

Nevada Irrigation District Extends Public Comment Period on Centennial Reservoir Project Notice of Preparation

Additional 30 days given in response to public requests

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Grass Valley, CA - The Nevada Irrigation District (NID) extended the public comment period for the Centennial Reservoir Project Notice of Preparation (NOP) of Environmental Impact Report (EIR) from the original deadline of March 17 to April 18, 2016. NID is taking this action in response to requests from the public asking for additional time to submit comments.

“The public has been responding to our call for input on the Centennial Reservoir Project, a major effort in the solution to the area’s current and future water needs,” said NID General Manager Rem Scherzinger. “These comments are necessary to Centennial Reservoir’s planning and development to ensure this project meets the needs of our community.”

NID, the Lead Agency for the California Environmental Quality Act, first requested public input on this step in the planning, financing and construction of the Centennial project last month.

NID will hold two public scoping meetings to present information about the proposed project to listen to the views of the public on the range of issues relevant to the scope and content of the EIR.

Public scoping meeting details:

Grass Valley

March 9, 2016

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Holiday Inn Express

121 Bank Street

Auburn

March 10, 2016

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Forest Lake Christian High School

12515 Combie Road

NID is proposing to implement the Centennial Reservoir Project to provide drought and climate change-mitigation, meet projected future water supply needs, and improve water supply reliability for NID’s customers. The Project involves the construction of a new 110,000 acre-foot reservoir as well as construction of a new dam and associated facilities, on the Bear River between the existing Rollins and Combie reservoirs. The Project will extend upriver from just above the existing Combie Reservoir for slightly more than six miles to a point west of the Town of Colfax, approximately two miles downstream of the existing Rollins Dam. The NID anticipates the project will cost \$200 to \$300 million.

The Centennial project will use the most advanced science and technology available to provide water for local farms, provide drought and climate change-mitigation, meet the region’s future water supply

needs and improve water supply reliability for NID's customers.

NID will accept written comments through April 18, 2016. The public can send comments to NID Board Secretary Lisa Francis Tassone, 1036 W. Main Street, Grass Valley, CA 95945. The original deadline to submit comments was March 17, 2016.

NID anticipates the Draft EIR will be available for a 45-day public review and comment period in early 2017. All interested parties are encouraged to respond to the NOP and provide a current address for notifications regarding the Draft EIR.

Visit Centennial Project's new website - <http://www.centennialreservoir.org> – for more information.

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