

**Public Notice: IRVINE DESALTER PROJECT/SOUTH IRVINE BRINE LINE PROPOSED
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI)**

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation is providing public notice that a draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been prepared for the Irvine Desalter Project and the South Irvine Brine Line Project in Orange County, California. The proposed action would provide Federal funds to the Irvine Ranch Water District to install groundwater wells, pipelines, and a treatment plant to desalt brackish groundwater in the Irvine subbasin with brine disposal to the existing Aliso Creek Ocean Outfall.

The draft FONSI is a preliminary determination that preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not required under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), based on our review of an Environmental Impact Report (SCH #89010086) and 3 subsequent addendums certified by the Orange County Water District under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

The draft FONSI is available for public review. Copies can be obtained by calling (951) 695-5310 or downloaded from <http://www.usbr.gov/lc/socal/>. The comment period is open until May 25, 2005. Written comments may be sent to: Attn: Doug McPherson, Bureau of Reclamation 27708 Jefferson Avenue, Suite 202, Temecula, CA 92590.