

**Churchill County
Agenda Report**

Date Submitted: January 25, 2008

Agenda Item: Consent # 0
Agenda Date Requested: February 7, 2008

To: Board of Churchill County Commissioners
From: Pamela D. Moore, Administrative Aide to the Board of County Commissioners
Subject Title: The Department of the Interior and State of California Release the Final EIS/EIR for the Truckee River Operating Agreement.

Type of Action Requested: (check one)

Resolution

Ordinance

Formal Action/Motion

Other – Informational Only

Does this action require a Business Impact Statement? No

Recommended Board Action: None.

Discussion: The Department of the Interior and State of California Release the Final EIS/EIR for the Truckee River Operating Agreement. This report will implement Section 205(a) of the Truckee-Carson-Pyramid Lake Water Rights Settlement Act of 1990, Title II of Public Law 101-618 (Settlement Act). The Revised Draft EIS/EIR was released on August 25, 2004 and public hearings were held October 18-21, 2004 in Reno, Fernley, Nixon and Fallon, Nevada and Kings Beach and Truckee, California. The Final EIS/EIR may be viewed on BOR's website at: <http://www/usbr.gov/mp/troa/> or you can review a copy in the Office of the Churchill County Clerk/Treasurer, 155 No. Taylor Street, Suite 110, Fallon, Nevada. No Federal or State of California decision will be made on the proposed action until a minimum of 30 days after the release of the Final EIS/EIR. Following this 30-day period, the U.S. Department of the Interior and the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) will complete their respective Record of Decision (ROD) and Notice of Determination (NOD). The ROD and NOD will identify the action to be implemented.

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Date: 28 Jan 08, 2008

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Date: 29 Jan, 2008

Alan Kalt
Alan Kalt, Churchill County Comptroller

Date: 1/29/08, 2008

Board Action Taken:

Motion: _____

1) _____
2) _____

Aye/Nay

(Vote Recorded By)

Truckee River Operating Agreement

Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report

Enclosed is a copy of the Truckee River Operating Agreement (TROA) Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (Final EIS/EIR).

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The Final EIS/EIR may be viewed at <http://www.usbr.gov/mp/troa/>. If you encounter problems accessing documents online, please contact Ms. Lynnette Wirth at 916-978-5102 or lwirth@mp.usbr.gov.

For additional information or to request an additional copy of the Final EIS/EIR, please contact Mr. Kenneth Parr, Bureau of Reclamation, at 775-882-3436, kparr@mp.usbr.gov, or Mr. Michael Cooney, DWR, at 916-651-0746, mikec@water.ca.gov. Information is also available at <http://www.usbr.gov/mp/troa/>. Available formats include (1) a CD, which includes the Final EIS/EIR and all appendices; (2) a paper copy of the Final EIS/EIR (1,000 pages), or (3) a paper copy of the Final EIS/EIR and appendices (over 4,300 total pages).

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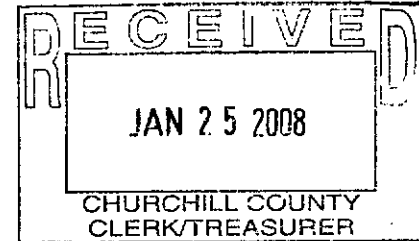
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Department of the Interior and State of California Release Final EIS/EIR for the Truckee River Operating Agreement

The U.S. Department of the Interior and the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), as co-lead agencies, have released the jointly prepared Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (Final EIS/EIR) for the Truckee River Operating Agreement (TROA), which would implement Section 205(a) of the Truckee-Carson-Pyramid Lake Water Rights Settlement Act of 1990, Title II of Public Law 101-618 (Settlement Act). The Revised Draft EIS/EIR was released on August 25, 2004, and public hearings were held October 18-21, 2004, in Reno, Fernley, Nixon, and Fallon, Nevada, and Kings Beach and Truckee, California.

TROA would modify existing operations of all designated reservoirs to enhance coordination and flexibility while ensuring that existing water rights are served and flood control and safety of dams requirements are met. TROA would, in part, (1) enhance conditions for the threatened Lahontan cutthroat trout and endangered cui-ui in the Truckee River basin, (2) increase municipal and industrial drought protection for Truckee Meadows (Reno-Sparks metropolitan area), (3) improve Truckee River water quality downstream from Sparks, Nevada, and (4) enhance streamflows and recreational opportunities in the Truckee River Basin. At the time TROA takes effect, the Settlement Act provides that a permanent allocation of water between California and Nevada in the Lake Tahoe, Truckee River, and Carson River basins will also take effect.

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