

Supporting Statement for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions

OMB Control Number 1006-XXXX

General Instructions

A Supporting Statement, including the text of the notice to the public required by 5 CFR 1320.5(a)(i)(iv) and its actual or estimated date of publication in the Federal Register, must accompany each request for approval of a collection of information. The Supporting Statement must be prepared in the format described below, and must contain the information specified in Section A below. If an item is not applicable, provide a brief explanation. When Item 17 of the OMB Form 83-I is checked "Yes", Section B of the Supporting Statement must be completed. OMB reserves the right to require the submission of additional information with respect to any request for approval.

Specific Instructions

A. JUSTIFICATION

1. Explain the circumstances that make the collection of information necessary. Identify any legal or administrative requirements that necessitate the collection. Attach a copy of the appropriate section of each statute and regulation mandating or authorizing the collection of information.

The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) is responsible for the management of land resources, including recreation, at all Federal water development projects under its jurisdiction. Presently there are 310 managed recreation areas on lands under the jurisdiction of Reclamation in the 17 western states. These areas host approximately 90 million visitors each year and visitation is increasing at a rate of 1.2 million visitors per year.

The New Melones Lake Project was authorized by the Flood Control Act of December 22, 1944 and construction was completed in the summer of 1978. New Melones Lake is located on the Stanislaus River in Calaveras and Tuolumne Counties, and lies approximately 35 miles northeast of Modesto, and 40 miles east of Stockton, California. At gross pool the reservoir has a surface area of 12,500 acres, 100 miles of shoreline, and contains 2.4 million acre feet of water. Federal project lands around New Melones Lake are approximately 17,000 acres. Public use included approximately 700,000 visitors for 2005.

In order to effectively manage the current and future recreation opportunities and facilities at the New Melones Lake Area, Reclamation needs to know who visits the project and how those visitors recreate during their visit to the project. From this data, the impacts from such use can be estimated and a resource management plan (RMP) developed to help balance visitor use with other authorized uses of the New Melones. Thus, current visitor use information is a crucial part of the RMP process.

The projections now available for New Melones of visitation and visitor use were made in the original New Melones Master Plan published in 1976. These projections were based on extensive development of recreation facilities which in the intervening 31 years were only partially implemented and reflect a different demographic profile than exists in the Central Valley of California today. Additionally, the projections predate the operation of New Melones Lake Area as a reservoir and a recreational facility. There have been no follow-up studies or surveys to verify these visitor use projections since 1976.

Besides these projections, information on visitors to New Melones includes campground records and vehicle count information but much of this information has limited utility. The campground records provide some information on the number of people using the campground, but provide little insight about other visitor uses at New Melones (i.e. biking, boating, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, hunting, picnicking, rock climbing, spelunking, wildlife viewing etc.). The other available visitor data source is vehicle count data. The vehicle count information has significant gaps in data and provides no information about who is in the vehicle or what those visitors did during their stay at New Melones Lake.

This information collection will provide information on visitor use early enough in the RMP process to allow this long-term plan to be responsive to current and future recreation users of the New Melones Lake Area. The purpose of the on-site recreation survey is to characterize existing users, characterize their use of the New Melones Lake Area, assess their satisfaction with their experience and the facilities, and find out what other opportunities or facilities they would like to see developed at the New Melones Lake Project. The purpose of the regional telephone survey is to verify the results from the on-site recreation survey, characterize regional population, their outdoor recreation use, the demand for various types of outdoor recreation activities, trends in outdoor recreation use, and the extent to which regional population use New Melones Lake Area, Sonora, CA. Together the on-site survey and the regional telephone survey shall describe the recreational preferences of visitors to the New Melones Lake Area and provide guidance on what recreational planning objectives should be included in the New Melones RMP.

Purpose and Need for a New Melones RMP:

In 1992, a DOI Task Force stated that “Resource management is integral to proper stewardship of the lands and resources that DOI manages because it is through this dynamic planning process that land use decisions are made.” One tool that can facilitate proper stewardship and resource management planning is the RMP. An RMP incorporates into one document all the information pertinent to the future guidance of a management area. By synthesizing this information into one coherent document, an RMP may serve as the basis for future resource decision-making that, when well implemented, may result in the desired future condition for the management area. The RMP is to chart the resultant biological, physical, and social condition that Reclamation desires to see once all the RMP management actions have been implemented.

Reclamation’s mission statement declares that it is “to manage, develop, and protect water and related resources in an environmentally and economically sound manner in the

interest of the American public.” Planning through RMPs, provides specific direction for Reclamation to accomplish its mission at water resource development projects. Reclamation’s 2000-2005 Strategic Plan indicates it will develop, monitor, and update RMPs for lands directly managed by Reclamation.

The New Melones Project mission statement states that it is “to provide flood control, hydroelectric power, irrigation, and fish and wildlife enhancement, and to protect water quality and natural resources while providing a broad range of safe recreational opportunities for the visiting public.” Public use of Reclamation’s reservoirs has grown significantly, putting increased demands on the limited lands and facilities surrounding the reservoirs in the Mid-Pacific Region (California, Nevada, Oregon). As public use has increased the ability for New Melones to fulfill the goals described in its mission statement and the Reclamation mission statement has become increasingly difficult –due in part to outmoded resource management guidance. Past planning efforts at New Melones include the 1995 Draft Resource Management Plan and the 1976 Master Plan. These planning documents do not now fulfill the need for resource management planning due to an increase in visitor use of the project.

Reclamation’s authority to prepare RMP’s is vested in the broad authority of the Reclamation Act of 1902 (Chapter 1093, 32 stat. 388); the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 (Chapter 418, 53 Stat. 1187); the Federal Water Project Recreation Act (Public Law [P.L.] 89-72, 79 Stat. 213); and more specifically, in the Reclamation Recreation Management Act of 1992 (P.L. 102-575, Title 28 [2805(C)(1)(A)]). The Reclamation Recreation Management Act authorized the preparation of RMPs to ”provide for the development, use, conservation, protection, enhancement, and management of resources of Reclamation lands in a manner that is compatible with the authorized purpose of the Reclamation Project associated with the Reclamation lands.”

2. Indicate how, by whom, and for what purpose the information is to be used. Except for a new collection, indicate the actual use the agency has made of the information received from the current collection. [Be specific. If this collection is a form or a questionnaire, every question needs to be justified.]

- The purpose of the survey is to characterize existing visitors, characterize their use of the New Melones Lake Area, assess satisfaction with the experience and the facilities, and find out what other opportunities or facilities visitors would like to see developed at New Melones Lake Area.
- Provide information on which to base management decisions regarding recreation for the New Melones RMP.
- Provide a record of the current visitation for the New Melones Lake Project to compare against the 1976 projected visitation, for future planning efforts, and current management activities.

- Establish the demand for different types of recreational uses at New Melones Lake Area.
- Provide demographic information on visitors to the New Melones Lake Area and identify barriers or obstacles that might differentially prevent a certain demographic segment from recreating at the New Melones Lake Area
- Provide information for preparing economic and financial studies on present and proposed projects for determining such factors as socio-economic impact and natural resource management.
- Identify management changes that may enhance the recreational experience for visitors to New Melones Lake Area.
- Characterize the market area of the New Melones Lake Area and establish use patterns of that market area.

Below is the justification for questions asked on each survey.

On-site survey

Q1-Q5 establish the pattern of use of the visitor over the 12 prior months by asking several questions about the same time period: visitor information about the frequency, timing, location, approximate duration, and type of recreation activity the visitor participated. This information will be used in setting recreation planning priorities as to when and where recreation resources should be targeted.

Q6 allows visitors to report which recreational activity is most important to a quality recreational experience. This information is important in creating a RMP that supports and prioritizes recreational resources to provide a quality recreational experience for a broad base of visitors for current use of the New Melones Lake facilities.

Q7 allows visitors to report which recreational activity may become more important to a quality recreational experience in the future. This information is important in creating a RMP that addresses possible future trends in recreational uses of the New Melones Lake facilities; this is especially important for a long-term (15 to 20 years) plan such as a RMP.

Q8 allows visitors to report perceived barriers to recreation at New Melones Lake. This information identifies possible undesirable management or conditions that prevent visitors from enjoying a quality recreational experience.

Q9-Q13 establishes the pattern of use the visitor expects for the current visit to New Melones Lake. Questions about the current visit are more specific and target details that are difficult to ask when aggregated over a year or which maybe difficult to recall. Also by taking the discrete information from these current visit questions and the discrete numbers from the vehicle counting instruments during this time period, these questions should allow

Reclamation to refine the formula used to estimate annual visitation. Finally by asking several questions about this current visit, the survey has an internal check on whether the information the visitor is reporting for the last 12 months are a perceived pattern or whether the recreation trends are similar to the visitation described in this one discrete visit. This portion of the survey provides information about the social setting of the visit, the number of persons in the group visiting the project, the number of vehicles per individuals in a group, the recreation facilities, and where the visitor is planning to recreate during their visit. This information will be used in setting recreation planning priorities.

Q14 allows visitors to report what improvements they think should be made at New Melones and which improvements have the highest urgency. This is a basic question that should help set RMP priorities as to what improvements should be considered and how quickly those improvements need to be implemented.

Q15 to Q22 are basic demographic questions which establish a basic profile of the New Melones visitor's origin, sex, education, age, number and age of other members of the household, ethnicity, race, and annual household income.

The comments section is included so that a visitor has the opportunity to provide additional information to Reclamation on the survey, recreation, and New Melones. This is a free form comment section where visitors can provide written feedback especially if the respondent has particular concerns about the survey or survey technique.

Telephone Survey

HELLO through CALLBAK2 includes a greeting, seeks permission to begin a survey, and requests that the respondent be at least 18 years old. In addition to initiating the survey, a statement of anonymity and an approximate duration for the survey is given to the respondent.

SELSUBJ requests that the respondent be at least 18 years old and ensures a more random sample by requesting that the respondent be the person with the most recent birthday. This is a strategy to eliminate some of the cultural bias as to whose household responsibility it is to answer and respond to telephone calls. The purpose of the question is to get respondents that are older than 18 but may include a mix of older children, spouses, grandparents, and head of the households.

Q1 through Q5 establishes the recreation patterns of the respondent. These questions focus on importance of recreation, consistency of recreation use, importance of water recreation, location of recreation, and preferred location of recreation.

Q6-Q11 establishes the pattern of the respondent's use of New Melones Lake. Answers about patterns over the past 12 months will be used as a check on the on-site survey. By replicating some of the questions in both surveys, inferences can be drawn on the sample of respondents for the on-site and telephone survey, as well as provide the same basic

statistical information from a different pool of respondents which can be used in long-term planning at New Melones.

Q6 is an important question for survey structure. This question allows respondents, who have never been to New Melones, to skip to the barriers section (BARRIERS).

Q12-Q21 rates satisfaction of the respondent with the quality of services and facilities at New Melones Lake.

Q22-Q36 establishes the adequacy of the number of facilities and services at New Melones Lake for the respondent.

Q37-Q55 asks the respondent to identify possible barriers to their recreation at New Melones Lake.

Q47 and Q48 are important questions for survey structure. These questions allow respondents, who know little about the facilities and recreation at New Melones, to skip to the demographics section (DEMOGRAF). In addition, these questions verify whether the respondent consistently knew little about New Melones. Also by directing this respondent to the demographics section prevents the unnecessary collection of poor data from respondents who are either inconsistent in their answers or who know little about the specific facilities at New Melones Lake.

Q56 to Q63 are basic demographic questions which establish a basic profile of the respondent's education, age, household zip code, number and age of other members of the household, ethnicity, race, and annual household income.

CONTAC2 - The conclusion offers contact information and thanks the respondent for participating.

CODE - The interviewer gender code question allows the interviewer to record gender, if suspected, without asking a gender question that might offend the respondent.

3. Describe whether, and to what extent, the collection of information involves the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses, and the basis for the decision for adopting this means of collection. Also describe any consideration of using information technology to reduce burden [and specifically how this collection meets GPEA requirements].

There are no plans to provide electronic versions of the forms in this information collection because this is a one-time survey. The on-site survey is at recreation areas where it is not practicable to collect information electronically. The telephone survey is targeted at residences in specific zip codes and would not be practicable to collect electronically.

4. Describe efforts to identify duplication. Show specifically why any similar information already available cannot be used or modified for use for the purposes described in Item 2 above.

As stated earlier, Reclamation has only projected visitor-use numbers for the New Melones Project that pre-date the operation of New Melones as a recreation facility. Additionally, the vehicle count data and the campground data are very limited in their utility for the purposes of planning for the New Melones RMP or establishing current visitation trends and demographics.

5. If the collection of information impacts small businesses or other small entities (Item 5 of OMB Form 83-I), describe any methods used to minimize burden.

The on-site survey and phone survey will be completed by private citizens; there should be no effect on small businesses or other small entities.

6. Describe the consequence to Federal program or policy activities if the collection is not conducted or is conducted less frequently, as well as any technical or legal obstacles to reducing burden.

The three main consequences of not conducting this survey include the use of generalized visitor information from other Central Valley recreation areas, heavy reliance on the public involvement process, and more qualitative goal setting for the RMP. Firstly, visitor use information would have to be generalized from other surveys performed at comparable recreation destinations in the Central Valley of California. The use of a surrogate survey would be tempered by the anecdotal information provided by the New Melones staff. However the differences between locations, recreation facilities, and visitor population can be subtle and the use of anecdotal information can be biased. The use of a surrogate recreation survey could lead to conclusions that do not apply to the New Melones Area.

If Reclamation was unable to complete a successful visitor survey, another possible consequence would be that the RMP project would be more reliant on the public involvement process. An intensive public involvement process is already planned for the RMP, however the visitor survey serves to counterbalance the more vocal interest groups that often do not represent the 'average' visitor. By utilizing the visitor survey results, the RMP project can ensure that a broad spectrum of interest groups that visit New Melones Project are involved in the public involvement process.

Additionally planning to manage impacts to the resources at New Melones will be less effective and less efficient. For example without a visitor survey management might unnecessarily restrict access or limit certain uses on anecdotal information or a vocal, but small, subset of visitors. Finally without a visitor use survey at New Melones, the effectiveness of the RMP may have to be evaluated in a more qualitative manner due to the initial generalized visitor use information and lack of a baseline of visitor use at the New Melones Lake Area.

7. Explain any special circumstances that would cause an information collection to be conducted in a manner:

a. requiring respondents to report information to the agency more often than quarterly.

N/A. This is a one-time survey to analyze recreation use for the New Melones Lake RMP. The respondents will not be required to report quarterly.

b. requiring respondents to prepare a written response to a collection of information in fewer than 30 days.

N/A. Reclamation has included no requirement that the data be provided within 30 days of a fixed date.

c. requiring respondents to submit more than an original and two copies of any document.

N/A. The information request only requires submission of an original copy. The respondent may retain a copy for their own purposes if they desire.

d. requiring respondents to retain records, other than health, medical, government contract, grant-in-aid, or tax records, for more than 3 years.

N/A. This data request does not require the respondent to retain any records.

e. in connection with a statistical survey, that is not designed to produce valid and reliable results that can be generalized to the universe of study.

N/A. The survey will produce valid and reliable results.

f. requiring the use of a statistical data classification not reviewed and approved by OMB.

N/A. The surveys will be reviewed and approved by OMB.

g. that includes a pledge of confidentiality that is not supported by authority established in statute or regulation, that is not supported by disclosure and data security policies that are consistent with the pledge, or which unnecessarily impedes sharing of data with other agencies for compatible confidential use.

N/A. To maintain confidentiality the surveys are anonymous, the hard copy surveys will be destroyed after the results are calculated, and the results will only be reported as aggregate numbers. The confidentiality of respondents will be maintained through data management and survey design preventing unintended breaches in confidentiality.

h. requiring respondents to submit proprietary trade secrets, or other confidential information unless the agency can demonstrate that it has instituted procedures to protect the information's confidentiality to the extent permitted by law.

N/A. Reclamation does not require the respondent to supply proprietary, trade secret, or other confidential information.

8. If applicable, provide a copy and identify the date and page number of publication in the Federal Register of the agency's notice, required by 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on the information collection prior to submission to OMB. Summarize the public comments received in response to that notice [and in response to the PRA statement associated with the collection over the past three years] and describe actions taken by the agency in response to these comments. Specifically address comments received on cost and hour burden.

A copy of the notice published in the Federal Register (71 FR 25857, May 2, 2006) announcing this information collection and requesting public comments is attached. No comments were received. However, please note that the number of respondents has been increased by 250 respondents for a total of 500 respondents for the telephone survey from the Federal Register notice of May 2, 2006. We have determined that this small increase in data collection significantly increases the statistical power of the survey.

a. Describe efforts to consult with persons outside the agency to obtain their views on the availability of data, frequency of collection, the clarity of instructions and recordkeeping, disclosure, or reporting format (if any) and on the data elements to be recorded, disclosed, or reported.

This one-time voluntary recreation survey does not require participants to produce data and there are no recordkeeping, disclosure, or reporting formats. We have conducted numerous internal tests on the clarity of instructions. Much of the sampling procedure has been adapted from a previous survey performed in the California Central Valley by California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), Reclamation's managing partner for Folsom State Recreation Area. There has been much communication and information sharing between DPR and Reclamation in an effort to make results comparable between FSRA and New Melones Lake.

This is a voluntary survey. Those visitors that agree to take the survey will be given an explanation of the survey process and how the data will be used to guide the RMP process at the time of the survey.

9. Explain any decision to provide any payment or gift to respondents, other than remuneration of contractors or grantees.

No payments or gifts will be provided.

10. Describe any assurance of confidentiality provided to respondents and the basis for the assurance in statute, regulation, or agency policy.

During the initial contact, in both the on-site survey and the telephone survey, an assurance of confidentiality is made. To maintain confidentiality the surveys are anonymous, the hard copy surveys will be destroyed after the results are calculated, and the results will only be reported as aggregate numbers. The confidentiality of respondents will be maintained through data management and survey design preventing unintended breaches in confidentiality.

11. Provide additional justification for any questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private. This justification should include the reasons why the agency considers the questions necessary, the specific uses to be made of the information, the explanation to be given to persons from whom the information is requested, and any steps to be taken to obtain their consent.

No questions of a personally sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, or other matters that are commonly considered private are included in the request.

12. Provide estimates of the hour burden of collection of information. The statement should:

a. Indicate the number of respondents, frequency of response, annual hour burden, and an explanation of how the burden was estimated.

The total number of respondents for the on-site survey is 1,250 while the total number of respondents for the telephone survey is 500, thus the total number of respondents for both surveys in this information collection is 1,750 respondents. This is a one time information collection so the frequency of response is one time during the year 2007. The estimated burden per response for each form is 0.25 hours or 15 minutes. The total estimated annual burden for both forms is 438 hours which was established by multiplying the number of respondents (1,750) by the frequency of response (1) and then multiplying that number by the estimated burden hour per response (0.25 for both surveys). The estimated total annual burden is 438 hours for 2007.

b. If this request for approval covers more than one form, provide separate hour burden estimates for each form and aggregate the hour burdens in item 13 of OMB Form 83-I.

Please note that the number of respondents has been increased by 250 respondents for a total of 500 respondents for the telephone survey from the Federal Register notice of May 2, 2006. It was suggested during internal review of the survey instrument that this small increase in data collection significantly increases the statistical power of the survey.

Form	Estimated Number of Respondents	Frequency of Response	Burden Hours Per Response	Total Annual Burden Hours
On-site survey	1,250	1	.25	313
Telephone survey	500	1	.25	125
Total	1,750	1		438

c. Provide estimates of annualized costs to respondents for the hour burdens for collection of information, identifying and using appropriate wage rate categories.

Using information contained on the Department of Labor – Bureau of Labor Statistics website (<http://www.bls.gov/ncs/ocs/sp/ncbl0827.pdf>), Reclamation was able to estimate the applicable hourly cost for the following labor sectors: metropolitan workers in the Pacific Region (\$21.15) and non-metropolitan workers in the Pacific Region (\$16.30). These two categories cover the range of visitors to the New Melones Lake Area. However to make the estimate of annualized cost conservative, all respondents for both the on-site and telephone survey were assumed to be metropolitan workers in the Pacific Region. For the telephone survey the total annualized cost of the on-site survey is \$9,253 and the cost of the telephone survey is \$2,644; therefore the total annualized cost of the information collection is \$11,897.

Table A: On-site Survey

Labor Sector	Average Hourly Wage*	Number of Annual Responses	Burden Hours of One Response	Annual Burden Hours	Annualized Costs (Annual burden hours times average hourly wage)
Average metropolitan worker in the Pacific Region (To be conservative, all respondents were assumed to be metropolitan workers in the Pacific Region)	\$21.15	1250	0.25	313	\$9,253
				313	\$9,253
TOTALS:					

*No overhead was included as all surveys are conducted during respondents' leisure time.

Table B: Telephone Survey

Labor Sector	Average Hourly Wage*	Number of Annual Responses	Burden Hours of One Response	Annual Burden Hours	Annualized Costs (Annual burden hours times average hourly wage)
Average metropolitan worker in the Pacific Region (To be conservative, all respondents were assumed to be metropolitan workers in the Pacific Region)	\$21.15	500	0.25	125	\$2,644
				125	\$2,644
TOTALS:					

*No overhead was included as all surveys are conducted during respondents' leisure time.

13. Provide an estimate of the total annual [non-hour] cost burden to respondents or recordkeepers resulting from the collection of information. (Do not include the cost of any hour burden shown in Items 12 and 14).

- **The cost estimate should be split into two components: (a) a total capital and start-up cost component (annualized over its expected useful life) and (b) a total operation and maintenance and purchase of services component. The estimates should take into account costs associated with generating, maintaining, and disclosing or providing the information [including filing fees paid]. Include descriptions of methods used to estimate major cost factors including system and technology acquisition, expected useful life of capital equipment, the discount rate(s), and the time period over which costs will be incurred. Capital and start-up costs include, among other items, preparations for collecting information such as purchasing computers and software; monitoring, sampling, drilling and testing equipment; and record storage facilities..**
- **If cost estimates are expected to vary widely, agencies should present ranges of cost burdens and explain the reasons for the variance. The cost of purchasing or contracting out information collection services should be a part of this cost burden estimate. In developing cost burden estimates, agencies may consult with a sample of respondents (fewer than 10), utilize the 60-day pre-OMB submission public comment process and use existing economic or regulatory impact analysis associated with the rulemaking containing the information collection, as appropriate.**
- **Generally, estimates should not include purchases of equipment or services, or portions thereof, made: (1) prior to October 1, 1995, (2) to achieve regulatory compliance with requirements not associated with the information collection, (3) for reasons other than to provide information or keep records for the government, or (4) as part of customary and usual business or private practices.**

(a) There would be no capital and start-up component to the respondents imposed because of this information collection. The data being requested are currently held opinions and intrinsic demographic information.

(b) There would be no operation and maintenance cost to the respondents imposed because of this data collection.

14. Provide estimates of annualized cost to the Federal government. Also, provide a description of the method used to estimate cost, which should include quantification of hours, operational expenses (such as equipment, overhead, printing, and support staff), and any other expense that would not have been incurred without this collection of information. Agencies also may aggregate cost estimates from Items 12, 13, and 14 in a single table.

The estimated annual cost to the Federal Government is \$156,950 including data checking, editing, analysis, and data processing. The lump sum contract cost has been awarded as part of the overall New Melones RMP/EIS contract with Tetra Tech Inc. The staff hours was an in-house estimate of the amount of time required of the New Melones

RMP/EIS project manager to seek approval of the information collection through OMB and to manage the contract task.

Cost Activity	Cost
Data Collection & Data Processing (Lump Sum Contract Cost)	\$152,110
Data Processing (100 staff hours times \$48.40 hourly salary rate for a GS-11, step 1) [Salary rate includes estimated benefits and overhead]	\$4,840
Miscellaneous administrative costs for equipment and support staff costs are included in the overhead.	\$ 0
TOTAL Federal Government Cost	\$156,950

15. Explain the reasons for any program changes or adjustments reported in Items 13 or 14 of the OMB Form 83-I.

The program change is to approve and implement a new information collection. This information collection will support an on-going project to develop long-term planning guidance for the New Melones Lake Area through the RMP process.

16. For collections of information whose results will be published, outline plans for tabulation and publication. Address any complex analytical techniques that will be used. Provide the time schedule for the entire project, including beginning and ending dates of the collection of information, completion of report, publication dates, and other actions.

Reclamation will post an executive summary of the survey results on the New Melones RMP/EIS web site (http://www.usbr.gov/mp/cao/field_offices/new_melones/rmp.html) by December of 2007. The executive summary will describe the general survey techniques as well as report several key statistics such as response rates, trends, and recreation related results. Additionally, a more comprehensive recreation survey report will be included as an appendix in the New Melones RMP/EIS. The appendix will describe in detail the survey instruments, survey techniques, and report a summary table of results that can be referenced in the RMP. The publication of the RMP is planned for the second quarter of 2009.

17. If seeking approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection, explain the reasons that display would be inappropriate.

Reclamation will display the expiration date of the OMB approval of the information collection.

18. Explain each exception to the certification statement identified in Item 19, "Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions," of OMB Form 83-I.

No exceptions to the certification statement are being requested.