

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (EIS)/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) FOR THE CALNEV (KINDER-MORGAN) PIPELINE EXPANSION PROJECT**  
(SCH #2008031071)

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), together with the County of San Bernardino (County), California, has prepared a Joint Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for the proposed Calnev Pipeline Expansion Project from Colton, Calif. to Las Vegas, Nev. The BLM and the County of San Bernardino have prepared the EIS/EIR to evaluate potential impacts associated with the proposed Calnev Pipeline Expansion Project and Alternatives. This project is proposed by Calnev Pipeline, LLC, a subsidiary of Kinder-Morgan Energy Partners.

The Draft EIS/EIR for the Calnev Pipeline Expansion Project is available for public review and comment. The Pipeline Expansion Project includes the construction, operation, and maintenance of 233 miles of new 16-inch diameter pipeline on approximately 2,841 acres of land under multiple ownership (BLM manages 1,239 acres of the land the proposed pipeline would cross) from the North Colton Terminal to the Bracken Junction near McCarran International Airport in Las Vegas, which would parallel the existing system for most of the route (see attached map). In addition to the new pipeline, the proposed project would include a new pump station, electrical substation, and ancillary facilities near Baker, Calif.; a new 3-mile lateral from the Bracken Junction to McCarran International Airport; and new or modified connections to new or modified laterals, valves, and ancillary modifications.

The proposed pipelines primarily traverse undeveloped lands administered by the BLM. Other federally managed lands in the proposed project area include land under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) and the U.S. Marine Corps (USMC). Lands under the jurisdiction of the State of California, the State of Nevada, San Bernardino County, and Clark County would also be crossed by the pipeline. Incorporated communities crossed by the proposed pipeline include, among others, the Cities of Colton, Rialto, Victorville, Adelanto, and Barstow in California and Henderson and Las Vegas in Nevada. As proposed, the project would require a right-of-way grant on lands managed by the BLM, the USFS and the Department of Defense, a franchise agreement and Conditional Use Permit from the County, and appropriate permits from state, federal, and local jurisdictions.

The document includes a draft BLM California Desert Conservation Area Plan Amendment also available for public comment. BLM, as the lead agency under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the USFS and USMC as cooperating agencies, and the County of San Bernardino, as the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), jointly prepared the EIS/EIR to analyze the site-specific impacts of the proposed project on air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, water resources, geological resources and hazards, hazardous materials handling, land use, noise, and visual resources.

This document has been prepared to meet the state requirements of CEQA and the federal requirements of NEPA. The Draft EIS/EIR is being circulated to the public, and to interested agencies in accordance with CEQA and NEPA, to provide a meaningful opportunity for the public and affected agencies to review and comment on the document. Significant impacts from the proposed project include: 1) Geology (i.e. potential severe damage to the pipeline from unstable soils or a geologic event), and 2) Hazards (i.e. potentially create a significant hazard to the public or environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment).

**The public comment period will begin on March 23, 2012, and will end on June 21, 2012.** Comments can be sent by mail to BLM Barstow Field Office, 2601 Barstow Road, Barstow, CA 92311 (attn: Rich Rotte), by email to BLM\_CA\_CalNev\_EIS@blm.gov, and by fax to (760) 252-6099. Paper copies and compact discs are available upon request at the BLM Barstow Field Office at the above address. BLM public meetings will be held at the following locations:

| <b>April 24, 2012<br/>6 - 8 p.m.</b>                                     | <b>April 25, 2012<br/>6 - 8 p.m.</b>                              | <b>April 26, 2012<br/>6 - 8 p.m.</b>   |
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| Parkdale Community Center<br>3200 Ferndale Street<br>Las Vegas, NV 89012 | Village Elementary<br>14711 Mojave Drive<br>Victorville, CA 92392 | Carter High School<br>Multi-purpose Room<br>2630 North Linden Avenue<br>Rialto, CA 92376 |

Further details on the proposed pipeline project can be found at: [http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/barstow/calnev\\_page.html](http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/barstow/calnev_page.html). For information contact Rich Rotte at (760) 252-6026, or e-mail at BLM\_CA\_CalNev\_EIS@blm.gov.

The Draft EIS/EIR is available for review at the following County locations:

**San Bernardino County  
Land Use Services Department**  
 Planning Division  
 385 North Arrowhead Avenue  
 San Bernardino, CA 92415-0182

**San Bernardino County  
Land Use Services Department**  
 Planning Division  
 15900 Smoke Tree Street  
 Hesperia, CA 92345

The Draft EIS/EIR is also available for review at the following libraries:

**Victorville City Library**  
 15011 Circle Drive,  
 Victorville, CA 92395

**Rialto Branch Library**  
 251 West 1st Street  
 Rialto, CA 92376

**Las Vegas Library**  
 833 Las Vegas Blvd. N.  
 Las Vegas, NV 80101