

Operational Update on Park Activities, and Citizens Open Forum.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John A. Latschar, Superintendent, Gettysburg National Military Park, 97 Taneytown Road, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania 17325.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will be open to the public. Any member of the public may file with the Commission a written statement concerning agenda items. The statement should be addressed to the Advisory Commission, Gettysburg National Military Park, 97 Taneytown Road, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania 17325. Minutes of the meeting will be available for inspection four weeks after the meeting at the permanent headquarters of the Gettysburg National Military Park located at 97 Taneytown Road, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania 17325.

Dated: August 18, 1999.

John A. Latschar,

Superintendent, Gettysburg NMP/Eisenhower NHS.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Availability of Plan of Operations; Mining Operation Dorothy Lode Claim #1; North Cascades National Park, Skagit County, Washington

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 9.17(a) of Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 9, Subpart A, that the National Park Service has received from Mr. William Webster a Proposed Plan of Operations to remove a limited quantity of stockpiled ore from existing workings on the Dorothy Lode Claim #1 in North Cascades National Park. The ore would be transported by helicopter from Thunder Basin east to Washington State Route 20 (the North Cascades Highway).

The Proposed Plan of Operations is available for public review and comment for a period of 30 days from the publication of this notice. The document can be viewed during normal business hours at the Office of the Superintendent, North Cascades National Park, 2105 State Route 20, Sedro Woolley, Washington, 98284-9394.

Dated: August 19, 1999.

William F. Paleck,

Superintendent, North Cascades National Park Service Complex.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Bay-Delta Advisory Council's Ecosystem Roundtable Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Bay-Delta Advisory Council's (BDAC) Ecosystem Roundtable will meet on September 14, 1999, to discuss additional 1999 watershed projects, priorities and potential projects for FY 2000, and other issues. This meeting is open to the public. Interested persons may make oral statements to the Ecosystem Roundtable or may file written statements for consideration.

DATES: The BDAC Ecosystem Roundtable meeting will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 14, 1999.

ADDRESSES: The Ecosystem Roundtable will meet at the Resources Building, Room 1131, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Wendy Halverson Martin, CALFED Bay-Delta Program, at (916) 657-2666. If reasonable accommodation is needed due to a disability, please contact the Equal Employment Opportunity Office at (916) 653-6952 or TDD (916) 653-6934 at least one week prior to the meeting.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary (Bay-Delta system) is a critically important part of California's natural environment and economy. In recognition of the serious problems facing the region and the complex resource management decisions that must be made, the state of California and the Federal government are working together to stabilize, protect, restore, and enhance the Bay-Delta system. The State and Federal agencies with management and regulatory responsibilities in the Bay-Delta system are working together as CALFED to provide policy direction and oversight for the process.

One area of Bay-Delta management includes the establishment of a joint State-Federal process to develop long-term solutions to problems in the Bay-Delta system related to fish and wildlife, water supply reliability, natural disasters, and water quality. The intent to develop a comprehensive and balanced plan which addresses all of the resource problems. This effort, the CALFED Bay-Delta Program (Program), is being carried out under the policy

direction of CALFED. The Program is exploring and developing a long-term solution for a cooperative planning process that will determine the most appropriate strategy and actions necessary to improve water quality, restore health to the Bay-Delta ecosystem, provide for a variety of beneficial uses, and minimize Bay-Delta system vulnerability. A group of citizen advisors representing California's agricultural, environmental, urban, business, fishing, and other interests who have a stake in finding long-term solutions for the problems affecting the Bay-Delta system has been chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). The BDAC provides advice to CALFED on the program mission, problems to be addressed, and objectives for the Program. BDAC provides a forum to help ensure public participation, and will review reports and other materials prepared by CALFED staff. BDAC has established a subcommittee called the Ecosystem Roundtable to provide input on annual workplans to implement ecosystem restoration projects and programs.

Minutes of the meeting will be maintained by the Program, Suite 1155, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Friday within 30 days following the meeting.

Dated: August 24, 1999.

Neil Stessman,

Acting Deputy Regional Director, Mid-Pacific Region.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Investment Company Act Release No. 23963; 812-11718]

HSBC Securities (USA) Inc., et al.; Notice of Application

August 23, 1999.

AGENCY: Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC").

ACTION: Notice of application for an order under section 12(d)(1)(J) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act") for an exemption from section 12(d)(1) of the Act, under section 6(c) of the Act for an exemption from sections 12(d)(3) and 14(a) of the Act, and under section 17(b) of the Act for an exemption from section 17(a) of the Act.

Summary of Application: HSBC Securities (USA) Inc. ("HSBC Securities") and HSBC Holdings plc