

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a supplement to the final environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) proposes to prepare a supplement to the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Milltown Hill Project. The FEIS for the project was filed with the Environmental Protection Agency on August 14, 1992. Reclamation's Record of Decision (ROD) on the project was signed on November 7, 1992. The FEIS was prepared in conjunction with Douglas County's (County) application for a Small Reclamation Projects Act loan and grants to develop a dam and reservoir at the Milltown Hill site on Elk Creek above Drain, Oregon. To date, the project has not yet been implemented. Reclamation believes that due to the length of time since the ROD was signed, the recent listing of the Umpqua River (UR) cutthroat trout as an endangered species, and the subsequent jeopardy opinion received from the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) relative to the project's potential effects on the UR cutthroat trout, it is appropriate to reexamine the potential effects of the project to determine if there is any significant new information that bears on the proposed action or its corresponding environmental effects. This would encompass an evaluation of any new information gathered and derived from: the Endangered Species Act (ESA) consultation process, the Clean Water Act permitting process, and public and agency comments. The proposed action and the no action alternative will be evaluated in the supplement to the FEIS.

ADDRESSES: Bureau of Reclamation, Pacific Northwest Regional Office, 1150 N Curtis Road, Suite 100, Boise ID 83706-1234.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the project contact Robert Hamilton, telephone (208) 378-5087. For information regarding the NEPA process contact Robert Christensen, telephone (208) 378-5039.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The County's loan application was approved by the Commissioner of Reclamation and the Secretary of the Interior on May 17, 1994, and May 18, 1994, respectively. Congress subsequently approved the project and included implementation funding in Reclamation's 1996 and 1997 budgets. These funds cannot be used until a loan repayment/grant contract between the

County and Reclamation has been signed.

The major feature of the project is a 186-foot high roller-compacted concrete dam, which would create a 24,143-acre-foot reservoir on Elk Creek, a tributary of the North Umpqua River. The project dam, reservoir, and associated facilities would provide regulated flows of water to improve anadromous and resident fisheries; improve water quality in Elk and Yoncalla Creeks; provide untreated water to the communities of Rice Hill, Yoncalla, and Drain, allowing for municipal expansion and industrial diversification; provide supplemental or full irrigation service for up to 4,661 acres of arable lands; and provide new water-related recreational opportunities. The project would also provide limited flood control in and near the city of Drain and would provide drainage facilities on project agricultural lands as needed.

On September 9, 1996, the UR cutthroat trout was listed as endangered. On October 23, 1996, Reclamation and the County submitted a biological assessment (BA) to NMFS analyzing the effects of the proposed project on the listed and proposed species. On December 18, 1997, NMFS issued its biological opinion under Section 7 of the ESA, stating that the proposed project is likely to jeopardize the continued existence of UR cutthroat trout and result in adverse modification of proposed critical habitat. A reasonable and prudent alternative was identified by NMFS to minimize the take of UR cutthroat trout.

On February 28, 1997, Reclamation sent a letter to over 120 individuals and organizations and issued a news release regarding the proposed Milltown Hill Project located in Douglas County, Oregon. The letter and news release provided a public update on the project and requested the public's help in identifying any new information or issues that should be considered in reevaluating the environmental effects of the proposed project. Reclamation received 36 letters of comment—2 from Federal and state agencies, 3 from city and local agencies, 5 from private organizations, and 26 from private individuals. Issues and comments provided in these letters, along with issues raised in consultation and permitting processes, have been summarized in a scoping document and will guide the analysis presented in the supplemental FEIS. The scoping document will be made available to all interested parties. Reclamation also welcomes additional written comments or any other new issues related to the environmental effects of the proposed

project. A draft supplemental FEIS will be made available for public review and comment in early 1998.

Dated: December 22, 1997.

John W. Keys, III,

Regional Director, Pacific Northwest Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Bay-Delta Advisory Council's Ecosystem Roundtable Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Bay-Delta Advisory Council's (BDAC) Ecosystem Roundtable will meet to discuss several issues including: additional proposals, directed programs, and focused grants for FY 98 funding, revised planning process, funding coordination, and other issues. This meeting is open to the public. Interested persons may make oral statements to the Ecosystem Roundtable or may file written statements for consideration.

DATES: The Bay-Delta Advisory Council's Ecosystem Roundtable meeting will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 13, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The Ecosystem Roundtable will meet in Room 1131, Resources Building, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, CA.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Cindy Darling, CALFED Bay-Delta Program, at (916) 657-2666. If reasonable accommodation is needed due to a disability, please contact the Equal Employment Opportunity Office at (916) 653-6952 or TDD (916) 653-6934 at least one week prior to the meeting.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary (Bay-Delta system) is a critically important part of California's natural environment and economy. In recognition of the serious problems facing the region and the complex resource management decisions that must be made, the state of California and the Federal government are working together to stabilize, protect, restore, and enhance the Bay-Delta system. The State and Federal agencies with management and regulatory responsibilities in the Bay-Delta system are working together as CALFED to provide policy direction and oversight for the process.

One area of Bay-Delta management includes the establishment of a joint State-Federal process to develop long-term solutions to problems in the Bay-Delta system related to fish and wildlife, water supply reliability, natural disasters, and water quality. The intent is to develop a comprehensive and balanced plan which addresses all of the resource problems. This effort, the CALFED Bay-Delta Program (Program), is being carried out under the policy direction of CALFED. The Program is exploring and developing a long-term solution for a cooperative planning process that will determine the most appropriate strategy and actions necessary to improve water quality, restore health to the Bay-Delta ecosystem, provide for a variety of beneficial uses, and minimize Bay-Delta vulnerability. A group of citizen advisors representing California's agricultural, environmental, urban, business, fishing, and other interests who have a stake in finding long-term solutions for the problems affecting the Bay-Delta system has been chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) as the Bay-Delta Advisory Council (BDAC) to advise CALFED on the program mission, problems to be addressed, the objectives for the Program. The BDAC provides a forum to help ensure public participation, and will review reports and other materials prepared by CALFED staff. The BDAC has established a subcommittee called the Ecosystem Roundtable to provide input on annual workplans to implement ecosystem restoration projects and programs.

Minutes of the meeting will be maintained by the CALFED Bay-Delta Program, Suite 1155, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Friday within 30 days following the meeting.

Dated: December 19, 1997.

Roger Patterson,

Regional Director, Mid-Pacific Region.

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INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AGENCY

Agency for International Development

Renew Collections; Comment Request

SUMMARY: U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) is making efforts to reduce the paperwork burden. USAID invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this

opportunity to comment on the following proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. Comments are requested concerning: (a) Whether the proposed or continuing collections of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the burden estimates; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Send comments on or before January 31, 1998.

ADDRESS INFORMATION TO: Beverly Johnson, Bureau for Management, Office of Administrative Services, Information and Records Division, U.S. Agency for International Development, Washington, D.C. 20746, 202-712-1365 or via e-mail bjohnson@usaid.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Number: OMB 0412-0542.

Form Number: AID 1558-2.

Title: Request for Advance or Reimbursement.

Type of Submission: Renew.

Purpose: The purpose of this information collection is to assure that American Schools and Hospitals Abroad (ASHA) grant recipients are permitted to obtain advances or reimbursements for expenditures that are authorized by the grant agreement. The information is used by (a) ASHA to monitor grant implementation relative to financial matters, (b) the Office of Financial Management (FM) to track disbursements and expenditures, and, (c) the Department of Treasury to effect payments.

Annual Reporting Burden:

Respondents: 70

Total annual responses: 400

Total annual hours requested: 17,698

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Number: OMB 0412-0543.

Form Number: AID 1558-1 and AID 1558-1A.

Title: Financial Status Report and Worksheet.

Type of Submission: Renew.

Purpose: The purpose of this information collection is to assure that ASHA grant recipients are accountable for expenditures incurred under the grant agreement for only those items authorized by the agreement. The

information is used by ASHA to monitor the expenditures under each authorized line item and calculate the monetary gain or loss realized during the life of the grant.

Annual Reporting Burden:

Respondents: 70

Total annual responses: 400

Total annual hours requested: 280

Dated: December 15, 1997.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Office of the Attorney General, Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice of new proposed information collection under review; Survey of State Juvenile Record Keeping and Drug Testing Procedure.

The Office of the Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice, has submitted the following new information collection request (ICR) utilizing emergency review procedures, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with sections 1320.13 (a)(1)(ii) and (a)(2)(iii) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The Office of the Attorney General has determined that it cannot comply with the normal clearance procedures under this Part because normal clearance procedures are reasonably likely to prevent the timely collection of information to meet a Congressional request. This information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Emergency review and approval of this information collection is requested from OMB by January 5, 1998. If granted, the emergency approval is only valid for 180 days. Comments should be directed to OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Ms. Victoria Wassmer, 202-395-5871, Department of Justice Desk Officer, Washington, DC 20530.

During the first 60 days of this same period, a regular review of this information collection is also being undertaken. We are requesting written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning this collection of information. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until March 2, 1998. Your