creek and 5,400 acre-feet of water would be diverted annually through an existing tunnel and a proposed pipeline to Cottonwood Creek; the existing tunnel would be rehabilitated. Pipelines would be constructed to deliver the water to

existing water distribution systems. Recreation facilities would be developed and a 2,500-acre-foot minimum pool for fish habitat would be provided. The resulting water storage and delivery system would be a non-Federal project owned and operated by SWCD.

The public is invited to provide comments on the SDEIS during a 63-day public review and comment period. Comments may be provided to Reclamation's Provo Area Office up until **Tuesday, June 1, 2010**. Written comments should be addressed to:

Bureau of Reclamation
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Provo, UT 84606-7317
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Comments may also be submitted via e-mail to narrowsSDEIS@usbr.gov. The SDEIS is also available for review on Reclamation's website at: www.usbr.gov/uc/envdocs/index.html. Please note that when providing comments on the SDEIS there is no need to refer to the previously published 1998 DEIS which contains out-of-date information. The SDEIS is a complete document containing all relevant information from the earlier DEIS as well as new and updated information.

Copies of the SDEIS are available for public review and inspection at the following locations:

- Bureau of Reclamation, Upper Colorado Regional Office, 125 South State Street, Room 7418, Salt Lake City, Utah 84138-1102
- Bureau of Reclamation, Provo Area Office, 302 East 1860 South, Provo, Utah 84606-7317
- Utah State Clearinghouse, Attention: Tenielle Young, Governor's Office of Planning and Budget, Utah State Capitol Complex, Suite E210, P.O. Box 142210, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-2210
- Manti Public Library, 50 South Main Street, Manti, Utah 84642
- Price Public Library, 159 East Main Street, Price, Utah 84501
- Salt Lake City Public Library, 210 East 400 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

Public hearings will be held during the month of April in Manti and Price, Utah. The purpose of the public hearings is for Reclamation to receive comments from the public. Comments will not be addressed during the public hearings. The public hearings will be recorded by a court reporter and all hearing statements (oral and written) will become part of the public record for this SDEIS. Before including your name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from the public, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. In accordance with NEPA, all comments received, whether oral or written, are given full and equal consideration.

The public hearings schedule is as follows:

- Wednesday, April 28, 2010, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Manti City Hall, 50 South Main Street, 2nd Floor, Manti, Utah
- Thursday, April 29, 2010, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Price Civic Auditorium, 185 East Main Street, Price, Utah

If special assistance is required regarding accessibility accommodations for attendance at either of the public hearings, please contact Mr. Peter Crookston using the information given above no less than 5 working days prior to the applicable hearing(s).

We look forward to your comments and appreciate the chance to provide Federal, state, and tribal entities, as well as the general public, an opportunity for involvement in Reclamation's planning and decision-making process.

If you would like a paper copy or additional CD copies of the SDEIS, please contact Mr. Peter Crookston. Thank you for participating in this environmental review process.

Sincerely,


Larry Walkoviak
Regional Director

Enclosure