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PUBLIC MEETINGS

related to

The Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for Reallocation of Water Supply Storage Project John Redmond Lake, Kansas, in compliance with The National Environmental Policy Act

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will host two meetings to inform the public and solicit comments and questions about the Draft SEIS that analyzes the increase in water storage capacity for the conservation pool of John Redmond Lake and the potential effects to reservoir operation, resource management, and downriver flows. The Draft SEIS is currently available for public review.

The meetings will have no set or formal presentation. Interested persons may arrive anytime between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., visit the information tables, and discuss the study with Corps personnel. The meetings will be held at the following locations:

Burlington, Kansas

Coffey, Kansas, County Courthouse

110 South 6th Street

Burlington, KS 66839

Monday, July 29, 2002

6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Chetopa, Kansas

Chetopa School

430 Elm

Chetopa, KS

Tuesday, July 30, 2002

6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement

The Corps is evaluating alternatives for reallocation of water storage at John Redmond Lake, Kansas. John Redmond Lake is located in Coffey and Lyons Counties, Kansas, on the Neosho River. Over time, sedimentation in the lake has changed the amount of storage in the lake for flood control, water supply, and other purposes. The study focuses on ways to accommodate for the change. The preferred alternative includes raising the lake's conservation pool to accommodate for sediment buildup. The increase in water supply is necessary because of a 25 percent reduction in water storage due to higher rates of sedimentation in the conservation pool than was calculated historically. The State of Kansas and the federal government entered into a water supply agreement in 1975, for 34,900 acre-feet of water storage annually and at the design life of the John Redmond Lake project (Fiscal Year 2014). Under current rates of conservation pool sedimentation, only 75 percent (approximately 26,000 acre-feet) of contracted water storage would be available to the Kansas Water Office to fulfill water supply agreements. The Corps evaluation includes consideration of environmental impacts that may occur as a result of each alternative. The environmental impact evaluation is performed in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments and questions can be forwarded to:

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