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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Assistant Secretary— Water and Science; Central Utah Project Completion Act

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary—Water and Science, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to negotiate a contract between the Strawberry Water Users Association (SWUA) and the Department of the Interior for the conversion of a portion of Strawberry Valley Project (SVP) water from irrigation to municipal and industrial (M&I) use.

SUMMARY: The SVP, authorized December 15, 1905, is one of the earliest Reclamation Projects. The SVP stores water from the Colorado River Basin in the Strawberry Reservoir. The stored water is then conveyed through the Syar Tunnel/Sixth Water Aqueduct into the Great Basin where it is delivered through natural stream courses to a Spanish Fork River diversion structure and into the Strawberry Service Canal. The SVP service area is located in south Utah County, Utah. The SWUA has operational responsibilities for the SVP and contractually uses Central Utah Project (CUP) facilities to store and convey SVP water.

Suburban development in the SVP service area has resulted in agricultural land being taken out of production, annexed into the cities, and developed into residential areas. Under the authority of the Water for Miscellaneous Purposes Act of 1920 (43 U.S.C. 521), the Secretary of Interior has authority to approve converting a portion of the SVP water from irrigation to M&I use. This conversion will: (1) Allow the SWUA to provide M&I water to the cities in south Utah County; (2) ensure the orderly marketing of CUP and SVP M&I water; (3) provide an adequate water supply to the cities; (4) generate revenue to fund the rehabilitation of SVP facilities; and (5) eliminate unauthorized use of SVP water within the service area. Of the total SVP annual average water supply of about 71,000 acre-feet, 7,000 to 8,000 acre-feet of SVP water presently appurtenant to non-agricultural lands will be converted from irrigation to M&I use in the near future with the opportunity to gradually convert

additional amounts as growth continues in the area.

The negotiation process will define the terms and conditions whereby the conversion of SVP water from irrigation to M&I use will be allowed.

DATES: Dates for public negotiation sessions will be announced in local newspapers.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Additional information on matters related to this **Federal Register** notice can be obtained at the address and telephone number set forth below:

Mr. Reed Murray, Program Coordinator,
CUP Completion Act Office,
Department of the Interior, 302 East
1860 South, Provo UT 84606-6154,
Telephone: (801) 379-1237, E-Mail
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Ronald Johnston,

CUP Program Director, Department of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Receipt of Applications for Permit

The following applicants have applied for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*):

RT-838490

Applicant: Veterinary Genetics Laboratory, Ann Bowling, Davis, CA.

The applicant requests a permit to import hair samples collected from captive born Przewalski's horse (*Equus przewalskii*) collected by Dr. W. Zimmermann, Curator of Mammals, Cologne Zoo, Germany for the purpose of scientific research.

PRT-832442

Applicant: Centers for Disease Control & Prevention Division of Parasitic Diseases, Atlanta, GA.

The applicant requests a permit to import biological samples from endangered Primates, obtained incidental to other research activities for wild and captive-held primates, for the purpose of scientific research.

PRT-838696

Applicant: Patrick F. Taylor, Foxworth, MS.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one

male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

PRT-838453

Applicant: William J. Coppola, Santa Fe, NM.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

PRT-838217

Applicant: Columbus Zoo, Powell, OH.

The applicant requests a permit to import samples from Mexico taken from captive-held and captive-born bonobo (*Pan paniscus*) for the purpose of scientific research.

PRT-835371

Applicant: Ken Wilson, Kerrville, TX.

The applicant requests a permit to import the sport-hunted trophy of one male bontebok (*Damaliscus pygargus dorcas*) culled from a captive herd maintained under the management program of the Republic of South Africa, for the purpose of enhancement of the survival of the species.

PRT-821764

Applicant: Erik D. Keyster, Tremont, IL.

The applicant requests a permit to import four Chinese giant salamanders (*Andrias davidianus*) from Klaus Haker, Hilden, Germany, for the purpose of enhancement of the species through captive propagation.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, Virginia 22203 and must be received by the Director on or before March 2, 1998.

The public is invited to comment on the following applications for permits to conduct certain activities with marine mammals. The application was submitted to satisfy requirements of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing marine mammals (50 CFR 18).

PRT-838243

Applicant: Robert C. Senter, Sr., Plaistow, NH.

The applicant requests a permit to import a polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) sport-hunted prior to April 30, 1994 from the Viscount Melville polar bear