



Reclamation  
Mid-Pacific Region  
Sacramento, CA



California  
Department of  
Water Resources



National Oceanic and  
Atmospheric Administration

## Mid-Pacific Region Sacramento, CA

MP-11-010

### Media Contacts:

Pete Lucero, Reclamation, 916-978-5100

Ted Thomas, DWR, 916-653-9712

Matt Ocana, National Weather Service, 801-524-5692

For Release On: January 31, 2011

## Reclamation, CA Department of Water Resources and National Weather Service Assess New Sites for Flood, Water Operations

The Bureau of Reclamation, California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the National Weather Service (NWS) have scheduled public scoping meetings on the proposed relocation of the Joint Operations Center (JOC) in Sacramento County.

To better coordinate California water and flood operations, the three agencies plan to relocate the JOC by 2015 from the existing facility on El Camino Avenue near Watt Avenue in Sacramento to a new site.

The proposed relocation would improve communications and coordination during emergencies, such as floods and droughts, and would accommodate approximately 500 employees. The new facility would house control centers for the State Water Project and the federal Central Valley Project, a flood operations center, backup power supplies, primary and backup communication systems, complex computer infrastructure, and physical and cyber security systems, and would meet state essential service criteria. The current facility was adapted from a former retail store property and does not meet state essential service criteria.

The public and media are invited to attend either of two scoping meetings to be held:

**When:** Thursday, February 3, 2011, afternoon session 2-4 p.m., or evening session 6:30-8:30 p.m.

**Where:** Sacramento State Aquatics Center, 1901 Hazel Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95670

-more-

The scoping sessions will have an open house format with employees available to answer questions. Staff will present an introduction to the project at 2:30 p.m. and again at 7 p.m.

Two locations are being considered for a new JOC: a site owned by Reclamation adjacent to the Nimbus Fish Hatchery and a commercial site on Kilgore Road near Sunrise Boulevard.

An Environmental Impact Statement and Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) will be prepared describing any potentially significant environmental impacts of the proposed project. For more information see the project Web site at <http://www.usbr.gov/mp/cvo/joc.html>.

Written or oral comments on the proposed content and scope of the EIS/EIR or on alternatives to be considered may be provided at the public scoping meetings. Written comments may be provided directly to Reclamation or DWR at:

**California Department of Water Resources**

Division of Management Services  
P.O. Box 942836  
Sacramento, CA 942836  
Attention: John Engstrom  
Telephone: 916-651-8745  
Fax: 916-653-6476  
E-mail: [engstrom@water.ca.gov](mailto:engstrom@water.ca.gov)

**Bureau of Reclamation**

Division of Environmental Affairs  
2800 Cottage Way  
Sacramento, CA 95825  
Attention: Elizabeth Vasquez  
Telephone: 916- 978-5040  
Fax: 916-978-5055  
E-mail: [evasquez@usbr.gov](mailto:evasquez@usbr.gov)

Comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, February 16, 2011.

###

Reclamation is the largest wholesale water supplier and the second largest producer of hydroelectric power in the United States, with operations and facilities in the 17 Western States. Its facilities also provide substantial flood control, recreation, and fish and wildlife benefits. Visit our website at <http://www.usbr.gov>.