



Press Release

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OID to host Public Meeting on Water Resources Plan

Public Comment to be incorporated into report.

Oakdale, California. January 4, 2007. The Oakdale Irrigation District has scheduled a public meeting to review its efforts on its proposed Water Resources Plan (WRP). The meeting is set for 6:00 p.m. on January 17, 2007 at the Gene Bianchi Community Center, 110 S. 2nd Street in Oakdale.

According to Steve Knell, General Manager of OID, the plan evaluates the District's water resources, facilities and operations, and examines land use trends to determine how future changes in these areas will impact water supply and demand during the next two decades. The plan also provides specific, prioritized recommendations for OID facility improvements. "OID infrastructure is badly in need of repair," said Knell. "This is an important effort for the future of the District, the District's customers and the community as a whole. We want the public's input and encourage the community to participate."

The meeting will focus on a draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR). The District prepared the PEIR in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), which is required before the plan can be implemented. The PEIR identifies the anticipated impacts associated with implementation as well as those parts of the program that are under development (and will require additional potential environmental review beyond the PEIR). The purpose of the workshop is to obtain comments on the Public Draft PEIR as part of the public review process.

A copy of the PEIR is available for public review at the OID headquarters and at the Public Library. The public comment period will last from January 5, 2007 to February 19, 2007. Written comments can be submitted to Steve Knell, General Manager, OID at 1205 East F Street, Oakdale 95361. Interested parties may also call OID (209) 847-0341.

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