

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Interior has determined that implementing Alternative 1 as described in the EA will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment and that an environmental impact statement is not required.

This project anticipates the rehabilitation of several existing wells, installation of additional booster pump capability, extension of associated distribution system pipelines and overhead power lines, and development and implementation of a supervisory control and data acquisition system.

Also anticipated is the construction of a bypass pipeline along a segment of Spring Creek channel to reduce loss of water during the late irrigation season period of water shortage, and perforated infiltration pipelines to recharge water to the groundwater basin at other times.

These actions are proposed to be taken in order to more efficiently utilize existing ground-water supplies in conjunction with existing surface water supplies.

The Bonneville Unit of the Central Utah Project was authorized to develop central Utah's water resources. Both the 1987 Final Supplement to the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Municipal and Industrial System, Bonneville Unit, Central Utah Project and the 2004 Supplement to the 188 Definite Plan Report for the Bonneville Unit anticipated additional water development in East Juab County. Under the authority of Section 202 of the Central Utah Project Completion Act (Pub. L. 102-575), the Secretary of the Interior oversees Bonneville Unit water development, and specifically has authority to provide cost share associated with Conjunctive Use investigations and projects.

Dated: January 12, 2010.

**Reed R. Murray,**

*Program Director, Central Utah Project Completion Act, Department of the Interior.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

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#### Quivira National Wildlife Refuge, Stafford, KS

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare a comprehensive conservation plan and

environmental assessment. Request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), intend to prepare a comprehensive conservation plan (CCP) and environmental assessment (EA) for Quivira National Wildlife Refuge in Stafford, Kansas. We provide this notice in compliance with our CCP policy to advise other Federal and State agencies, Tribes, and the public of our intentions, and to obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues to consider in the planning process.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, please send your written comments by March 26, 2010. We will hold public meetings to begin the CCP planning process; see Public Meetings under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for dates, times, and locations.

**ADDRESSES:** Send your comments or requests for more information by any of the following methods.

*E-mail:* [quivira@fws.gov](mailto:quivira@fws.gov). Include "Quivira CCP" in the subject line of the message.

*Fax:* Attn: Toni Griffin, Planning Team Leader, 303/236-4792.

*U.S. Mail:* Toni Griffin, Planning Team Leader, Division of Refuge Planning, 134 Union Blvd., Lakewood, CO 80225.

*In-Person Drop-off:* You may drop off comments during regular business hours at the above address, or at the Quivira National Wildlife Refuge office located at 1434 NE 80th Street, Stafford, KS 67578.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Toni Griffin, 303-236-4378 (phone); or David C. Lucas, Chief, Division of Planning, P.O. Box 25486, Denver Federal Center, Denver, CO 80228.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Introduction**

With this notice, we initiate our process for developing a CCP for Quivira National Wildlife Refuge in Stafford, KS. This notice complies with our CCP policy to (1) advise other Federal and State agencies, Tribes, and the public of our intention to conduct detailed planning on this refuge and (2) obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues to consider in the environmental document and during development of the CCP.

##### **Background**

###### *The CCP Process*

The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee) (Administration Act), as

amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, requires us to develop a CCP for each national wildlife refuge. The purpose for developing a CCP is to provide refuge managers with a 15-year plan for achieving refuge purposes and contributing toward the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System, consistent with sound principles of fish and wildlife management, conservation, legal mandates, and our policies. In addition to outlining broad management direction on conserving wildlife and their habitats, CCPs identify wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities available to the public, including opportunities for hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, and environmental education and interpretation. We will review and update the CCP at least every 15 years in accordance with the Administration Act.

Each unit of the National Wildlife Refuge System was established for specific purposes. We use these purposes as the foundation for developing and prioritizing the management goals and objectives for each refuge within the National Wildlife Refuge System, and to determine how the public can use each refuge. The planning process is a way for us and the public to evaluate management goals and objectives that will ensure the best possible approach to wildlife, plant, and habitat conservation, while providing for wildlife-dependent recreation opportunities that are compatible with each refuge's establishing purposes and the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Our CCP process provides participation opportunities for Tribal, State, and local governments; agencies; organizations; and the public. At this time we encourage input in the form of issues, concerns, ideas, and suggestions for the future management of the Quivira National Wildlife Refuge.

We will conduct the environmental review of this project and develop an EA in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*); NEPA regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508); other appropriate Federal laws and regulations; and our policies and procedures for compliance with those laws and regulations.

###### *Quivira National Wildlife Refuge*

The Quivira NWR was established in 1955 to provide wintering and migration stopover habitat for migratory birds along the Central Flyway of North America. The refuge has two purposes:

(1) "For use as an inviolate sanctuary, or for any other management purpose, for migratory birds" (Migratory Bird Conservation Act); and

(2) "For the development, advancement, management, conservation, and protection of fish and wildlife resources for the benefit of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service" (Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956).

The refuge is located in Stafford, Rice, and Reno Counties, Kansas. Wetlands, large and small, are present throughout the refuge; there are approximately 7,000 acres of wetlands with slightly to moderately saline water. Thousands of Canada geese, ducks, and other migratory birds, such as sandhill cranes and shorebirds, use these wetlands as they pass through the refuge on their

annual migrations. The refuge provides numerous opportunities for the public including hunting, fishing, wildlife observation and photography, interpretation, and environmental education for students and visitors.

**Scoping; Preliminary Issues, Concerns, and Opportunities**

We have identified preliminary issues, concerns, and opportunities that we may address in the CCP. During public scoping, we may identify additional issues.

We request input as to which issues affecting management or public use should be addressed during the planning process. We are especially interested in receiving public input in the following areas:

(a) What do you value most about this refuge?

(b) What problems or issues do you see affecting management of this refuge?

(c) What changes, if any, would you like to see in the management of this refuge?

We provide the above questions for your optional use. We have no requirement that you provide information; however, any comments the planning team receives will be used as part of the planning process.

**Public Meetings**

We will hold the following public meetings. For more, contact the person under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Date	Time	Location
March 8, 2010 .....	4–7 p.m. ....	Stafford Senior Center, 103 South Main, Stafford, KS 67578.
March 9, 2010 .....	4–7 p.m. ....	Front Door Community Center, 1615 Tenth Street, Great Bend, KS 67530.
March 10, 2010 .....	4–7 p.m. ....	Great Plains Nature Center, 6232 East 29th Street North, Wichita, KS 67220–2200.

**Public Availability of Comments**

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: December 14, 2009.

**Hugh Morrison,**

*Acting Regional Director, Region 6.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Bureau of Reclamation**

**Bunker Hill Groundwater Basin, Riverside-Corona Feeder Project, San Bernardino and Riverside Counties, CA**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Bureau of Reclamation and the Western Municipal Water District (Western) will prepare a joint

EIS/EIR for the proposed Riverside-Corona Feeder Project. The public and agencies are invited to comment on the scope of the EIS/EIR and the proposed alternatives.

This notice is provided pursuant to NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4332 (2) (c)) and Department of Interior regulations for implementation of NEPA (43 CFR Part 46).

**DATES:** Written comments on the scope of the EIS/EIR are requested within 30 days of the publication of this notice.

**ADDRESSES:** Please send written comments to Ms. Amy Campbell, Southern California Area Office, Bureau of Reclamation, 27708 Jefferson Avenue, Suite 202, Temecula, CA 92590; or e-mail to [ACampbell@usbr.gov](mailto:ACampbell@usbr.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Amy Campbell, Southern California Area Office general telephone number 951–695–5310, or e-mail [ACampbell@usbr.gov](mailto:ACampbell@usbr.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

The proposed project is a large capacity water pipeline associated with an aquifer storage and recovery project. The project will install new groundwater wells at the Bunker Hill Groundwater Basin in San Bernardino County with pipelines ranging in diameter up to 78 inches to Western's Service Area in Riverside County.

Existing recharge basins will be used to store imported water and local Santa

Ana River flows in the Bunker Hill Groundwater Basin during wet years for delivery to communities in western Riverside County in dry years via 28 miles of pipeline capable of delivering up to 40,000 acre-feet per year of ground water at 100 cubic feet per second (cfs). The proposed pipeline alignment will also provide access to groundwater from the Chino Basin in San Bernardino County.

Section 9112 of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (Pub. L. 111–11, 123 Stat. 1318), signed by the President on March 30, 2009, authorizes the Secretary of the Interior, in cooperation with Western, to participate in the planning, design, and construction of the Riverside-Corona Feeder Project including: (i) 20 groundwater wells; (ii) groundwater treatment facilities; (iii) water storage and pumping facilities; and (iv) 28 miles of pipeline in San Bernardino and Riverside Counties in the State of California.

Western certified a Program EIR (California State Clearinghouse No. 2003031121) under CEQA in 2005, and issued a Notice of Preparation of a draft Supplemental Program EIR on July 30, 2008 to evaluate a proposed change in the pipeline alignment. Our intention is to circulate the supplemental EIR for public review as a joint CEQA/NEPA document, incorporating the earlier Program EIR by reference. The draft document is expected to be available for public review in mid-March 2010.