

RECLAMATION

Managing Water in the West

Public Meeting Scheduled on the New Melones Revised Plan of Operation

**Friday, December 16, 2005
10:00 a.m. to noon**

The Bureau of Reclamation is initiating a process to revise the operating plan for New Melones Reservoir. The New Melones Revised Plan of Operation (NMRPO) will replace the Interim Plan of Operations (IPO) and will define how New Melones Reservoir will be operated to meet regulatory commitments and demands for use of Central Valley Project (CVP) water supplies from the Stanislaus River.

A public meeting is being held to inform interested persons about the NMRPO. The meeting will be held on Friday, December 16, 2005, 10 am to noon at the Stockton-San Joaquin County Cesar Chavez Central Library, Stewart-Hazelton Room, 605 N. El Dorado St., Stockton.

In addition to existing demands for CVP water supplies, ongoing and newly authorized projects and programs are underway that may change regulatory requirements of the CVP and resulting demands on New Melones Reservoir. The NMRPO process will take into account actions, regulations and decisions that may affect the operations of New Melones Reservoir, as well as incorporate the best available science with regard to water quality and fishery flow objectives.

Additional information about the process can be obtained by contacting Ms. Michelle Light, NMRPO Program Manager, at 916-978-5196 e-mail 2nmrpo@mp.usbr.gov or by visiting the NMRPO web site at <http://www.usbr.gov/mp/cao/nmrpo>