reduction action to not less than 10 deer per square mile through sharpshooting and through capture and euthanasia. These actions would be taken for the purposes of assessing disease presence, prevalence, and distribution. These actions may also minimize the likelihood of CWD becoming established, minimize the likelihood of amplification and spread if the disease is introduced, and promote elimination of CWD, if possible. Alternative D, the NPS Preferred Alternative, would combine actions of Alternative C to directly reduce the deer population with reproductive control of does as under Alternative B to maintain population levels. CWD response actions would be the same as described for Alternative C.

Changes to the FEIS as a result of public comment on the DEIS consist of factual updates to baseline data and clarifications added to the text. No changes were made to the preferred alternative or other alternatives evaluated nor was the outcome of the impact analysis changed. Agency and public comments received on the DEIS with NPS responses are provided as Appendix F of the FEIS.

Dennis R. Reidenbach, Regional Director, Northeast Region, National Park Service.


Mike Pool, Acting Director, Bureau of Land Management.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) has made available for public review and comment the Draft EIS for the Madera Irrigation District Water Supply Enhancement Project (MID WSEP). Reclamation proposes to approve the banking of up to 55,000 acre-feet per year of Central Valley Project (CVP) water outside the MID service area and the alteration of Reclamation-owned facilities. The total banking capacity of the MID WSEP is 250,000 acre-feet.

The Draft EIS evaluates the potential environmental effects of the proposed MID WSEP on the property known as Madera Ranch (west of the City of Madera, Madera County, CA), and the improvements to associated facilities needed to operate the MID WSEP.

Portions of the 24.2 Canal, Section 8 Canal, Main Number 1 Canal, Cottonwood Creek, and Gravelly Ford Canal would be enlarged, extended, or improved.

The MID WSEP would be completed in two phases. Phase 1 would involve recharge-related facilities only. Phase 2 would involve supplemental recharge facilities and facilities for recovery of banked water. The draft EIS addresses both phases.

DATES: Submit written comments on the draft environmental document on or before September 25, 2009.

A public meeting will be held on August 27, 2009 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in Madera, CA to discuss the purpose and content of the draft environmental document and to provide the public an opportunity to comment on the draft environmental document. Written comments will also be accepted at the public meeting.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held at Madera Irrigation District Office, 2152 Road 28 1/2, Madera, CA 93637.

Copies of the draft document may be requested from Ms. Patricia Clinton at the above address, by calling 559–487–5127, TDD 559–487–5933, or at pclinton@usbr.gov. See SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section for locations where copies of the Draft EIS are available.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Patricia Clinton, Bureau of Reclamation at the phone numbers or e-mail address above.

SUMMARY: The purpose of the EIS is to determine if the project meets Federal, State, and local environmental protection requirements and to determine if the project would be beneficial to the project’s customers and the public. The EIS would also assess the environmental impacts of the project and provide a basis for the development of an Environmental Impact Statement To Increase Water Supply in the Madera Irrigation District by Reclamation.

The EIS analysis would be used to address the needs and concerns of the public and to provide a basis for the development of an Environmental Impact Statement To Increase Water Supply in the Madera Irrigation District by Reclamation.

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