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San Joaquin River Restoration Program

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Project Description

The San Joaquin River Restoration Program is a program project with the goals of improving channel capacity, fish habitat needs, flood protection, fish passage fish screening, and water management. As site specific projects are developed, additional CEQA documents shall be prepared.

Project Lead Agency

Water Resources, Department of

Contact Information

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Project Location

County: Fresno, Madera, Merced, Tulare, Kern
City: Fresno
Region:
Cross Streets:
Parcel No:
Township:
Range:
Section:
Base:

Other Location Info:

Proximity To

Highways:

Airports:

Railways:

Waterways:

Schools:

Land Use:

Development Type

Other

Local Action

Project Issues

Aesthetic/Visual, Geologic/Seismic, Economics/Jobs, Flood Plain/Flooding, Minerals, Noise, Recreation/Parks, Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading, Traffic/Circulation, Vegetation, Water Quality, Water Supply, Wetland/Riparian, Wildlife, Landuse, Cumulative Effects, Agricultural Land, Air Quality, Archaeologic-Historic

Reviewing Agencies (Agencies in **Bold Type** submitted comment letters to the State Clearinghouse)

Department of Water Resources; Resources Agency; Department of Boating and Waterways; Department of Conservation; Office of Historic Preservation; Department of Parks and Recreation; Reclamation Board; **Department of Fish and Game, Region 4**; Department of Health Services; Office of Emergency Services; **Native American Heritage Commission**; State Lands Commission; California Highway Patrol; Caltrans, District 6; State Water Resources Control Board, Clean Water Program; State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Quality; State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights; Regional Water Quality Control Bd., Region 5 (Fresno)

Date Received: 8/24/2007 **Start of Review:** 8/24/2007 **End of Review:** 9/24/2007

Members will also hear status reports on activities in the Arcata, Redding and Ukiah field offices and the California Coastal National Monument. All meetings are open to the public. Members of the public may present written comments to the council. Each formal council meeting will have time allocated for public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to speak, and the time available, the time for individual comments may be limited. Members of the public are welcome on field tours, but they must provide their own transportation and lunch. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation and other reasonable accommodations, should contact the BLM as provided above.

Dated: July 26, 2007.

Joseph J. Fontana,
Public Affairs Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

San Joaquin River Restoration Program

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to prepare a Program Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (PEIS/EIR) and Notice of Scoping Meetings.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) and the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) propose to prepare a PEIS/EIR for the San Joaquin River Restoration Program (Program). The proposed Program is expected to be implemented by Reclamation, Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), the California Department of Fish and Game (DFG), and the DWR.

DATES: Four scoping meetings will be held to solicit public input on alternatives, concerns, and issues to be addressed in the PEIS/EIR. The meeting dates are:

- Tuesday, August 28, 2007, 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Tulare, CA
- Wednesday, August 29, 2007, 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Fresno, CA
- Thursday, August 30, 2007, 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Los Banos, CA

- Monday, September 10, 2007, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., Sacramento, CA

Written comments on the scope of the PEIS/EIR should be sent by September 21, 2007 to Ms. Margaret Gidding, Bureau of Reclamation, 2800 Cottage Way MP-140, Sacramento, CA 95825 or via e-mail at mgidding@mp.usbr.gov.

ADDRESSES: The scoping meeting locations are:

- International Agri-Center, Banquet Hall, 4450 S. Laspinas St., Tulare, CA 93274
- Piccadilly Inn, University, Ballroom, 4961 North Cedar Ave., Fresno, CA 93726
- Merced County Fairgrounds, Germino Room, 403 F St., Los Banos, CA 93635
- Library Galleria, 828 I St., Sacramento, CA 95814

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Margaret Gidding at the above address, by telephone at 916-978-5104, TDD 916-978-5608 or via fax at 916-978-5114. Additional information is available online at <http://www.restoresjr.com>. If special assistance is required at one of the scoping meetings, please contact Ms. Margaret Gidding via the phone number or e-mail listed above no less than five working days prior to the meetings.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Development of the PEIS/EIR for the Program is being carried out under Congressional authorization granted to the Secretary of the Interior under section 3406(c)(1) of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA) and will serve as the initial planning and environmental review activities necessary to implement the Settlement described below.

In 1992, Congress passed the CVPIA (Pub. L. 102-575, Title XXXIV) in order to protect, restore, and enhance fish, wildlife, and associated habitats in California's Central Valley. Specifically, CVPIA Section 3406(c)(1) requires the Secretary of the Interior to "[d]evelop a comprehensive plan, which is reasonable, prudent, and feasible, to address fish, wildlife, and habitat concerns on the San Joaquin River, including but not limited to the streamflow, channel, riparian habitat, and water quality improvements that would be needed to reestablish where necessary and to sustain naturally reproducing anadromous fisheries from Friant Dam to its confluence with the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary."

In 1988, a coalition of environmental groups, led by the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), filed a lawsuit challenging the renewal of the long-term water service contracts between the

United States and the Central Valley Project, Friant Division contractors. After more than 18 years of litigation of this lawsuit, known as the *Natural Resources Defense Council et al., v. Rodgers, et al.*, a Settlement was reached. On September 13, 2006, the Settling Parties reached agreement on the terms and conditions of the Settlement which was subsequently approved by the Court on October 23, 2006. The "Settling Parties" include the NRDC, Friant Water Users Authority, and the Departments of the Interior and Commerce.

The Settlement is based on two parallel goals:

- To restore and maintain fish populations in "good condition" in the main stem of the San Joaquin River below Friant Dam to the confluence of the Merced River, including naturally reproducing and self-sustaining populations of salmon and other fish (Restoration Goal); and

- To reduce or avoid adverse water supply impacts to all of the Friant Division long-term contractors that may result from the Interim Flows and Restoration Flows provided for in the Settlement (Water Management Goal).

The Settlement states that the Secretary of the Interior will implement the terms and conditions of the Settlement. Additionally, the Settling Parties agreed that implementation of the Settlement will also require participation of the State of California (State). Therefore, concurrent with the execution of the Settlement, the Settling Parties entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the State (by and through the California Resources Agency, DWR, DFG, and the California Environmental Protection Agency) regarding the State's role in the implementation of the Settlement. The "implementing agencies", which include Reclamation, USFWS, NMFS, DWR, and DFG, are responsible for the management of the Program to implement the Settlement.

Public Disclosure

Before including your name, address, phone 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 can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: July 27, 2007.

John F. Davis,

Deputy Regional Director, Mid-Pacific Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed New Collection; Comments Requested

ACTION: 60-Day Notice of Information Collection Under Review: CJIS Customer Satisfaction Surveys

The Department of Justice (DOJ), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with review procedures of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for "sixty days" until [--]. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

If you have comments, especially on the estimated public burden or associated response time, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact Ashley K. Grove, IT Specialist, Federal Bureau of Investigation, CJIS Division, Module D3, 1000 Custer Hollow Road, Clarksburg, West Virginia 26306-0151, or facsimile at (304) 625-3457.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency/component, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies/components estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to

respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of this Information Collection:

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Revision of a previously approved collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* CJIS Customer Satisfaction Surveys.

(3) *Agency Form Number, if any, and the applicable component of the department sponsoring the collection:* Form Number: 1-760, 1-761, 1-762, 1-763, 1-764, 1-765, 1-766, 1-770.

Criminal Justice Information Services Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

(4) *Affected Public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:*

Primary: State, local or tribal governments. Other: Federal Government and business or other for-profit.

Brief Abstract: The FBI established the CJIS Division to serve as the focal point and central repository for criminal justice information services within the FBI. The CJIS Division is responsible for the following programs administered by the FBI for the benefit of local, state, federal, and foreign criminal justice agencies: Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System; Law Enforcement Online; National Crime Information Center; National Instant Criminal Background Check System—Federal Firearm Licensees; National Instant Criminal Background Check System—Point of Contact and Partial Point of Contact States; Uniform Crime Reporting; Interstate Identification Index; and the CJIS Division Intelligence Group.

CJIS will be conducting a customer service survey for each of the eight aforementioned programs. These surveys will be used to establish approval rating baselines of CJIS Division services in addition to identifying areas where our services can be improved or new services established to assist the criminal justice community with the performance of their official duties.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:*

Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System – Respondents = 400, Average Completion Time = 4 minutes; Law Enforcement Online –

Respondents = 400, Average Completion Time = 2 minutes; National Crime Information Center – Respondents = 400, Average Completion Time = 3 minutes; National Instant Criminal Background Check System – Federal Firearm Licensees – Respondents = 400, Average Completion Time = 2 minutes; National Instant Criminal Background Check System – Point of Contact and Partial Point of Contact – Respondents = 21, Average Completion Time = 11 minutes; Uniform Crime Reporting – Respondents = 400, Average Completion Time = 3 minutes; Interstate Identification Index – Respondents = 400, Average Completion Time = 3 minutes; and the CJIS Division Intelligence Group – Respondents = 400, Average Completion Time = 3 minutes.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:*

There are an estimated 137 total public burden hours associated with this collection. If additional information is required contact: Ms. Lynn Bryant, Department Clearance Officer, Policy and Planning Staff, Justice Management Division, United States Department of Justice, Patrick Henry Building, Suite 1600, 601 D Street, NW., Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: July 27, 2007.

Lynn Bryant,

Department Clearance Officer, PRA, United States Department of Justice.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office of Justice Programs

[OMB Number 1121-NEW]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comments Requested

ACTION: 60-Day Notice of Information Collection Under Review: 2007 Census of Law Enforcement Aviation Units.

The Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS), will be submitting the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for "sixty days" until October 1, 2007. This

Public Scoping Meetings on the San Joaquin River Restoration Program EIS/EIR

The Bureau of Reclamation and the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) intend to prepare a Program Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report for the San Joaquin River Restoration Program. The Program is expected to be implemented by five agencies: Reclamation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Marine Fisheries Service, the California Department of Fish and Game, and DWR. The joint document will be prepared in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act and the California Environmental Quality Act.

As part of the process, four public scoping meetings will be held to provide individuals an opportunity to submit verbal or written comments on the scope of the environmental document.

Public Scoping Meetings

Tulare, Tuesday, August 28, 6 - 8:30 p.m.

International Agri-Center, Banquet Hall, 4450 S. Laspina Street

Fresno, Wednesday, August 29, 6 - 8:30 p.m.

Piccadilly Inn, University, Ballroom, 4961 North Cedar Avenue

Los Banos, Thursday, August 30, 6 - 8:30 p.m.

Merced County Fairgrounds, Germino Room, 403 F St.

Sacramento, Monday, September 10, 1:30 - 4 p.m.

Library Galleria, 828 I Street

Comments are due by Friday, September 21, 2007, to Ms. Margaret Gidding, Reclamation, 2800 Cottage Way, MP-140, Sacramento, CA 95825, or mgidding@mp.usbr.gov, or fax 916-978-5114. For further information, please contact Ms. Gidding at 916-978-5104 or visit www.restoresjr.com.

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Public Scoping Meetings Scheduled for the San Joaquin River Restoration Program

The Bureau of Reclamation and the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) intend to prepare a Program Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (PEIS/EIR) for the San Joaquin River Restoration Program (SJRRP). A Notice of Intent to prepare the PEIS was published in the Federal Register on Thursday, August 2, 2007. The Draft PEIS/EIR will be a joint document prepared to meet the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act and the California Environmental Quality Act. The SJRRP is expected to be implemented by five agencies: Reclamation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Marine Fisheries Service, the California Department of Fish and Game, and DWR.

The SJRRP is the result of a Settlement reached in September 2006 by the U.S. Departments of the Interior and Commerce, the Natural Resources Defense Council, and the Friant Water Users Authority that ended an 18-year lawsuit. The Settlement is based on two goals: (1) to restore and maintain fish populations in "good condition" in the mainstem of the San Joaquin River below Friant Dam to the confluence of the Merced River, including naturally reproducing and self-sustaining populations of salmon and other fish; (2) to reduce or avoid adverse water supply impacts to all of the Friant Division long-term contractors that may result from the flows provided for in the Settlement.

Four public scoping meetings are being held to solicit public input on the scope of the PEIS/EIR, including resources to be evaluated, alternatives to be considered, and significant concerns and issues. The meetings will begin with a presentation on the purpose of the SJRRP followed by an open-house forum with several stations where participants can interact directly with Program team members. The meetings are scheduled:

Tulare Tuesday, August 28 6 - 8:30 p.m.	Fresno Wednesday, August 29 6 - 8:30 p.m.	Los Banos Thursday, August 30 6 - 8:30 p.m.	Sacramento Monday, September 10 1:30 - 4 p.m.
International Agri-Center Banquet Hall 4450 S. Laspina Street Tulare, CA 93274	Piccadilly Inn, University Ballroom 4961 North Cedar Avenue Fresno, CA 93726	Merced County Fairgrounds Germino Room 403 F Street Los Banos, CA 93635	Library Galleria 828 I Street Sac., CA 95814

Written comments on the scope of the environmental document are due by close of business Friday, September 21, 2007, and should be sent to Ms. Margaret Gidding, Bureau of Reclamation, 2800 Cottage Way MP-140, Sacramento CA 95825-1898. For additional information, please contact Ms. Gidding at 916-978-5104, TDD 916-978-5608, or mgidding@mp.usbr.gov. For more information, visit www.restoresjr.com.

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UPDATE SCOPING MEETINGS **Save the Date!**

The implementing agencies for the San Joaquin River Restoration Program are preparing a Program Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report.

The following four public scoping meetings are designed to solicit public and stakeholder input on topics to be addressed in the environmental document. Your input and comments on the Program's environmental considerations are vital to its success. Please plan to attend one of the following scoping meetings in your area:

TULARE: August 28, 6:00-8:30 p.m.

International Agri-Center, Banquet Hall, 4450 S. Laspina St.

FRESNO: August 29, 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Piccadilly Inn, University, Ballroom, 4961 North Cedar Ave.

LOS BANOS: August 30, 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Merced County Fairgrounds, Germino Rm., 403 F St.

SACRAMENTO: September 10, 1:30-4:00 p.m. Downtown Public Library Galleria, 828 I St.

More details on these scoping meetings, as well as additional ways to provide comment on the Program, will be available in an upcoming newsletter and on the website (see *below*).

New Program Website

The San Joaquin River Restoration Program's new website: www.restoresjr.com, will go live soon. This website will be the main information source for Program-related news, activities and study efforts, documents, contact information, and provide an area for public comments on the Program.

**If you have questions, please contact Margaret Gidding, Reclamation Public Affairs,
at 916-978-5104, TDD 916-978-5608, or mgidding@mp.usbr.gov.**



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