Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration
and
EA/FNSI Notice of Availability
Shank Road-Alamo River Wetlands (AR21) Project

Water quality in the Alamo River is very poor because its waters are mainly comprised of agricultural runoff, effluent from wastewater treatment plants, and poorly treated domestic and industrial wastewater from a variety of sources. These polluted waters contribute to deteriorating conditions in the Salton Sea ecosystem. The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) proposes to construct a 53-acre wetland adjacent to the Alamo River east of Brawley, in Imperial County, California. The total water surface area at this site would be 26 acres, which would hold a total water volume of 147.9 acre feet and have a maximum design flow rate of 11 cubic feet per second. The site would remove contaminants and sediments and thus improve the water quality of the Alamo River and the Salton Sea. Perimeter containment berms and sediment basin berms would serve as maintenance roads and for public access. Ongoing maintenance of the wetlands would be the responsibility of the California Department of Fish and Game.

The Salton Sea Authority will be the Lead Agency for the adoption of a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for this project and is requesting comments. The US Bureau of Reclamation will be the Lead Agency for the adoption of a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) and is requesting comments. The Draft MND/FNSI and Initial Study/Environmental Assessment are available for review Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at: Salton Sea Authority, 78-401 Highway 111, Suite T, La Quinta, CA 92253. The review period is from July 11, 2006 to August 10, 2006. The contact persons for this project are: Dan Cain, Staff Analyst, Salton Sea Authority, (760) 564-4888, (760) 564-5288 (fax) and Cheryl Rodriguez, Team Lead, Bureau of Reclamation, (702) 293-8167, (702) 293-8023 (fax).