

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Reclamation****Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Advisory Council**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Advisory Council (Council) was established by the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-320) (Act) to receive reports and advise Federal agencies on implementing the Act. In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Bureau of Reclamation announces that the Council will meet as detailed below. The meeting of the Council is open to the public.

**DATES:** The Council will convene the meeting on Thursday, November 18, 2010, at 1 p.m. and recess at approximately 5 p.m. The Council will reconvene the meeting on Friday, November 19, 2010, at 8:30 a.m. and adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:30 a.m. Any member of the public may file written statements with the Council before, during, or up to 30 days after the meeting either in person or by mail. To the extent that time permits, the Council chairman will allow public presentation of oral comments at the meeting. To allow full consideration of information by Council members, written notice must be provided at least 5 days prior to the meeting. Any written comments received prior to the meeting will be provided to Council members at the meeting.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Bahia Resort Hotel, 998 West Mission Bay Drive, San Diego, California 92109. Send written comments to Mr. Kib Jacobson, Bureau of Reclamation, Upper Colorado Regional Office, 125 South State Street, Room 6107, Salt Lake City, Utah 84138-1147; telephone (801) 524-3753; facsimile (801) 524-3826; e-mail at: [kjacobson@usbr.gov](mailto:kjacobson@usbr.gov).

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the accomplishments of Federal agencies and make recommendations on future activities to control salinity. Council members will be briefed on the status of salinity control activities and receive input for drafting the Council's annual

report. The Bureau of Reclamation, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and United States Geological Survey of the Department of the Interior; the Natural Resources Conservation Service of the Department of Agriculture; and the Environmental Protection Agency will each present a progress report and a schedule of activities on salinity control in the Colorado River Basin. The Council will discuss salinity control activities, the contents of the reports, and the Basin States Program created by Public Law 110-246, which amended the Act.

**Public Disclosure**

Before including a name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in the comment, please be advised that the entire comment—including personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While it can be requested to withhold personal identifying information from public review, Reclamation cannot guarantee that this will happen.

Dated: *September 27, 2010.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management**

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**Notice of Availability of the Record of Decision for the Blythe Solar Power Project and Associated Amendment to the California Desert Conservation Area Resource Management Plan, Riverside County, California**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the availability of the Record of Decision (ROD)/Approved Amendment to the California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA) Plan (the applicable Resource Management Plan (RMP) for the project site and the surrounding areas) located in the California Desert District. The Secretary of the Interior signed the ROD on October 22, 2010, which constitutes the final decision of the Department.

**DATES:** The ROD/Approved Plan Amendment are effective immediately upon publication of this notice.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the ROD/ Approved Amendment to the CDCA Plan are available upon request from the Field Manager, Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, 1201 Bird Center Drive, Palm Springs, California 92262 or via the internet at the following Web site: <http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/palmsprings.html>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Allison Shaffer, BLM Project Manager; telephone: (760) 833-7100; *mailing address:* Bird Center Drive, Palm Springs, California 92262; or *e-mail:* [capssolarblythe@blm.gov](mailto:capssolarblythe@blm.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Chevron Energy Solutions filed right-of-way (ROW) application CACA-048811 for the proposed Blythe Solar Power Project (BSPP). Chevron Energy Solutions entered into a development agreement with Solar Millennium and requested that the project be assigned to Palo Verde Solar I, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Solar Millennium. The BSPP is a concentrated solar electrical generating facility using parabolic trough technology and facilities. The BSPP site is proposed on approximately 7,025 acres of BLM-managed lands in Riverside County, California, approximately 8 miles west of Blythe, California, 3 miles north of Highway I-10, and 1 mile north of the Blythe Regional Airport. In addition to the BSPP site, the project includes a distribution line, an electrical transmission line, fiber optic lines, a natural gas pipeline, and an access road. The double circuit 230-kilovolt (kV) transmission line will be constructed to interconnect to the Devers-Palo Verde II 500-kV transmission line at the Colorado River substation. The linear facilities will encumber approximately 43 acres onsite and 183 acres offsite.

The project site is in the California Desert District within the planning boundary of the CDCA Plan, which is the applicable RMP for the project site and the surrounding areas. The CDCA Plan, while recognizing the potential compatibility of solar generation facilities on public lands, requires that all sites associated with power generation or transmission not already identified in that Plan be considered through the BLM's land use plan amendment process. As a result, prior to approval of a ROW grant for the BSPP, the BLM must amend the CDCA Plan to allow the solar generating project on the site. The Approved Amendment to the CDCA Plan specifically revises the CDCA Plan to allow for the development of the BSPP project on the 7,025 acres of land managed by the BLM