New Melones Lake Implements Phase I of the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act May 1, 2008

The Bureau of Reclamation announces changes to its existing fee program for New Melones Lake in order to implement the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (REA), Public Law 108-447, Title VIII.

The REA authorizes Reclamation to participate in a fee collection and retention program and issue special recreation use permits. Under REA, New Melones Lake is authorized to use a portion of the revenues collected to enhance recreation facilities and services. Previously, all monies went to the Federal Treasury.

Effective May 1, 2008, the following fees apply:

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• Camping fees of \$18 for standard campsites and \$14 for walk-in campsites.

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• RV dump station fees of \$8 for registered campers and \$15 for other users.

• Interagency Senior Passes for individuals ages 62 and older are \$10 and provide the pass owner with a 50-percent discount on expanded amenity fees which include individual camping and RV dump station fees.

• Interagency Access Passes for individuals with permanent disabilities are free of charge and provide the pass owner with a 50-percent discount on expanded amenity fees which include individual camping and RV dump station fees.

• Previously issued Golden Age/Golden Access passes will continue to be honored.

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The Initial Plan for Phased Implementation of the 2005 Federal Lands REA (Draft) is available at http://www.usbr.gov/mp/ccao/field_offices/new_melones/REA/docs/REA_Draft_Plan_Public_2-14-08.pdf.

