

ODESSA SUBAREA SPECIAL STUDY

Columbia Basin Project

MEETING NOTICE

October 2007

The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) invites you to attend informational meetings on October 23 in Moses Lake, Washington to update you on the Odessa Subarea Special Study (Study). The Study is investigating replacing current groundwater use in the Odessa Ground Water Management Subarea (Odessa Subarea) within Columbia Basin Project (Project) boundaries with Project surface water.

In 2006, Reclamation completed a report that recommended several preliminary alternatives to replace groundwater pumping in the Odessa Subarea. Reclamation has spent the past year conducting appraisal-level investigations of these alternatives. The appraisal analyses examined the technical feasibility of the

alternatives, identified potential environmental and social issues, and developed preliminary cost estimates for comparison purposes. Reclamation will present this information at the meetings. We encourage you to attend and share your thoughts about alternatives that Reclamation should investigate in the next study phase. After considering public comment, Reclamation will select alternatives that will be the focus of more comprehensive feasibility-level analyses beginning in 2008.

Please visit our website for the latest Study information at <http://www.usbr.gov/pn/>, or contact Ellen Berggren, Study Manager, at 208-378-5090 or StudyManager@pn.usbr.gov.

Information Meeting Details

When: Tuesday, October 23, 2007
Afternoon meeting begins at 1:00 pm PST
Evening meeting begins at 6:00 pm PST
Both meetings will have the same presentations and information.

Where: The Advanced Technologies Education Center (ATEC)
Big Bend Community College
7611 Bolling Street
Moses Lake, Washington 98837

The meeting facilities are physically accessible to people with disabilities. If you need other accommodations or auxiliary aids, please contact Jennifer McConnell at (509) 754-0202 before October 18.