



# Delta Mendota Canal Recirculation Project Public Scoping Meeting

## Purpose of Public Scoping – April 2007

Public scoping is a vital component of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and California Environmental Policy Act (CEQA) processes. NEPA regulations define scoping as "an early and open process for determining the scope of issues to be addressed and for identifying the significant issues related to the proposed action." Similarly, CEQA Guidelines define scoping as "the process of early consultation with the public and agencies during the initial stage of EIR preparation."

Public scoping serves to include agencies, stakeholders, and interested public in the decision-making process and to allow full environmental disclosure. These scoping meetings will assist the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) and the Department of Water Resources (DWR) in obtaining information that will focus the Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) on significant issues. Scoping allows agencies, stakeholders, and interested parties to identify or suggest resources to be evaluated, issues that may require environmental review, reasonable alternatives to consider, and potential mitigation (ways to reduce or avoid environmental impacts) if significant adverse effects are identified. Scoping also provides decision makers with insight on the analyses that agencies, stakeholders, and interested public believes should be considered as part of the environmental review process.

## Meeting Format

During the Open House public scoping meetings, representatives from Reclamation and DWR, along with consultant staff, will be present at the various information stations to discuss the proposed project and gather public comments. Participants can visit information stations and ask representatives questions and/or provide comments.

## Information Stations

- Station 1 – Project Information
- Station 2 – Alternatives Development
- Station 3 – Environmental Resources

## Submitting Comments

Comments received during scoping must be received by close of business Wednesday, May 9, 2007, and can be submitted at the scoping meetings or mailed to:

Ms. Sammie Cervantes  
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2800 Cottage Way  
Sacramento, CA 95825-1898

Comments may also be sent to Ms. Cervantes via email to [scervantes@mp.usbr.gov](mailto:scervantes@mp.usbr.gov) or faxed to 916-978-5094. For additional project information, please contact Mr. Maury Kruth, Project Manager, at 916-978-5078, TDD 916-978-5608, or email [mkruth@mp.usbr.gov](mailto:mkruth@mp.usbr.gov).

A Scoping Report will be prepared which will describe agency and public comments received on the scope of the EIS/EIR.