

kwatsi were purchased by The Children's Museum from William Bailey of New Mexico.

Museum records indicate these cultural items are all Katsina kwatsi (masks). Museum documentation indicates two of the kwatsi are Zuni. However, consultation with representatives of the Zuni Tribe of the Zuni Reservation in 1982 indicated that the two kwatsi are not Zuni. Museum documentation for the remaining two kwatsi indicates they are Hopi. Consultation with representatives of the Hopi Tribe indicate that all four Katsina kwatsi are Hopi; and the kwatsi are regarded as sacred objects needed by the Katsinmomngwit (Katsina Chiefs) of the Hopi Tribe in the Hopi villages for the practice of traditional Hopi religion.

Based on the above-mentioned information, officials of The Children's Museum have determined that, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.2 (d)(3), these four cultural items are specific ceremonial objects needed by traditional Native American religious leaders for the practice of traditional Native American religions by their present-day adherents. Officials of the The Children's Museum have also determined that, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.2 (e), there is a relationship of shared group identity which can be reasonably traced between these items and the Hopi Tribe.

This notice has been sent to officials of the Hopi Tribe and the Zuni Tribe of the Zuni Reservation. Representatives of any other Indian tribe that believes itself to be culturally affiliated with these objects should contact Joan Lester, Native American Curator, The Children's Museum, 300 Congress Street, Boston, MA 02210-1034; telephone: (617) 426-6500 before October 25, 1999. Repatriation of these objects to the Hopi Tribe may begin after that date if no additional claimants come forward.

Dated: September 14, 1999.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Reclamation**

[FES 99-31]

**Contra Costa Water District's Future Use and Operation of Contra Loma Reservoir Project, Contra Costa County, CA**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of the final environmental impact report/final environmental impact statement (FEIR/FEIS).

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (as amended) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) and Contra Costa Water District (CCWD) prepared a joint FEIR/FEIS for CCWD's Future Use and Operation of Contra Loma Reservoir Project. In 1997, the California State Department of Health Services (DOHS) issued a compliance order to CCWD requiring either that recreational body contact activities in Contra Loma Reservoir (Reservoir) cease, or that CCWD stop using the Reservoir for domestic water supply storage. The proposed action is to continue to use the Reservoir for its historic domestic water supply purposes and to construct a separate swimming lagoon within the existing Reservoir footprint to allow swimming and wading to continue. Action taken by Reclamation would allow CCWD to construct the swimming lagoon on lands owned by the United States at the Reservoir.

**DATES:** Reclamation will not make a decision on the proposed action until 30 days after release of the FEIR/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 FEIR/FEIS may be requested from Ms. Frances I. Garland, Principal Planner, CCWD, 2300 Stanwell Drive, Concord CA 94524; telephone: (925) 688-8312.

Copies of the FEIR/FEIS are available for public inspection and review. These locations are listed in the "Supplementary Information" section.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Frances I. Garland, CCWD, 2300 Stanwell Drive, Concord CA 94524; telephone: (925) 688-8312; or Mr. Robert B. Eckart, Environmental Specialist, Bureau of Reclamation, 2800

Cottage Way, Sacramento CA 95825; telephone: (916) 978-5051.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The proposed action is to continue to use the Reservoir for its historic domestic water supply purposes and to construct a separate swimming lagoon within the existing Reservoir footprint to allow swimming and wading to continue. A concrete-covered earthen berm would physically separate the lagoon from the main portion of the 80-acre reservoir. Water in the lagoon would be pumped, filtered and treated to appropriate water quality standards for recreation use. This project would allow existing drinking water and swimming uses to continue at the Reservoir. The proposed action does not affect other existing recreation uses at the Reservoir such as fishing, boating, hiking, and picnicking.

Contra Loma Reservoir was built as part of the Contra Costa Canal unit of the Central Valley Project in 1967. The purpose of the Reservoir was to provide peaking and stand-by storage. CCWD has used the Reservoir for these purposes since 1967. A secondary purpose of the Reservoir is recreation. Recreation facilities at the Reservoir are operated by the East Bay Regional Park District under an agreement with Reclamation.

The FEIR/FEIS evaluates in detail five alternatives, including two no-action alternatives, and also describes the existing environment and environmental consequences of the proposed action. The FEIR/FEIS considers the environmental effects of the five alternatives in all topical areas required under NEPA and CEQA. Of particular importance for this project are the following topics: public health, surface-water quality, recreation, biological resources, aesthetics, socioeconomic environment, and cumulative impacts. Both Reclamation and CCWD have selected the proposed action as their preferred alternative. The proposed action was determined to provide a public health benefit and to minimize the impacts on recreation of complying with the DOHS order.

Notice of the draft environmental impact report/draft environmental impact statement (DEIR/DEIS) was published in the **Federal Register** on January 26, 1999 (64 FR 3974). A public hearing was held on February 18, 1999. The written comment period closed on March 25, 1999. The FEIR/FEIS contains responses to all comments received and changes made to the text of the DEIR/DEIS as a result of those comments.

**Locations for Inspecting/Reviewing the FEIR/FEIS**

- Bureau of Reclamation, Office of Policy, Room 7456, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington DC 20240; telephone: (202) 208-4662.
- Bureau of Reclamation, Denver Office Library, Building 67, Room 167, at the Denver Federal Center, 6th and Kipling in Denver CO 80225; telephone: (303) 445-2064.
- Bureau of Reclamation, Public Affairs Office, 2800 Cottage Way in Sacramento CA 95825-1898; telephone: (916) 978-5100.
- Contra Costa Water District, Public Reading Room at 1331 Concord Ave in Concord CA 94524; telephone: (925) 688-8312.
- Antioch Branch Library at 501 W. 18th Street in Antioch CA 94509.
- Bay Point Branch Library at 205 Pacifica Avenue in Pittsburg CA 94565.
- Pittsburg Branch Library at 80 Power Avenue in Pittsburg CA 94565.
- Oakley Branch Library at 118 East Ruby in Oakley CA 94561.
- Concord Branch Library at 2900 Salvio in Concord CA 94519.
- Contra Costa County Public Library at 1750 Oak Park Boulevard in Pleasant Hill CA 94523.

Dated: September 9, 1999.

**Kirk C. Rodgers,**

*Acting Regional Director.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Reclamation**

[DES 99-37]

**Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Elephant Butte/Caballo New Mexico Reservoirs Resource Management Plan**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) as amended, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) announces the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Elephant Butte/Caballo Resource Management Plan (RMP). The DEIS analyzes the environmental consequences of proposed management activities through a conceptual framework of conservation, protection, development, use, and resource enhancement. The project area

encompasses approximately 78,000 acres of Federal lands and water and is located near the towns of Truth or Consequences and Williamsburg, in south-central New Mexico. Elephant Butte Reservoir was constructed primarily for irrigation and flood control with power generation added later, and Caballo Reservoir for flood control and re-regulation of water releases from Elephant Butte Dam. Activities such as fishing, camping, boating and other recreational activities have become important secondary uses of the available resources. Public hearings will be held to receive comments from interested individuals and organizations on the environmental impact of the proposal.

**DATES:** A 60-day public review period will commence with the publication of this notice. The Public hearings are scheduled as follows:

*Date:* October 26.

*Time:* 7:00 p.m.

*Location:* NM Farm & Ranch, Heritage Museum, 4100 Dripping Springs Road, Las Cruces, NM.

*Date:* October 27.

*Time:* 7:00 p.m.

*Location:* Civic Center, 400 West 4th Street, Truth or Consequences, NM.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments may be sent to Bureau of Reclamation, Attn: ALB-156, Albuquerque Area Office, 505 Marquette NW, Suite 1313, Albuquerque, NM 87102-2162. If you wish to have your name and/or home address withheld from public documents related to the DEIS, please indicate that with your written comments and we will honor your request to the extent allowable by law. For a complete copy of the DEIS, contact Ms. Rosemary Romero, Public Involvement Specialist, Western Network, 811 St. Michaels Drive, Suite 106, Santa Fe, NM 87505, telephone 1-800-326-9805. A summary of the DEIS is also available to download or view online at <http://uc.usbr.gov>. The DEIS may be inspected and reviewed at the at the following locations:

- Santa Fe Public Library, 145 Washington Ave., Santa Fe, NM 87501.
- Rio Grande Valley Library, 501 Cooper Ave. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102.
- Socorro Public Library, 401 Park Street, Socorro, NM 87801.
- Truth or Consequences Public Library, 325 Library Lane, Truth or Consequences, NM 87901.
- Las Cruces Public Library, 200 East Picacho, Las Cruces, NM 88001.
- El Paso Public Library, 501 North Oregon Street, El Paso, Texas 79901.
- Bureau of Reclamation, Elephant Butte Field Division, HC-32, Box 312,

Truth or Consequences, NM 87901, Telephone 505-894-6661.

- Bureau of Reclamation, El Paso Field Division, 700 E. San Antonio Ave., Room B318, El Paso, TX 79901, Telephone 915-534-6300.

- Bureau of Reclamation, Albuquerque Area Office, 505 Marquette NW, Suite 1313, Albuquerque, NM 87102, Telephone 505-248-5357.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Clay McDermeit, telephone (505) 248-5391.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In recent years, the project area has experienced a sharp increase in recreation-oriented visitation and adjacent private land development that has subsequently increased demands on Project Area recreational and natural resources. The DEIS project proposes management guidelines and analyzes the impacts of such actions through the identification of the following alternatives: (A) No Action—Existing facilities maintained without expansion and with minimal improvement; (B) Resource Conservation Emphasis—Significant emphasis placed on conservation, protection, and enhancement of natural and cultural resources; (C) Multi-Purpose Emphasis—Allows for a variety of uses including expanded developed recreation areas, improved primitive recreation areas, adjustment of grazing, and establishment of wildlife management areas; and (D) Recreation Development Emphasis—Expansion of recreation opportunities by maximizing development on Project Area.

Based upon issues and concerns identified during the scoping process, this DEIS includes an assessment of lease lots, grazing, recreation development, wildlife and endangered species, cultural resources, socioeconomics, and other related concerns. The preferred alternative identifies a course of action with minimal environmental impact, increased resource protection, and an acceptable level of recreational use.

Dated: August 31, 1999.

**Charles A. Calhoun,**

*Regional Director.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Office of the Secretary****Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

September 16, 1999.

The Department of Labor (DOL) has submitted the following public