

periods. All PAC meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Connie Hendryx, USDA, Klamath National Forest, 1312 Fairlane Road, Yreka, California 96097; telephone 916-842-6131, (FTS) 700-467-1309.

Dated: February 22, 1996.

Barbara Holder,

Designated Federal Official.

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Natural Resources Conservation Service

PTE-26b Brady Canal Hydrologic Restoration Project, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana; Finding of No Significant Impact

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of a Finding of No Significant Impact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Guidelines (40 CFR Part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Guidelines (7 CFR Part 650); the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice that an environmental impact statement is not being prepared for the Brady Canal Hydrologic Restoration Project, Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donald W. Gohmert, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 3737 Government Street, Alexandria, Louisiana 71302; telephone (318) 473-7751.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The environmental assessment of the federally assisted action indicates that the project will not cause significant local, regional, or national impacts on the environment. As a result of these findings, Donald W. Gohmert, State Conservationist, has determined that the preparation and review of an environmental impact statement is not needed for this project.

This plan proposes to maintain and enhance wetland loss on 7,653 acres of combination marsh in Terrebonne Parish, Louisiana. Project measures include 315 linear feet of rock plug, 15,000 linear feet of earthen embankment, maintenance of 21,600 linear feet of overflow embankment, replacement of three fixed crest weirs with variable crest sections,

replacement of one fixed crest weir, construction of one fixed crest weir with a barge bay, and two stabilized channel rock cross-sections.

The notice of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been forwarded to the Environmental Protection Agency and to various federal, state, and local agencies and interested parties. A limited number of copies of the FONSI are available to fill single copy requests at the above address. Basic data developed during the environmental assessment are on file and may be reviewed by contacting Donald W. Gohmert.

No administrative action in implementation of the proposal will be taken until 30 days after the date of this publication in the Federal Register.

Donald W. Gohmert,

State Conservationist.

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Rural Telephone Bank

Determination of the 1995 Fiscal Year Interest Rates on Rural Telephone Bank Loans

AGENCY: Rural Telephone Bank.

ACTION: Technical correction to Notice of 1995 fiscal year interest rates determination.

SUMMARY: The Rural Telephone Bank (Bank) hereby announces a technical amendment to a footnote regarding the Bank's calculation of the interest rate to be applied to loan advances made from the financing account during fiscal year 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara L. Eddy, Deputy Assistant Governor, Rural Telephone Bank, room 4056, South Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250, telephone number (202) 720-9556.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 7 CFR 1610.10, on November 9, 1995, the Bank published its fiscal year 1995 interest rates for advances on liquidating and financing account loans (60 FR 56561). Interest rates for advances on liquidating and financing account loans are based on the Bank's cost of money. The cost of money rate methodology is the same for both accounts. It develops a weighted average rate for the Bank's cost of money considering total fiscal year loan advances; the excess of fiscal year loan advances over amounts received in the fiscal year from the issuances of Class A, B, and C stocks, debentures and other obligations; and the costs to the Bank of obtaining funds from these sources.

The interest rate for advances during fiscal year 1995 on financing account loans was established as shown in Table 1b, Financing Account, Cost of Money Rate, of the aforementioned notice (60 FR 56563). One component of the calculation to determine the cost of money rate for fiscal year 1995 was the issuance of debentures and other obligations.

As indicated in footnote number 2 to Table 1b, obligations incurred by the Bank, that is, funds borrowed for fiscal year 1995 financing account loan advances, were in excess of its borrowers' demands by approximately \$90.4 million. In conformance with the established practice of the Bank, these excess funds would therefore be carried over to make advances in the next fiscal year (fiscal year 1996).

Subsequent to the Bank establishing its costs of money rate for fiscal year 1995, the practice of carrying over funds from one fiscal year to another was discontinued. The \$90.4 million in excess funds will therefore not be used to make advances in fiscal year 1996 as previously indicated in footnote number 2 to Table 1b (60 FR 56563).

The Bank's fiscal year 1995 cost of money rates previously established at 6.04% and 6.88% for advances from the liquidating account and financing account, respectively, remain unchanged (60 FR 56561).

Dated: February 26, 1996

Wally Beyer,

Governor, Rural Telephone Bank.

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Rural Utilities Service

Notice of Request for Reinstatement of a Previously Approved Information Collection for Which Approval Has Expired

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comments requested.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended), this notice announces the Rural Utilities Service's (RUS) intentions to reinstate a previously approved information collection for which approval has expired.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by May 3, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dawn D. Wolfgang, Management Analyst, Program Support Staff, Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of

Agriculture, 14th & Independence Ave., SW., AG Box 1522, Washington, DC 20250-1522. Telephone: (202) 720-0812. FAX: (202) 720-4120.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Certification of Authority.

OMB Control Number: 0572-0074.

Type of Request: Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved information collection for which approval has expired.

Abstract: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) manages loan programs in accordance with the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 (7 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*), as amended. A major factor in managing loan programs is controlling the advance of funds. One reason to control funds is so that the actual borrowers get their money. The use of RUS Form 675 allows this control to be achieved by providing a list of authorized signatures against which signatures requesting funds are compared. RUS Form 675 provides an effective control against the unauthorized release of funds by providing a list of authorized signatures. OMB Circular A-123, Management Accountability and Control, states that information should be maintained on a current basis and that cash should be protected from unauthorized use. This form allows borrowers to keep RUS up-to-date of any changes in signature authority and controls the release of funds only to authorized borrower representatives.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.1 of an hour per response.

Respondents: Small business or organization.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 490

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 49.

Copies of this information collection, and related form and instructions, can be obtained from Dawn Wolfgang, Program Support Staff, at (202) 720-0812.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether this proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the

use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to: F. Lamont Heppe, Jr., Deputy Director, Program Support Staff, Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 14th & Independence Ave., SW., AG Box 1522, Washington, DC 20250-1522. FAX: (202) 720-4120.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: February 23, 1996.

Wally Beyer,

Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 803]

Grant of Authority for Subzone Status Mercedes-Benz U.S. International, Inc. (Motor Vehicles), Tuscaloosa County, Alabama

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

Whereas, by an Act of Congress approved June 18, 1934, an Act "To provide for the establishment . . . of foreign-trade zones in ports of entry of the United States, to expedite and encourage foreign commerce, and for other purposes," as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u) (the Act), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) is authorized to grant to qualified corporations the privilege of establishing foreign-trade zones in or adjacent to U.S. Customs ports of entry;

Whereas, the Board's regulations (15 CFR Part 400) provide for the establishment of special-purpose subzones when existing zone facilities cannot serve the specific use involved;

Whereas, an application from the City of Birmingham, Alabama, grantee of Foreign Trade Zone 98, for authority to establish special-purpose subzone status at the motor vehicle manufacturing plant of Mercedes-Benz U.S. International, Inc., in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, was filed by the Board on February 16, 1995, and notice inviting public comment was given in the Federal Register (FTZ Docket 6-95, 60 FR 11070, 3-1-95); and,

Whereas, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner's report, and finds that the

requirements of the FTZ Act and Board's regulations are satisfied, and that approval of the application is in the public interest;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby authorizes the establishment of a subzone (Subzone 98A) at the Mercedes-Benz U.S. International, Inc., plant, in Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, at the location described in the application, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including § 400.28.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 21st day of February 1996.

Susan G. Esserman,

Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration, Alternate Chairman, Foreign-Trade Zones Board.

Attest:

John J. Da Ponte, Jr.,

Executive Secretary.

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[Docket 14-96]

Foreign-Trade Zone 94—Laredo, Texas, Application for Expansion

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the City of Laredo, Texas, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 94, requesting authority to expand its zone in Laredo, Texas, within the Laredo Customs port of entry. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR Part 400). It was formally filed on February 21, 1996.

FTZ 94 was approved on November 22, 1983 (Board Order 235, 48 FR 53737, 11/29/83) and expanded on March 26, 1990 (Board Order 468, 55 FR 12696, 4/5/90) and December 29, 1992 (Board Order 620, 58 FR 3533, 1/11/93). The zone project currently consists of four sites in the Laredo area: *Site 1* (500 acres)—within the 1,600-acre city-owned Laredo International Airport Industrial Park; *Site 2* (20 acres)—owned by the Texas-Mexican Railway, along Highway 359 in Webb County; *Site 3* (550 acres)—within the 1,400-acre Killiam industrial area, owned by Killiam Oil Co., at 12800 Old Mines Road; *Site 4* (1,500-acres)—within 7,000-acre International Commerce Center, Laredo Northwest business and residential development.

The applicant is now requesting authority to expand the zone to include a site (proposed *Site 5*—930 acres)—located at a proposed industrial park (currently known as the "La Barranca Ranch" site), Interstate Highway 35,