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Final report on Shasta Dam raising submitted

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SACRAMENTO: The Bureau of Reclamation transmitted to Congress Wednesday the Final Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement for the Shasta Lake Water Resources Investigation.

The report describes the technical, environmental, economic and financial evaluations prepared to date for alternatives to raise Shasta Dam, located about 10 miles northwest of Redding. The report also identifies next steps to identify construction cost-share partners and project financing, and to develop the Recommended Plan.

The project is intended to increase water supply and water supply reliability for agricultural, municipal and industrial and environmental purposes and increase survival of anadromous fish populations in the upper Sacramento River.

“Not only will this study help determine whether the project benefits California, which it may well be, it also ends the decade of limbo that local residents have faced,” said Rep. Doug LaMalfa in a statement. “California’s voters spoke loudly last year in support of investment in water infrastructure, but ensuring that local residents, businesses and infrastructure are given proper consideration is key.”

Law required the Secretary of the Interior to conduct feasibility studies of enlarging Shasta Dam and Reservoir, consistent with the CALFED Record of Decision and the 1983 Economic and Environmental Principles and Guidelines for Water and Related Land Resources Implementation Studies.

The Investigation is one of four active surface storage feasibility studies identified in the CALFED ROD. The final reports are available for public review at <http://www.usbr.gov/mp/slwri/>.

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