

Attachment B

Newspaper Announcement



Public Meeting To Be Held **Bureau of Reclamation** **New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission** **Miscellaneous Purposes Contract EIS**



The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) and the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission (NMISC) are preparing an environmental impact statement (EIS) to address the potential environmental impacts of a proposed federal action. The proposed action is the execution of a long-term miscellaneous purposes contract with the Carlsbad Irrigation District (CID), New Mexico. Reclamation is the lead federal agency and the NMISC serves as a joint lead agency for NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) compliance for the proposed action. The purpose of Reclamation's proposed federal action is to allow the NMISC to use water allotted to land located in the CID owned by the NMISC or leased by the NMISC from other members of CID, or other Project water, for release from facilities serving the Carlsbad Project. Environmental issues and preliminary alternatives for the proposed project will be discussed.

A meeting to obtain public input is scheduled for Thursday, February 12, 2004 from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. at the Best Western Stevens Inn, Room 4, 1829 S. Canal St., Carlsbad, NM. A brief presentation will begin at 7:30 P.M., followed by an informal discussion of issues and concerns. The public is encouraged to send written comments to:

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Reasonable accommodations will be provided upon request for people with disabilities. If you require a specific accommodation to participate in the meeting, please contact Aleta Powers, ERO Resources, at (303) 830-1188.