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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4432-N-30]

Federal Property Suitable as Facilities To Assist the Homeless

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice identifies unutilized, underutilized, excess, and surplus Federal property reviewed by HUD for suitability for possible use to assist the homeless.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 30, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Clifford Taffet, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 7262, 451 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-1234; TTY number for the hearing- and speech-impaired (202) 708-2565 (these telephone numbers are not toll-free), or call the toll-free Title V information line at 1-800-927-7588.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the December 12, 1988 court order in *National Coalition for the Homeless versus Veterans Administration*, No. 88-2503-OG (D.D.C.), HUD publishes a Notice, on a weekly basis, identifying unutilized, underutilized, excess and surplus Federal buildings and real property that HUD has reviewed for suitability for use to assist the homeless. Today's Notice is for the purpose of announcing that no additional properties have been determined suitable or unsuitable this week.

Dated: July 23, 1999.

Fred Karnas, Jr.,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Economic Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

Allocation of Water Supply and Expected Long-Term Contract Execution, Central Arizona Project, Arizona

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), announces its intention to prepare environmental documents under section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, to assist in developing proposed modifications to previous Central Arizona Project (CAP) water allocations.

We anticipate that we will reallocate and offer contracts with certain quantities of CAP water in connection with (1) settlement discussions arising out of operation of the CAP; (2) settlement discussions arising out of legal claims involving the Gila River Indian Community and the San Carlos Indian Community, and (3) negotiations regarding implementation of the 1982 Southern Arizona Water Rights Settlement Act.

At present it is not clear whether the scope of the action and anticipated project impacts will require preparation of an environmental impact statement (EIS) or an environmental assessment (EA). However, to ensure a timely and appropriate level of NEPA compliance and to limit potential future delays to the proposed reallocation and contract actions, Reclamation is proceeding, at this time, as if the project impacts would require preparation of an EIS. Reclamation will reevaluate the need for an EIS after obtaining comments on the proposed action and analysis of alternatives and impacts during the NEPA process. Reclamation will publish a notice of cancellation if, as a result of additional information or analysis, a decision is made to prepare an EA rather than an EIS.

DATES: Comments must be received August 30, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments concerning the proposal to Mr. Bruce Ellis, Environmental Program Manager, Bureau of Reclamation, PO Box 81169, Phoenix, Arizona, 85069-1169. Written comments received by the Bureau of Reclamation become part of the public record associated with this action. Accordingly, such comments will be available to requestors of information associated with this Notice pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Bruce Ellis, at (602) 216-3854.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

We have been engaged in active negotiations with a variety of parties in Arizona that have an interest in the CAP, including the operator of the CAP (the Central Arizona Water Conservation District), the Arizona Department of

Water Resources, Indian Tribes, and other water users. The current negotiations contemplate that the Secretary will undertake a reallocation of CAP water to assist in the resolution of outstanding Indian water rights claims, and to provide greater certainty to all users of CAP water. If the settlement goes forward, we anticipate that the proposed reallocation of CAP water would constitute a final allocation of water for the CAP system.

Purpose and Need for Action

The purpose and need of the proposed federal action is to implement settlement of ongoing litigation over the operation of the CAP, the status of CAP project water, and to assist in the resolution of outstanding Indian water rights claims. The United States intends that the final allocation of CAP water under the terms of the settlement will facilitate use of CAP water in satisfaction of the goals and purposes of the CAP authorizing legislation (i.e. the Colorado River Basin Project Act of 1968).

The Proposed Federal Action

Through the efforts of all parties to these negotiations, significant progress has been made on many matters involving operation and administration of the CAP and a general agreement on the details of the likely scenario regarding the reallocation of CAP water has emerged. Reclamation intends to undertake the environmental review that needs to be completed in order to facilitate the timely implementation of reallocations that are contemplated by the proposed settlement. Because of the lead time needed to complete the environmental review prior to reallocating, Reclamation is initiating the review at this time. In connection with the environmental analysis, Reclamation will analyze the proposed reallocation of CAP water that has been the subject of extensive discussion among the parties as the proposed federal action. This analysis does not preclude, of course, additional adjustments to the final reallocations depending upon the course of negotiations. Accordingly, pursuant to this notice, Reclamation is announcing its intention to undertake an environmental review of allocating and offering contracts for additional CAP water as follows:

1. Reallocation of an additional 200,000 acre feet of CAP water for Indian Water Rights Settlement Purposes. This water would retain its former priority status as "Non-Indian Agricultural" priority water. Of this amount, 102,000 acre feet of CAP water

would be allocated and contracted to the Gila River Indian Community; 28,200 acre feet of CAP water would be allocated and contracted to the Tohono O'odham Nation; and a residual amount of 69,800 would be available for allocation and contracting by the Secretary for use in facilitating additional, future Indian Water Rights Settlements.

2. 17,800 acre feet of the CAP water permanently relinquished by the Harquahala Valley Irrigation District (HVID) would be allocated and contracted to the Gila River Indian Community. This water has the priority of "Indian" priority CAP water.

3. All remaining, (approximately 18,600 acre feet) CAP water permanently relinquished by the Roosevelt Water Conservation District, would be allocated and contracted by the Gila River Indian Community. This water would retain its "Non-Indian Agricultural" CAP priority.

4. 17,000 AF of CAP water expected to be permanently relinquished by ASARCO Incorporated, would be allocated and contracted by the Gila River Indian Community. This water would retain its "M&I" CAP priority.

5. 65,647 acre feet of M&I priority water would be allocated and contracted to various municipalities and other entities within the CAP service area. This water would retain its "M&I" CAP priority. Identification of entities, and associated specific quantities for this water would be made after consultation between the Secretary and the State of Arizona (Arizona). It is anticipated that further, specific, NEPA compliance would be undertaken after Arizona has identified the entities it proposes should receive allocations of this "M&I" priority CAP water, and completion of the consultation between the Secretary and Arizona on this matter.

As part of the proposed action Reclamation will consider all provisions of the settlements currently under negotiation, including provisions under consideration in the potential settlement of the *Central Arizona Water Conservation District v. United States* litigation, in which, as noted above, settlement discussions are currently in progress.

Range of Alternatives

In addition to the above-described proposed action (i.e. the settlement approach), Reclamation will implement NEPA requirements by identifying, reviewing and evaluating additional alternatives as part of its NEPA analysis. These alternative analyses will include alternatives that would address alternative allocation and contracting

scenarios that could involve Non-Indian Agricultural priority water, Indian priority water, and M&I priority water. Reclamation will also include alternative allocation and contracting scenarios that could be undertaken in the absence of a settlement as part of its NEPA analysis.

Authority

The Secretary has the authority to contract for supplies of Central Arizona Project water under the Act of June 17, 1902, 32 Stat. 388, as amended and/or supplemented, including specifically the Colorado River Basin Project Act of September 30, 1968 (82 Stat. 885, 43 U.S.C. 1501 *et seq.*).

Prior Efforts

Allocation of CAP project water has been the subject of previous notices published in the **Federal Register** (See, e.g., 37 FR 28082, December 20, 1972; 40 FR 17297, April 18, 1975; 41 FR 45883, October 18, 1976; 45 FR 52938, August 8, 1980; 45 FR 81265, December 10, 1980; 48 FR 12446, March 24, 1983; 56 FR 29704, June 28, 1991; 57 FR 4470, February 5, 1992; and 57 FR 483884, October 23, 1992).

Bruce Babbitt,

Secretary of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-360-2822-00-D680]

Closure and Restriction Orders

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.

ACTION: Temporary closure of certain public lands within Trinity County, California.

SUMMARY: The BLM is restricting camping and day uses on certain public lands located near the Trinity River at Bucktail Hole in Trinity County California. All public land within the NE¹/₄ of Section 23 and the NW¹/₄ of Section 24, Township 33 North, Range 8 West on the south side (left bank facing downstream) of the Trinity River is closed to camping and day uses, except those specifically authorized by BLM, until September 1, 1999.

The closure is meant to protect the public from activities within the Bucktail Hole area related to emergency rehabilitation of the Lowden wildfire area and the community of Lewiston, Trinity County, California. BLM contractors will be operating heavy

equipment and camping within the Bucktail Hole area as part of the rehabilitation effort. Their activities could pose a threat to the safety of the public.

Background

The Lowden wildfire began on July 2, 1999 and resulted in the destruction of 23 homes and numerous outbuildings on private lands. The wildfire was due to the inadvertent escape of a BLM prescribed burn. Therefore, BLM is providing a contractor(s) to assist in the removal of debris from the private lands. Concrete and other masonry retrieved from ruins will be stored at an abandoned rock quarry on public land at Bucktail Hole. Water will also be drawn from the Trinity River within the Bucktail Hole area for use in abating fugitive dust on dirt or gravel access roads within the wildfire area during the implementation of the debris removal contract(s). Lastly, BLM is providing camping areas for contractors within the Bucktail Hole area due to the remote location of the project area and as a means to provide better security for contractor's equipment.

The authority for these closures and rule makings is 43 CFR 8364.1. Any person who fails to comply with a closure order or rule making is subject to arrest and fines of up to \$100,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months.

DATES: These restrictions take effect July 30, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Charles M. Schultz, Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 355 Hemsted Drive, Redding, CA 96002.

Francis Berg,

Acting Redding Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CO-500 1990-00]

Front Range Resource Advisory Council (Colorado) Open Houses and Comment Period

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of open houses and public comment period.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Front Range Resource Advisory Council (Front Range RAC) will hold open houses for the purpose of gathering public comments and input