

OID Environmental Report Meeting Set Feb. 23

The Oakdale Irrigation District will hold a public meeting to begin the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process and obtain public input to support the preparation of the programmatic environmental impact report (PEIR) for their Water Resources Plan on Thursday, Feb. 23, from 6-8 p.m. at the new Gene Bianchi Community Center, 110 So. Second Ave.

The purpose of the meeting

is to solicit input on the scope and content of the document from the public and agencies. The State CEQA Guidelines require a minimum 30-day period within which responses will be accepted. A public draft PEIR is expected to be complete by late December, 2006.

OID General Manager Steve Knell noted that the Water Resources Plan will help guide the district during the next

20 years in the enhancement of services within the district, protection of water rights and upgrading of facilities. Phase I of the project was completed during 2005, which focused on an appraisal of the current system, its resources, and the projected needs for the future.

Phase II places that information into a program of service standards and improvements for the districts in preparation of the Programmatic Environ-

mental Impact Report and Notice of Preparation (NOP) for meeting the CEQA requirements. The Phase I report is available at OID headquarters.

OID staff, along with representatives of the district water consultant, CH2M Hill, will be at the meeting to answer questions and receive input.

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

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