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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**National Park Service**

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**Information Collection Request Sent to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Approval; Programmatic Clearance for NPS-Sponsored Public Surveys**

**AGENCY:** National Park Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We (National Park Service, NPS) have sent an Information Collection Request (ICR) to OMB for review and approval. We summarize the ICR below and describe the nature of the collection and the estimated burden and cost. The National Park Service (NPS) sponsors public surveys to provide park managers with information needed for park planning, management, operations and evaluation of performance related to protecting park resources and meeting the needs of the public. In consultation with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and the Department of the Interior (DOI), the NPS has developed a Programmatic Clearance Process for NPS-sponsored public surveys. It significantly streamlines the information collection review process. To comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, and as part of our continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, we invite the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on this ICR.

**DATES:** You must submit comments on or before November 30, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** Send your comments and suggestions on this information collection to the Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior at OMB—OIRA at (202) 395-5806 (fax) or *OIRA\_Submission@omb.eop.gov* (email) and identify your submission as 1024-0224. Please also send a copy of your comments to Phadrea Ponds, Information Collections Coordinator, National Park Service, 1201 Oakridge Drive, Fort Collins, CO 80525 (mail); or *pponds@nps.gov* (email). Please reference Information Collection 1024-

0224—Programmatic Clearance Renewal in the subject line.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

*Bret Meldrum@nps.gov* (email); or 970-267-7295 (phone) and Phadrea Ponds, Information Collection Coordinator, National Park Service, 1201 Oakridge Drive, Fort Collins, CO 80525 (mail); or *pponds@nps.gov* (email). Please reference Information Collection 1024-0224 Programmatic Clearance Renewal in the subject line. You may also access this ICR at *www.reginfo.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

The Programmatic Clearance for NPS-Sponsored Public Surveys applies to surveys designed to furnish usable information to NPS managers and planners concerning park visitors, visitor services, potential park visitors, and residents of communities near parks. This information is intended to provide NPS managers with data that can be used to improve the quality and utility of agency programs, services, and planning efforts. Questions asked under the programmatic review process must show a clear tie to NPS management and planning needs. The programmatic review may only be used for non-controversial surveys that are unlikely to attract or include topics of significant public interest in the programmatic review process.

To qualify for the NPS generic programmatic review process, all information collections must be directly tied to an area managed by the NPS or research that will benefit NPS management efforts. All collections must be reviewed by the NPS and approved by OMB before the survey can be initiated.

**II. Data**

*OMB Control Number:* 1024-0224.

*Title:* Programmatic Clearance for NPS-Sponsored Public Surveys.

*Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Description of Respondents:* Individual households and general public.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Frequency of Collection:* Occasionally, one time.

*Estimated Annual Number of Responses:* 41,500.

	Annual responses
On-site surveys .....	20,000
Mail-back surveys .....	10,000
All non-response surveys .....	6,500
Telephone surveys .....	1,000
Focus Groups/In person interviews .....	1,500

	Annual responses
Other .....	2,500
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>41,500</b>

*Estimated Completion Time per Response:* 15 minutes per mail back survey; 3 minutes per non response survey; 30 minutes per telephone survey; 60 minutes per focus group/ interview 60 minutes; Other 15 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden*

*Hours:* 11,283 hours.

*Estimated Annual Non-hour Burden*

*Cost:* There are no non-hour burden costs associated with this collection.

**III. Comments**

On May 29, 2015, a 60-day **Federal Register** notice (80 FR 30720) was published announcing this information collection. Public comments were solicited for 60 days ending July 28, 2015. We received one public comment in response to that notice. The commenter did not support the renewal of the collection and stated that “once every 5 years is often enough to take these surveys.” In response to this comment, NPS contends that this renewal is not a single annual survey; rather it facilitates a set of independent surveys administered at multiples sites for a variety of NPS management needs. This process simplifies and streamlines the information collection requests to OMB in a manner that allows the NPS to submit more requests per year than we would through the regular submission route. Surveys are reviewed and approved in an expeditious manner allowing data collection to occur more frequently and in a timely manner—more specifically during the visitation season of interest. In the 16 years of the programmatic approval on average, 40 new surveys have been approved each year in support of NPS management and planning. This is nearly five times as many as we would expect going through the regular submission route.

We again invite comments concerning this information collection request on:

- Whether or not the collection of information is necessary, including whether or not the information will have practical utility;
- The accuracy of our estimate of the burden for this collection of information;
- Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of

public record. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us or OMB in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that it will be done.

Dated: October 26, 2015.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Reclamation

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#### Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Report/ Environmental Impact Statement for the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District South County Ag Water Recycling Program

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Reclamation, the lead Federal agency, and the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (Regional San), the lead state agency, will prepare a joint Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) for the South County Ag Water Recycling Program (Project). The Project would deliver approximately 45,000 acre-feet per year of Title 22 disinfected tertiary treated recycled water to about 16,000 acres of irrigated lands in southern Sacramento County for agricultural and urban landscape uses and to the Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge. The Project could also provide an additional 5,000 acre-feet per year of recycled water for groundwater recharge, for a total recycled water delivery of 50,000 acre-feet per year.

**DATES:** Submit written comments on the scope of the EIR/EIS by November 30, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments on the scope of the EIR/EIS to Mr. Jose Ramirez, Project Manager, Sacramento County Regional Sanitation District (Regional San), 10060 Goethe Road,

Sacramento, California 95827; or by email to [ramirezj@sacsewer.com](mailto:ramirezj@sacsewer.com).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Jose Ramirez, Regional San at (916) 879-6059, email at [ramirezj@sacsewer.com](mailto:ramirezj@sacsewer.com); or Mr. Douglas Kleinsmith, Bureau of Reclamation, (916) 978-5034, email at [dkleinsmith@usbr.gov](mailto:dkleinsmith@usbr.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Project water comes from the Regional San Sacramento Regional Water Treatment Plant (SRWTP) located in Elk Grove, California. Presently, the SRWTP treats and discharges secondary effluent into the Sacramento River and operates a 5-million-gallon-per-day (mgd) Water Recycling Facility to produce tertiary effluent. In December 2010, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board adopted new Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) for Regional San. The new WDRs require treatment upgrades to be operational by December 2023, and have prompted Regional San to evaluate a multitude of technologies to produce up to 181 mgd of Title 22 disinfected tertiary recycled water or 'equivalent' quality effluent. Following a pilot study of various technologies, one technology has been selected to treat wastewater to Title 22 disinfected tertiary level, which is suitable for agriculture.

Title 22 disinfected tertiary recycled water generated at the SRWTP would be conveyed to agricultural and urban customers using a new pump station at the SRWTP and through a new network of recycled water pipelines (transmission, distribution, and laterals) located within public road rights-of-way, private roads, and agricultural land. The proposed Project would also include a potential recharge area to increase recycled water usage and benefit the local groundwater basin through increasing groundwater table levels and recharging the basin; with the potential recharge area, the delivery of recycled water could increase by approximately 5,000 acre-feet per year. In addition, the Project includes provision of recycled water to support wetland habitat at the Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) to protect the sensitive resources at the refuge during drought conditions.

The average annual recycled water delivered to potential customers is approximately 50,000 acre-feet per year. Recycled water would be delivered to approximately 16,000 acres of irrigated lands (and some limited recharge areas) and to managed wetlands at Stone Lakes NWR. The actual monthly demand would vary seasonally with the maximum demand occurring during the irrigation season, from May through

September. The project is designed to deliver up to two-thirds of the maximum month demand during the irrigation season. The remaining demand would be met by groundwater pumping, the existing source of water supply. As treated wastewater would be beneficially reused, there would be a commensurate reduction in the discharge of treated wastewater into the Sacramento River.

#### Project Objectives

The objectives of the proposed Project are as follows:

- Reduce groundwater pumping in the Central Basin by supplying recycled water to agricultural and urban customers in south Sacramento County.
- Minimize conveyance costs while maximizing demand served.
- Improve environmental resources and benefit habitats and ecosystems to
  - Reduce streamflow losses in the Cosumnes River by raising groundwater levels.
  - Support improved riparian habitat along the Cosumnes River as a result of elevated groundwater levels along the stream margins.
  - Provide recycled water to wetlands.

The proposed Project consists of the following proposed project elements and their level of environmental evaluation in the joint EIR/EIS:

- New pump station at the SRWTP (project-level evaluation)
- 30- to 60-inch transmission pipeline from the pump station to Twin Cities Road (project-level evaluation)
- Distribution mainlines from the transmission pipeline and lateral service connections to potential customers (agriculture and Stone Lakes NWR) (program-level evaluation)
- Potential Recharge Area and wells to produce water to meet the dilution requirements for groundwater recharge (program-level evaluation)

The EIR/EIS will also evaluate the No Project Alternative, an alternative that does not include funding by Reclamation, and a smaller-scale project alternative that would supply less recycled water to a smaller area in South Sacramento County.

#### Previous Scoping

Regional San mailed a notice of preparation of a Draft EIR regarding the proposed Project to the public on January 30, 2015 and held a scoping meeting on February 18, 2015 at the Sacramento Farm Bureau in Elk Grove, California.

#### Public Disclosure

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other