

*Project, Colorado and New Mexico:* Contract to transfer the operation, maintenance, and replacement responsibilities of most Project facilities to the District, pursuant to Section 6 of the Reclamation Act of June 17, 1902, and other Reclamation laws.

20. *South Cache Water Users Association, Hyrum Project, Utah:* Contract to allow the Association to convert up to 1,000 acre-feet of project irrigation water annually for municipal, domestic, and industrial uses.

*Discontinued contract actions:*

(a) *Russell, Harrison F. and Patricia E.; Aspinall Unit; CRSP; Colorado:* Contract for 1 acre-foot to support an augmentation plan, Case No. 97CW39, Water Division Court No. 4, State of Colorado, to provide for a single-family residential well, including home lawn and livestock watering (non-commercial).

(b) *Stephens, Walter Daniel; Aspinall Unit; CRSP; Colorado:* Contract for 2 acre-feet to support an augmentation plan, Case No. 97CW49, Water Division Court No. 4, State of Colorado, to provide for pond evaporative depletions during the non-irrigation season.

*Completed contract action:*

9. *Grand Valley Water Users Association, Orchard Mesa ID, and Public Service Company of Colorado, Grand Valley Project, Colorado:* Water service contract for the utilization of project water for cooling purposes for a steam electric generation plant. Contract executed on January 1, 2003.

*Great Plains Region:* Bureau of Reclamation, PO Box 36900, Federal Building, 316 North 26th Street, Billings, Montana 59107-6900, telephone 406-247-7790.

*New contract actions:*

44. *Frenchman-Cambridge ID, Frenchman Unit, P-SMBP, Nebraska:* Proposed contract amendment—request for deferment of annual payment due to severe drought.

45. *Frenchman Valley ID, Frenchman Unit, P-SMBP, Nebraska:* Proposed contract amendment—request for deferment of annual payment due to severe drought.

*Discontinued contract action:*

34. *Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District, Colorado-Big Thompson Project, Colorado:* Acting by and through the Pleasant Valley Pipeline Project Water Activity Enterprise, beginning discussions concerning a long-term contract for conveyance of nonproject water through Colorado-Big Thompson Project facilities.

*Completed contract actions:*

6. *Pathfinder ID, North Platte Project, Nebraska:* Negotiation of a contract regarding SOD program modifications of Lake Alice Dam No. 1 Filter/Drain.

8. *Angostura ID, Angostura Unit, P-SMBP, South Dakota:* A 25-year long-term contract was entered into on January 28, 2003, to provide a water supply for the Angostura ID. Reclamation is working to implement the environmental commitments in the Environmental Impact Statement. An agreement on efficiency improvements and use of saved water is being developed.

35. *Miles Land and Livestock Co. (Individual), Alcova Reservoir, Kendrick Project, Wyoming:* Negotiate a long-term contract for annual conveyance of up to 153.27 acre-feet of nonproject water through the Casper Canal, Wyoming.

Dated: March 25, 2003.

**Wayne O. Deason,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Reclamation

#### Colorado River, Notice of Opportunity for Input Regarding Recommendations and Determinations Authorized by 43 CFR Part 417, Imperial Irrigation District

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The implementation of the Department of the Interior's 43 CFR part 417 2003 calendar year determination with respect to the Imperial Irrigation District dated December 27, 2002 was enjoined by U.S. District Court Judge Thomas J. Whelan on March 18, 2003. Judge Whelan has vacated and remanded this decision to the Department of the Interior by order dated April 16, 2003. Through this notice, the Department of the Interior is initiating action to make recommendations and determinations authorized by 43 CFR part 417 with respect to the Imperial Irrigation District's water order regarding its use of Colorado River water for calendar year 2003. This notice provides addresses where information regarding the Department's analyses of this matter may be submitted, and provides an internet address where relevant information may be found.

**DATES:** The Regional Director will accept input on the issues addressed by this **Federal Register** notice for a period

of 30 days following publication of this notice.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit written comments to the Regional Director, Lower Colorado Region, Attention: Jayne Harkins, Bureau of Reclamation, PO Box 61470, Boulder City, Nevada 89006-1470. Information on this matter will be posted on the Bureau's Internet site at the following address: [www.lc.usbr.gov/IID417.htm](http://www.lc.usbr.gov/IID417.htm).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** By order dated April 16, 2003, entered in *Imperial Irrigation District v. The United States of America*, Case No. 03 CV0069 W (JFS), the United States District Court for the Southern District of California has remanded the matter of the Imperial Irrigation District (IID)'s 2003 water order to the Bureau of Reclamation for a *de novo* (or "a new") agency determination of IID's estimated water requirements for calendar year 2003 under 43 Code of Federal Regulations Part 417 (43 CFR part 417). The Part 417 process will be conducted as follows:

The Regional Director for the Lower Colorado Region ("Regional Director") of the Bureau of Reclamation ("Reclamation") will, by letters coincident with this **Federal Register** notice, notify IID and the State of California of the commencement of a *de novo* Part 417 consultation relating to the determination of Imperial Irrigation District's estimated water requirements for calendar year 2003.

#### Collection of Written Information

The Part 417 consultation will be conducted by the Regional Director through the collection of written information. The Regional Director will consider all materials submitted to the court in *Imperial Irrigation District v. The United States of America*, *supra*, including the Administrative Record and the declarations filed by individuals in that action. It will not be necessary for IID, the State of California or any other interested party to file with Reclamation as part of this Part 417 consultation any material which has been filed or lodged with the court in this case.

The Regional Director will also consider all relevant written information, comments and suggestions received by Reclamation from IID, the State of California or any other interested party within 30 days of the date of this notice. Timely written information, comments and suggestions which relate to the recommendations and determinations required of the Regional Director under 43 CFR 417.2 or