

environmental groups in the Orange County area have been meeting regularly over the last several years to discuss and develop a long term strategy for restoration, enhancement, conservation and preservation efforts for Newport Bay. This consortium of agencies and interested parties are formulating the preliminary concepts for restoration efforts. The Corps has held several public scoping meetings in association with this project. Discussion items have focused on the loss of native habitat and wildlife communities, the propagation of exotic vegetation and domestic predation, the loss of habitat supporting native sensitive species, the overall decrease in water quality, the increase in sediment build-up, the effects of development in the watershed and point/nonpoint discharges entering the bay.

3. Proposed Action

Preparation of a DEIS/EIR.

4. Alternatives

No-Action allows for continued sediment deposition in Upper and Lower Newport Bay, significantly reducing open-water areas, degrading existing marsh habitat, reducing tidal circulation, and shoaling navigation channels. A full array of alternatives will be developed to achieve both environmental restoration and sediment control. To refine alternatives and determine which are viable, project criteria will be developed to assess feasibility. A co-equal analysis will be conducted for the no action and each viable project alternative in the DEIS/EIR pursuant with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4321, as amended. Project area maps will be available upon request.

5. Scoping Process

The Corps will evaluate potential impacts associated with the no-action and alternative plans. A public scoping meeting will be held to address baseline conditions, solicit public participation on significant environmental issues, and participation in the formulation of alternative measures. All interested parties and agencies are welcome to attend and encouraged to participate in the meeting. The Corps will briefly present the study to the public, review the environmental process and issues identified thus far, and outline the overall schedule for study completion, then request public input. Individuals and agencies may offer information or data relevant to the proposed study and/or request to be placed on the mailing list for future announcements. The

DEIS/EIR is expected to be available for review and comment in July 1999.

Several years ago, the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) prepared a draft Upper Newport Bay Ecological Reserve (UNBER) management plan. The CDFG is revising the draft plan and will solicit public input at this meeting.

6. Location and Time

The public scoping meeting is scheduled for October 21, 1998 at 7:00 p.m., at the Newport Beach City Council Chambers, 3300 Newport Blvd., Newport Beach, California.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Meeting of the Naval Research Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Naval Research Advisory Committee (NRAC) Panel on Global Positioning System (GPS) Vulnerability and Alternatives will meet to examine the vulnerabilities of the GPS on Navy and Marine Corps platforms and weapons systems. All sessions of the meeting will be devoted to executive sessions that will include discussions and technical examination of information related to GPS vulnerabilities; the Department of the Navy's mitigation plans for platforms, weapons, communications, and intelligence systems as related to the projected threat; GPS modernization; and research, development, test, acquisition, and training activities to improve GPS-related military readiness and precision navigation capabilities. All sessions of the meeting will be closed to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, October 19, 1998, through Friday, October 23, 1998, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Office of Naval Research, 800 North Quincy Street, Arlington, Virginia.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Diane Mason-Muir, Program Director, Naval Research Advisory Committee, 800 North Quincy Street, Arlington, VA 22217-5660, telephone number: (703) 696-6769.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice of meeting is provided in

accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2). All sessions of the meeting will be devoted to discussions involving technical examination of information related to vulnerabilities and deficiencies of the GPS on Navy and Marine Corps platforms and weapons systems. These discussions will contain classified information that is specifically authorized under criteria established by Executive Order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense and are in fact properly classified pursuant to such Executive Order. The classified and non-classified matters to be discussed are so inextricably intertwined as to preclude opening any portion of the meeting. In accordance with 5 U.S.C. App. 2, section 10(d), the Secretary of the Navy has determined in writing that the public interest requires that all sessions of the meeting be closed to the public because they will be concerned with matters listed in 5 U.S.C. section 552b(c)(1). Due to unavoidable delay in administrative processing, the normal 15 days notice could not be provided.

Dated: October 7, 1998.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education

SUMMARY: The Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Financial and Chief Information Officer invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before November 18, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Danny Werfel, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address Werfel_d@al.eop.gov. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 5624, Regional Office