

addressed in the DEIS/EIR. The open house portion of the hearing will be from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. and will consist of informational displays staffed by project team members who will be answering questions. The formal portion of the hearing will be from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., where oral comments will be taken by a certified court reporter. Comments will also be taken throughout the meeting via comment sheets.

Comments on the DEIS/DEIR will also be accepted on or before October 29, 2002, in the following formats:

Written—Written comments should be addressed to Mr. Art Bullock, TCCA, at the address below.

Comment Sheets—Comment sheets will be available to all that attend the public hearing, and can be returned at the public hearing, faxed to Mr. Art Bullock, TCCA, at 530-934-2355, or mailed to Mr. Bullock at the below address.

Electronic—Comments may be submitted electronically by e-mailing the project team: tcwaterman@aol.com.

ADDRESSES: The public hearing will be held at the Red Bluff Community Center Gymnasium, 1500 South Jackson, Red Bluff, CA 96080.

Comments on the DEIS/EIR should be sent to Mr. Art Bullock, General Manager, Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority, PO Box 1025, Willows, CA 95988. A copy of the Executive Summary, DEIS/EIR, and/or technical appendices may be obtained by calling Mr. Bullock at the telephone number below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Art Bullock, Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority, telephone: 530-934-2125, e-mail: tcwaterman@aol.com; or Mr. Max Stodolski, Bureau of Reclamation, telephone: 530-529-3890, fax: 530-529-3895, e-mail: mstodolski@mp.usbr.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Since construction of the Red Bluff Diversion Dam, concern has been expressed regarding the dam's effect on both upstream and downstream fish migration. The dam was built with 11 movable gates. Raising the gates eliminates the dam's effect and allows the river to flow unimpeded. Lowering the dam gates allows for gravity diversion into canals and results in the creation of Lake Red Bluff.

Over the years, the dam gates have been raised more frequently in an attempt to enhance fish passage. Therefore, the ability to divert irrigation water has been gradually decreased from year-round to the current 4-month (gates-in) operations from May 15 to September 14. During the remainder of

the year, the dam gates are open, allowing a free flowing, unimpeded river. Detailed studies show the current design of the fish ladders and the operations of the dam gates do not adequately allow passage of threatened and endangered fish species.

The DEIS/EIR addresses impacts related to the proposed alternatives. Through detailed feasibility studies, six alternatives, including the "No action" alternative, have been created to address the identified water delivery and fish passage issues.

The alternatives identified in the DEIS/EIR are:

1. No action—The current operating conditions remain the same with a 4-month dam "gates-in," that creates Lake Red Bluff from May 15 to September 14. The impacts of this option must be studied to a similar level of detail as the others. It is used as a baseline of comparison for the other alternatives.

2. Bypass—This option creates a fish-friendly channel around the dam with sufficient water flow to attract and transport fish moving upstream and deliver juvenile fish moving downstream when the dam gates are lowered in late summer and early fall. Gates would continue to be lowered in the May 15 to September 14 period. A new pumping station would be required to provide reliable agricultural water supply from the river into the water delivery canals.

3. Improved fish ladders—Two alternatives are being considered and are aimed at improving the efficiency of the "fish ladders" designed to create a passage for fish to swim around the dam. The design improvements will increase the flow of water through the fish ladders. By increasing the flow, more fish will be attracted to the ladders and successfully pass the dam. The two alternatives differ in the operations of the dam gates. One option proposes lowering the dam gates for the current 4-month operation and the other for a 2-month operation (July 1 through August 31). A new pumping station would be required to provide reliable agricultural water supply from the river into the water delivery canals.

4. Existing fish ladders—This alternative retains the current fish ladders and decreases lowering of the dam gates to 2 months (July 1 through August 31). The only source of improved fish passage would be the reduction in gate operations. A new pumping station would be required to provide reliable agricultural water supply from the river into the water delivery canals.

5. Gates out—This option keeps the dam gates open year round, creating a

free flowing river, unimpeded by the dam. Fish ladders or other bypass options would no longer be necessary and Lake Red Bluff would no longer be created. A new pumping station would be required to provide reliable agricultural water supply from the river into the water delivery canals.

Additional Information

Additional information is also available at the project Web site: <http://www.tccafishpassage.org/>.

Comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, will be available for public review. Individual respondents may request that their home address be withheld from public disclosure, which will be honored to the extent allowable by law.

If you wish your name and/or address withheld, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. Submissions from organizations or businesses, and individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public disclosure in their entirety.

Dated: August 14, 2002.

Susan L. Ramos,

Assistant Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Water Supply and Dry Prairie Rural Water Supply Project, Water Conservation Plan

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of finding.

SUMMARY: The Fort Peck Reservation Rural Water System Act of 2000 (Act), Public Law 106-382, authorized construction of the Fort Peck Reservation Rural Water System in northeastern Montana. To meet the requirements of the Act, the Fort Peck Tribes and Dry Prairie Rural Water Association Incorporated developed and submitted a water conservation plan to Reclamation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Finding

The Fort Peck Tribes and the Dry Prairie Rural Water Association Incorporated submitted the "Water Conservation Plan for the Fort Peck Reservation Rural Water System: Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Rural Water System and Dry Prairie Rural Water System", dated April 10, 2002, that includes prudent and reasonable water conservation measures for the operation of the Assiniboine Sioux Rural Water System that have been shown to be economically and financially feasible.

In addition to authorizing construction of the Fort Peck Reservation Rural Water System, the Act authorizes appropriations of \$175,000,000 to Reclamation over a period of 10 fiscal years. The Act states under section 4(g)(3) that "The Secretary shall not obligate funds for construction of the Assiniboine and Sioux Rural Water System until the Secretary publishes a written finding that the water conservation plan developed under section 7 includes prudent and reasonable water conservation measures for the operation of the Assiniboine Sioux Rural Water System that have been shown to be economically and financially feasible." Identical provisions limiting obligations of funds for construction of the Dry Prairie Rural Water System are stated under section 5(e)(3) of the Act.

The requirements for the conservation plan are described under section 7 of the Act that states:

"(a) In General.—The Fort Peck Tribes and Dry Prairie Rural Water Association Incorporated shall develop a water conservation plan containing—

(1) a description of water conservation objectives;

(2) a description of appropriate water conservation measures; and

(3) a time schedule for implementing the measures and this Act to meet the water conservation objectives.

(b) Purpose.—The water conservation plan under subsection (a) shall be designed to ensure that users of water from the Assiniboine and Sioux Rural Water System and the Dry Prairie Rural Water System will use the best practicable technology and management techniques to conserve water."

To fulfill the requirements of section 7, the Fort Peck Tribes and Dry Prairie Rural Water Association Incorporated transmitted a water conservation plan (Plan) to Reclamation, dated April 10, 2002. The Plan fulfills all the requirements of the Act as discussed below.

In fulfillment of section 7(a)(1), the Plan contains six reasonable and

prudent water conservation objectives appropriate for the pre-construction phase of this multi-phase project:

1. Achieve average in-house water use of 69 gpcd (gallons per capita day) starting in 2005 and fully implemented by 2011.

- Lower average in-house water use to 57 gpcd beginning in 2011 and fully implemented by 2030.

- Lower average in-house water use to 45 gpcd beginning in 2030.

2. Achieve average outside residential water use of 66 gpcd beginning in 2005 and fully implemented by 2011.

3. Maintain variable operating costs at Final Engineering Report levels plus inflation beginning in 2005.

4. Provide emergency preparedness to limit interruptions to 24 hours beginning in 2005.

5. Public information dissemination beginning in 2005.

6. Limit Missouri River diversions to 6,200 acre-feet annually beginning in 2005.

To accomplish these objectives, and in fulfillment of section 7(a)(2) of the Act, the Plan identifies 17 water conservation measures to be implemented starting in 2005 with full implementation scheduled for 2011.

Metering, Audits, and Leakage Control

- Installation of meters on all accounts

- Installation of meters on community non-account water

- Record keeping and water audits

- Control connection pressures at 65 pounds per square inch (psi)

- Implement system and household leakage repair; limit to 7 gpcd

- Publish lawn and garden water use data

Cost Accounting and Rates

- Cost-of-service accounting

- Water audits and associated costs to public

- Dry Prairie annual water review to promote conservation

- Assiniboine and Sioux leak repair program

Public Involvement and Information

- Disseminate clear billing and educational materials

- Disseminate water use statistics and retrofit guidance

- Promote landscape efficiency on a voluntary basis

- Promote lawn and garden water use efficiencies

- Disseminate cost information via radio, television, etc.

Additional Measures

- Analysis of peak water use

- Annual review of water conservation measures and new proposals

Reclamation Manual Directives and Standards (WTR 01-01), published in December 1996, identify "Fundamental Water Conservation Measures" that are considered economically and financially feasible and applicable to all water conservation programs. The fundamental measures include a water measurement and accounting system, water pricing structure, and an information and education program. All but one of the water conservation measures included in the Plan are considered by Reclamation as fundamental. The conservation measure "Control connection pressures at 65 psi", while not considered fundamental, is an appropriate water conservation measure and will not result in increased project cost. It is an acceptable design standard because it will reduce the potential for leakage from excess water pressure which can also damage residential plumbing systems causing major leakage and significant property damage.

In fulfillment of section 7(a)(3), the plan contains a time schedule for implementing the measures to meet the water conservation objectives. This time schedule is included with the above description of the objectives and measures.

In fulfillment of section 7(b), Reclamation has reviewed the planning and engineering designs included in the Final Engineering Report for this project and has conducted a "Value Engineering" (VE) study to assure that the best available engineering design and techniques are utilized for construction and operation of the project. Additional VE studies will be performed during the final design phase of major system components.

Dated: August 2, 2002.

Gerald W. Kelso,

Assistant Regional Director.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 731-TA-747 (Final)]

Fresh Tomatoes From Mexico

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Resumption and scheduling of the final phase of an antidumping investigation.