

OID Seeks Input For Water Resource Plan EIR

The Oakdale Irrigation District is preparing a programmatic environmental impact report (PEIR) to support the implementation of its recently completed Water Resources Plan, and seeks public input on the impacts involved.

The WRP includes a number of individual projects and actions that could have environmental impacts and is proposed to be implemented in phases.

According to OID General Manager Steve Knell, "The PEIR will provide a 'big pic-

ture' review of the overall proposed WRP and associated program, and set the stage for implementing specific projects."

The OID will be the lead agency for the project and has prepared the notice of preparation (NOP) pursuant to Section 15082 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines (State CEQA Guidelines).

The purpose of the notice is to inform the public and agencies that an environmental report is being pre-

pared, and to solicit input on the scope and content of the document. The State CEQA Guidelines require a minimum 30-day period within which responses will be accepted.

A public scoping meeting to begin the CEQA process and obtain public input to sup-

port the preparation of the PEIR will be conducted at the new Gene Bianchi Community Center on Feb. 23 from 6-8 p.m. A public draft PEIR is expected to be complete by late December 2006.

Questions and community input should be forwarded to Knell at OID at 847-0341.