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Preferred Alternative for Odessa Subarea Special Study EIS

Reclamation and Ecology have selected a preferred alternative for presentation in the Final EIS for the Odessa Subarea Special Study (scheduled for release in 2012). The "Modified Partial Replacement Alternative" would provide 164,000 ac-ft of surface water to replace groundwater from declining aquifers currently irrigating approximately 70,000 acres of land.

The Preferred Alternative would utilize Banks Lake reservoir, which would be augmented by water supplies developed through a water use efficiency program undertaken by Reclamation and the Columbia Basin Irrigation Districts in cooperation with Ecology. This program, referred to as the Coordinated Conservation Program, is being administered in addition to the Odessa Subarea Special Study.

- Learn more about the Preferred Alternative
(http://www.usbr.gov/pn/programs/ucao_misc/odessa/factsht-access.pdf)
- OCR's Odessa Subarea Special Study project page
(http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wr/cwp/cr_odessa.html)
- Reclamation's Odessa Subarea Special Study project page
(http://www.usbr.gov/pn/programs/ucao_misc/odessa/index.html)

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