This notice is to inform you that the San Joaquin River Restoration Program (SJRRP) will be conducting aerial surveys near Friant-Kern Canal and Madera Canal.

Who: Bureau of Reclamation

What: As a component of the San Joaquin River Restoration Program, Reclamation is working with the Friant contractors to evaluate the benefits of restoring the capacity of the Friant-Kern Canal and Madera Canal as previously designed and constructed. Reclamation needs accurate survey information to develop the engineering designs for the project. Aerial surveying provides the most cost effective means for determining canal heights, widths, locations of bridges, and rights-of-way. Preliminary findings identified these reaches as critical to restoring the capacity of the canals. Additional reaches may be surveyed at a future date.

Local residents and property owners may see Reclamation staff placing aerial survey markers in the public right of way and limited private properties. Staff will use public access points and the public right of way for activities related to the aerial surveys wherever possible, but limited private properties may need to be accessed for this work.

When: The groundwork portion of the Aerial Surveys is scheduled to begin the week of January 10, 2011 and conclude by January 31, 2011. All work will be conducted between sunrise and sunset.

Where: Madera Canal from Mile Post (MP) 6.1 to MP 18.8. Friant-Kern Canal from MP 29.1 (Kings River) to MP 88.3 (5th Avenue). To view maps of survey areas, including ground control point locations, please visit the SJRRP website’s Field Activities page at:

http://www.restoresjr.net/activities/field/index.html

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