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ODESSA SUBAREA SPECIAL STUDY

Columbia Basin Project

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The Odessa Subarea Special Study is investigating replacing current groundwater use in the Odessa Ground Water Management Subarea with surface water from the Columbia Basin Project (Project). About 140,000 groundwater-irrigated acres in the Study area are eligible to receive Project surface water.

Reclamation held public meetings in October 2007 and distributed Study Updates in October and November 2007 to present its appraisal-level investigation findings. Reclamation considered public feedback, as well as engineering technical feasibility, estimated construction costs, study objectives, and potential environmental and other issues when selecting alternatives and options for future study. Reclamation announced these decisions in its February 2008 Study Update.

Reclamation has completed the *Odessa Subarea Special Study, Appraisal-level Investigation, Summary of Findings* report which documents the appraisal-level investigation and describes the basis for the decisions. The report can be downloaded from the Study website. Paper copies or a CD-ROM containing the report are available by contacting Ellen Berggren, Study Manager (contact information provided below).

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Study Website: <u>http://www.usbr.gov/pn/programs/ucao_misc/odessa/index.html</u>

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