DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency Revised Basin Management Plan Project; Santa Cruz; Santa Clara, Monterey, and San Benito Counties, CA

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the final environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency (PVWMA) Revised Basin Management Plan Project.

The purpose of the project is to address groundwater overdraft and seawater intrusion problems in the Pajaro Valley Basin. The proposed action is the approval of the connection of a PVWMA pipeline to the Santa Clara Conduit and the funding for the design, planning, and construction of a recycled water facility.

Notice of availability of the Draft EIS was published in the Federal Register on September 25, 2003 (68 FR 55412). A public meeting was held on October 29, 2003 to receive comments on the Draft EIS. The FEIS contains responses to all comments received and changes made to the text of the Draft EIS as a result of those comments.

DATES: Reclamation will not make a decision on the proposed action until 30 days after release of the FEIS. After the 30-day waiting period, Reclamation will complete a Record of Decision (ROD). The ROD will state the action that will be implemented and will discuss all factors leading to the decision.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the FEIS in hard copy or on CD may be requested from Reclamation’s South-Central California Area Office or from PVWMA’s office at the following addresses:

- Bureau of Reclamation, South-Central California Area Office, 1243 N Street, Fresno, CA 93721–1813.
- Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency, 36 Brennan Street, Watsonville, CA 95076.

The document can also be viewed on PVWMA’s web page at http://www.pvwma.dst.ca.us/


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FEIS considers the effects of the construction of PVWMA’s pipeline and the construction and operation of a water treatment facility. The water treatment facility would be used to blend imported water. In 1999, Reclamation prepared an Environmental Assessment and approved a contract assignment from Mercy Springs Water District that provided 6,260 acre-feet per year of Central Valley Project (CVP) water for PVWMA. The proposed pipeline connection to the Santa Clara Conduit (a component of the CVP) would provide the means for this imported water to be delivered into PVWMA. Therefore, the FEIS considers the effects of imported water on water resources in PVWMA.

Other contract assignments or transfers resulting in importing water into PVWMA are not the focus of this FEIS. Separate environmental analysis and documents would be required.

Reclamation is developing an Environmental Assessment for the assignment from Broadview Water District to PVWMA. This proposed assignment is discussed in the FEIS for disclosure purposes. Broadview Water District’s CVP contract supply is up to 27,000 acre-feet per year. The project description and alternatives have yet to be fully developed. The environmental impacts associated with this assignment and other actions occurring in the San Joaquin Valley are outside the scope of analysis in this FEIS.

Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from public disclosure, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold a respondent’s identity from public disclosure, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses available for public disclosure in their entirety.


Kirk C. Rodgers,
Regional Director, Mid-Pacific Region.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Fish and Wildlife Service

Trinity River Fishery Restoration Program, Weaverville, CA

AGENCIES: Bureau of Reclamation and Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.


SUMMARY: The Bureau of Reclamation, Fish and Wildlife Service, Hoopa Valley Tribe (Tribe) and Trinity County (County) have made available for public review and comment the Draft SEIS/EIR for the Trinity River Fishery Restoration Program (Program).

A final environmental impact statement (EIS) on the Program was issued in November 2000, and a Record of Decision (ROD) executed on December 19, 2000. Central Valley water and power interests filed suit in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California seeking to enjoin implementation of the ROD. On March 22, 2001, the district court issued a Memorandum Decision and Order preliminarily enjoining the Federal defendants from implementing certain flow related aspects of the ROD. In its Memorandum Decision and Order the court found that the effects of reasonable and prudent measures in the two biological opinions, as well as the effects on power in light of the California energy crisis were not adequately analyzed in the EIS. This Draft SEIS/EIR addresses the court’s concerns and updates alternatives.

The purpose for the project alternatives outlined in the October 2000 EIS/EIR was as follows: to restore and maintain the natural production of anadromous fish on the Trinity River mainstem downstream of Lewiston Dam. The purpose of the Draft SEIS/EIR has been amended, consistent with court orders on the Program. The revised purpose for the alternatives discussed in the Draft SEIS/EIR is as follows: to restore and maintain the natural production of anadromous fish in the Trinity River basin downstream of Lewiston Dam and to meet the U.S. Government’s tribal trust obligations. Secondary consideration is given to: (a) Meeting the Trinity Basin fishery and wildlife restoration goals of the Act of October 24, 1984, Public Law 98–541, and (b) achieving a reasonable balance among competing demands for use of...
Central Valley Project (CVP) water, including the requirements of fish and wildlife, agricultural, municipal and industrial, and power contractors.

DATES: Submit written comments on the Draft SEIS/EIR on or before June 22, 2004, at the address provided below. Two public hearings have been scheduled to receive oral or written comments regarding the project’s environmental effects:

- Thursday, June 1, 2004, 4:30–7:30 p.m., Redding, CA
- Tuesday, June 3, 2004, 4:30–7:30 p.m., Hoopa, CA

ADDRESSES: The public hearings will be held at the following locations:

- Redding, CA—Holiday Inn, 1900 Hilltop Drive
- Hoopa, CA—Hoopa Fire Department, Highway 96
- Hoopa, CA—Hoopa Valley Fire Station, Highway 299

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Russell Smith, Bureau of Reclamation, P.O. Box 723, Shasta, CA 96087; telephone: 530–275–1554; fax: 530–275–2441.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The primary objective of the Program is to meet Federal trust responsibilities for tribal fishery resources and restore the fisheries in the Trinity River basin to the level that existed prior to the construction of the Trinity River Division (TRD) of the CVP. These actions are authorized by the Act of August 12, 1955, 69 Stat. 719; the Trinity River Basin Fish and Wildlife Management Act, Public Law 98–541 (1984), as amended, and the Central Valley Project Improvement Act, Public Law 102–575, Title XXXIV (1992) (CVPIA). The Service and Reclamation are the Federal co-leads for purposes of complying with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA); along with Hoopa Valley Tribe, which is also acting in a co-lead capacity. Trinity County functions as the state lead agency for purposes of complying with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

In 1983, an EIS on the Trinity River Basin Fish and Wildlife Management Program was prepared by the Service (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1983). The environmental document analyzed habitat restoration actions, watershed rehabilitation, and improvements to the Trinity River Salmon and Steelhead Hatchery (TRSSH). The 1983 EIS clarified that the hatchery’s purpose was to mitigate for the loss of the 109 miles of habitat upstream of Lewiston Dam, whereas, the restoration and rehabilitation projects were explicitly designed to increase natural fish production below the dam.

In 1984, Congress enacted the Trinity River Basin Fish and Wildlife Management Act (Pub. L. 98–541). It formalized the existence of the Trinity River Basin Fish and Wildlife Task Force (Task Force) and directed the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) to implement measures to restore fish and wildlife habitat in the Trinity River Basin. The Task Force was directed at implementation of a fish and wildlife management program to “restore natural fish and wildlife populations to levels approximating those which existed immediately prior to the construction of the Trinity Division.” In 1996, Congress reauthorized and amended the original Trinity River Basin Fish and Wildlife Management Act (Pub. L. 104–143). The 1996 amendments clarified that “restoration is to be measured not only by returning adult anadromous fish spawners, but by the ability of dependent tribal, commercial, and sport fisheries to participate fully, through enhanced in-river and ocean harvest opportunities, in the benefits of restoration * * *.”

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 the Central Valley of California, including the Trinity River Basin. Specifically, the CVPIA provides at section 3406(b)(23), that “[i]n order to meet Federal trust responsibilities to protect the fishery resources of the Hoopa Valley Tribe and meet the fishery restoration goals of Public Law 98–541,” the Secretary is directed to complete the Trinity River Flow Evaluation Study (TRFES) and to develop recommendations “based on the best available scientific data, regarding permanent instream flow requirements and operating criteria and procedures for the restoration and maintenance of the Trinity River fishery.” The CVPIA also specifically provided for the Secretary to consult with the Hoopa Valley Tribe on the TRFES and, upon the Tribe’s concurrence, to implement the restoration recommendations accordingly.

A joint EIS/EIR for the Program was prepared by the Service, Reclamation, Trinity County, and the Hoopa Valley Tribe, and was completed in October 2000. A ROD selecting the alternative to be implemented for the Program was signed by the Secretary, with the concurrence of the Hoopa Valley Tribe, pursuant to section 3406(b)(23) of the CVPIA, and issued in December 2000. However, the EIR was not certified by Trinity County and it is not a finalized document under CEQA.

Subsequent to execution of the ROD, water and power interests in the Central Valley of California amended a previously filed lawsuit in Federal court against the Federal agencies materially involved in either the decision making process for the ROD or the associated Endangered Species Act (ESA) approvals for the Program (Reclamation, the Service, and the National Marine Fishery Service (NMFS)), in Federal district court. Plaintiffs sought, and were granted a preliminary injunction for implementation of certain flow-related aspects of the ROD. The terms of the injunction limit the increase in flows in the Trinity River which may be implemented in the ROD, but allow the Secretary to proceed with all other activities approved by the ROD.

The lead agencies published a Notice of Intent on March 25, 2002 (67 FR 13647) announcing plans to produce a Draft SEIS/EIR and soliciting public input and comment on the process. A scoping meeting was held in Redding, California on May 9, 2002.

On December 10, 2002, the court issued a Memorandum Decision and Order re: Cross-motions for Summary Judgment to address the merits of the litigation including the validity of the EIS and ROD. The court’s ruling on the merits found that the EIS failed to comply with Federal environmental statutes in certain respects and enjoined, in part, the ROD until Interior completes the Draft SEIR/EIR. The court’s December 10 memorandum provided detailed direction regarding the preparation of the Draft SEIS/EIR that was not available for the previous scoping effort, including direction on the purpose statement for the Draft SEIS/EIR, alternatives to be considered in the Draft SEIS/EIR, and a timeline for completion of the Draft SEIS/EIR.

On February 20, 2003, the court entered final judgment in the case, finding that the ROD for the Program, issued on December 19, 2000, and the associated biological opinions issued by the Service and the NMFS, were unlawful in part. The court found that the ROD was in violation of NEPA in that it had an insufficient purpose statement and the range of alternatives was too narrow. Certain
INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 731–TA–1035 (Final)]

Certain Color Television Receivers From Malaysia

AGENCY: International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Termination of investigation.

SUMMARY: On April 16, 2004, the Department of Commerce published notice in the Federal Register of a negative final determination of sales at less than fair value in connection with the subject investigation (69 FR 20592). Accordingly, pursuant to section 207.40(a) of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 207.40(a)), the antidumping investigation concerning certain color television receivers from Malaysia (investigation No. 731–TA–1035 (Final)) is terminated.


Authority: This investigation is being terminated under authority of title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930; this notice is published pursuant to section 201.10 of the Commission’s rules (19 CFR 201.10).


By order of the Commission.

Marilyn R. Abbott,
Secretary to the Commission.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigations Nos. 731–TA–1054 and 1055 (Final)]

Light-Walled Rectangular Pipe and Tube From Mexico and Turkey

AGENCY: International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Scheduling of the final phase of antidumping investigations.

SUMMARY: The Commission hereby gives notice of the scheduling of the final phase of antidumping investigations Nos. 731–TA–1054 and 1055 (Final) under section 735(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1673d(b)) (the Act) to determine whether an industry in the United States is materially injured or threatened with material injury, or the establishment of an industry in the United States is materially retarded, by reason of less-than-fair-value imports from Mexico and Turkey of light-walled rectangular (“LWR”) pipe and tube, provided for in subheading 7306.60.50 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States.

For further information concerning the conduct of this phase of the investigations, hearing procedures, and rules of general application, consult the Commission’s rules of practice and procedure, part 201, subparts A through E (19 CFR part 201), and part 207, subparts A and C (19 CFR part 207).


General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (http://www.usitc.gov). The public record for these investigations may be viewed on the Commission’s electronic docket (EDIS) at http://edis.usitc.gov.

1 For purposes of these investigations, the Department of Commerce has defined the subject merchandise as “welded carbon-quality pipe and tube of rectangular (including square) cross-section, having a wall thickness of less than 0.156 inch. These LWR pipe and tube have rectangular cross sections ranging from 0.375 x 0.625 inches to 2 x 6 inches, or square cross sections ranging from 0.375 to 4 inches, regardless of specification.” 69 FR 19403, Apr. 13, 2004. The written description of the scope is dispositive.