

public meeting should be submitted to the address below on or before April 3, 1995.

ADDRESSES:

Draft Materials: Interested parties may obtain drafts of the materials to be discussed at the April 6 and 7 public meetings from Ms. Angelena Moy, PDUSD(A&T)DP/MPI, 1211 S. Fern Street, Room C-109, Arlington, VA 22202-2808.

Public Meeting: The location of the public meeting is 1211 S. Fern Street, Room C-102, Arlington, VA 22202-2808. Individuals wishing to attend the meeting, including individuals wishing to make presentations on the topics scheduled for discussion, should contact Ms. Angelena Moy, PDUSD(A&T)DP/MPI, 1211 S. Fern Street, Room C-109, Arlington, VA 22202-2808.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Angelena Moy, telephone (703) 604-5385. FAX (703) 604-6709.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On September 16, 1994, (59 FR 47583) the Director of Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, announced an initiative to rewrite the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 45, Government Property, to make it easier to understand and to minimize the burdens imposed on contractors and contracting officers. The Director of Defense Procurement is providing a forum for an exchange of ideas and information with government and industry personnel by holding public meetings, soliciting public comments, and publishing notices of the public meetings in the Federal Register.

The public meetings scheduled for March 9 and 10, 1995, have been canceled and rescheduled for April 6 and 7, 1995.

As indicated in the February 9, 1995, Federal Register notice (60 FR 7744), interested parties are invited to present statements on (1) draft legislation permitting negotiated sales of low value Government property to holding contractors, (2) revisions to FAR 52.245-17, Special Tooling, (3) disposal of Government property, and (4) establishing the value of Government property for the purpose of determining appropriate rental charges.

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Executive Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations Directorate.

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DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

50 CFR Part 17

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Notice of Public Hearing and Reopening of Public Comment Period on Proposed Endangered or Threatened Status for Four Southwestern California Plants

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed rule; notice of public hearing and reopening of public comment period.

SUMMARY: The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) provides notice that a public hearing will be held and the comment period reopened on proposed endangered status for *Atriplex coronata* var. *notatior* (San Jacinto Valley crownscale) and *Allium munzii* (Munz's onion), and proposed threatened status for *Brodiaea filifolia* (thread-leaved brodiaea) and *Navarretia fossalis* (spreading navarretia). The Service also proposes critical habitat for *Atriplex coronata* var. *notatior*. All parties are invited to comment on this proposal.

DATES: The public hearing will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 23, 1995, in Riverside, California. The public comment period now closes on May 20, 1995. Any comments received by the closing date will be considered in the final decision on this proposal.

ADDRESSES: The hearing will be held at the Holiday Inn, Empire Ballroom, 3400 Market Street, Riverside, California. Written comments and materials may be submitted at the hearing or may be sent directly to the Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2730 Loker Avenue West, Carlsbad, California 92008. Comments and materials received will be available for public inspection during normal business hours, by appointment, at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Field Supervisor (see **ADDRESSES** section) at (619) 431-9440.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Allium munzii (Munz's onion), a member of the lily family, is a white-flowered, single-leaved, scapose perennial originating from a bulb. *A. munzii* is restricted to mesic clay soils in western Riverside County, California. It is frequently associated with southern needlegrass grassland, mixed grassland, and open coastal sage scrub, or

occasionally in cismontane juniper woodlands. Twelve populations are currently known.

Atriplex coronata var. *notatior* (San Jacinto Valley crownscale or saltbush) is a low, grey-green, erect annual member of the goosefoot family. It is restricted to the Traver-Domino-Willows alkaline soils series of the San Jacinto, Perris, and Menifee Valleys of western Riverside County, California, in association with alkali sink, alkali playa, vernal pools, and alkali grassland habitats. This taxon occurs at 10 population centers. The number of individuals in any given year vary widely, depending on available rainfall, and the duration and extent of flooding.

Brodiaea filifolia (thread-leaved brodiaea), a member of the lily family, is a lavender-flowered scapose perennial herb. It typically occurs on gentle slopes, and in valleys and flood plains associated with mesic, southern needlegrass grassland and alkali grassland plant communities growing on clay, loamy sand, or alkaline silty-clay soils. The species is distributed in widely disjunct populations from the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains in Los Angeles County, California, east to the foothills of the San Bernardino Mountains in San Bernardino County, south through western Riverside and eastern Orange Counties to central coastal San Diego County. About 18 out of 27 historical populations are known to exist throughout its range. The majority of the populations are centered on the Santa Rosa Plateau, Riverside County, California, and in the vicinity of Carlsbad, Vista, and San Marcos, San Diego County, California.

Navarretia fossalis (spreading navarretia) is a low, white-flowered annual of the phlox family that is found primarily in association with vernal pools, alkali grassland, and vernal alkali flood plains. *N. fossalis* is known from a single occurrence in Los Angeles County, California, the lowlands of western Riverside County, California, and coastal San Diego County south into northwestern Baja California, Mexico. Fewer than 30 populations of this species are known in the United States. These populations are concentrated in three locations: Otay Mesa in southern San Diego County, near Hemet and along the San Jacinto River in Riverside County.

These species are threatened by one or more of the following factors: Habitat destruction and fragmentation from agricultural and urban development, pipeline construction, alterations of wetland hydrology by draining or channelization, clay mining, off-road vehicle activity, cattle and sheep

grazing, weed abatement, fire suppression practices, competition from alien plant species, and the inadequacy of existing regulatory mechanisms.

On December 15, 1994, the Service published a proposed rule on endangered status for *Atriplex coronata* var. *notatior* and *Allium munzii*, proposed threatened status for *Brodiaea filifolia* and *Navarretia fossalis*, and critical habitat for *Atriplex coronata* var. *notatior* (59 FR 64812). Section 4(b)(5)(E) of the Endangered Species Act requires that a public hearing be held if it is requested within 45 days of the publication of the proposed rule. Public hearing requests were received from several requestors. As a result, the

Service has scheduled a public hearing on Thursday, March 23, 1995, at the Holiday Inn, Empire Ballroom, 3400 Market Street, Riverside, California.

Anyone wishing to make statements for the record should bring a written copy of their statements to the hearing. Oral statements may be limited in length if the number of parties present at the hearing necessitates such a limitation. Oral and written comments receive equal consideration. The Service places no limits on the length of written comments or materials presented at the hearing or mailed to the Service.

The comment period on the proposal was to close on February 13, 1995. To accommodate the hearing, the public

comment period is reopened upon publication of this notice. Written comments may now be submitted until May 20, 1995, to the Service in the **ADDRESSES** section.

Authority

The authority for this action is the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended: (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*)

Dated: February 28, 1995.

Thomas J. Dwyer,

Regional Director, Region 1, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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