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INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION, UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

United States Section; Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Rio Grande Rectification Project El Paso and Hudspeth Counties, Texas

AGENCY: United States Section,
International Boundary and Water
Commission, United States and Mexico.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Prepare an
Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended, and dependent on availability of funding, the United States Section, International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) proposes to gather information necessary to analyze and evaluate the impacts of a River Management Plan by the USIBWC on the existing Rio Grande Rectification Project in El Paso and Hudspeth counties, Texas and prepare an EIS to document those effects. This notice is being provided as required by the Memorandum of Understanding between the USIBWC and Southwest Environmental Center, dated March 22, 1999; the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR 1501.7); and the USIBWC's Operational Procedures for Implementing Section 102 of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, published in the *Federal Register* September 2, 1981 (46 FR 44083-44094) to obtain suggestions and information from other agencies and the public on the scope of issues to be addressed in the EIS.

DATES: Written comments will be accepted for an indefinite period of time from the date of this notice and

continuing until receipt of appropriation funds necessary for completion of the EIS. Participation by interested federal, state, and local agencies as well as other interested organizations and the general public is encouraged during this indefinite scoping period. Public comments on the scope of the EIS, reasonable alternatives that should be considered, anticipated environmental problems, and actions that might be taken to address them are requested.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Comments will be accepted following the date of this notice by Mr. Douglas Echlin, Environmental Protection Specialist, Environmental Management Division, USIBWC, 4171 North Mesa Street, C-310, El Paso, Texas 79902. Telephone: 915/832-4741, Facsimile: 915/832-4167. E-mail: dougechlin@ibwc.state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The USIBWC proposes, pending appropriation of funds, to gather information necessary for the preparation of an EIS to be used to determine specific options for the maintenance of the Rio Grande Rectification Project (Rectification Project) that could be implemented to minimize, consistent with the law and international agreements, the impact of project maintenance on ecological and environmental resources in the area and to optimize the safety of people and property through flood management. The Rectification Project is located along the Rio Grande in El Paso and Hudspeth counties, Texas. It is an international project that provides a means of stabilizing the international boundary line between the United States and Mexico in the El Paso-Juarez valley and also provides flood protection to urban, suburban and agricultural lands in this valley. In 1927, the International Boundary Commission (now the International Boundary and Water Commission or IBWC), formulated plans for the rectification of the river and stabilization of the international boundary line in the El Paso-Juarez valley to serve as a basis for a Convention between the United States and Mexico authorizing the construction of necessary works. The initial construction on the Rectification Project was begun in March, 1934, and completed in 1938. Subsequently, in the period from 1943 through 1950, supplemental work was done which consisted of raising levees upstream from Riverside Canal Heading, revetting levees opposite arroyo entrances, revetting channel banks, and levelling floodways.

The USIBWC as lead agency proposes to collect information necessary for the preparation of an EIS; to analyze flood protection measures and alternatives to current management, including watershed-oriented and non-structural alternatives and collaborative measures with other agencies and landowners; to determine to what extent project management can support restoration of native riparian and aquatic habitats, as well as the restoration of natural fluvial processes such as channel meanders and overbank flooding. The EIS will consider a range of alternatives, including the no action alternative, based on issues and concerns associated with the project.

The EIS will identify, describe, and evaluate the existing environmental, cultural, sociological and economical, and recreational resources; explain the existing international flood protection and boundary stabilization project; and evaluate the impacts associated with the alternatives under consideration. Significant issues which have been identified to be addressed in the EIS include but are not limited to impacts to water resources, water quality, cultural and biological resources, threatened and endangered species, and recreation.

The USIBWC seeks funding for river levee improvements along the international boundary; and pending appropriation of funds, proposed construction activities that will be studied in this EIS include rehabilitation of existing levees, channel improvements such as widening or armoring with riprap, and installation of grade control structures. Required work consists of evaluating the integrity of the levee system by conducting a series of geotechnical explorations and analysis to identify where levee rehabilitation is required. The levee rehabilitation work involves the replacement of unstable reaches, reconditioning of the levee side slopes, levee road resurfacing, and replacement of existing structure gates. The levee system would be evaluated and arrangements worked with Mexico for levee rehabilitation in both countries with an equal distribution of costs. The proposed project also seeks to evaluate best management practices regarding flood control, boundary river preservation, and flood plain management, taking into account the project riparian ecosystem. In addition, the EIS will study the environmental effects of a long-range maintenance plan that will be developed.

Coordination with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service will ensure compliance with the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act and section 7 of the

Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. Cultural resources reconnaissance for the project area will be coordinated with the Texas State Historic Preservation Officer. Other federal and state agencies, as required, will also be consulted to ensure compliance with federal and state laws and regulations.

The environmental review of this project will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of NEPA, CEQ Regulations, other appropriate federal regulations, and the USIBWC procedures for compliance with those regulations. When the EIS is completed, copies will be transmitted to federal and state agencies and other interested parties for comments. It will be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency in accordance with 40 CFR Parts 1500-1508 and USIBWC procedures. The USIBWC estimates, pending receipt of funds necessary for completion, the Draft EIS will be completed within three years of receipt of those funds.

Dated: January 5, 2000.

William A. Wilcox, Jr.,

Legal Advisor.

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NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION

Notice of Change in Subject of Meetings

The National Credit Union Administration Board determined that its business requires the deletion of the following item from the previously announced open meeting (**Federal Register**, Vol. 65, No. 7, page 1647, Tuesday, January 11, 2000) scheduled for Thursday, January 13, 2000.

4. NCUA's "Results Act" Strategic Plan and Annual Performance Plan.

The Board voted unanimously that agency business requires that this item be deleted from the open agenda and that no earlier announcement of this change was possible.

The previously announced items are:

1. Request from a Federal Credit Union to Convert to a Community Charter.

2. Request from a Corporate Federal Credit Union for a National Field of Membership Amendment.

3. Request from a Corporate Credit Union to Convert to a Federally Chartered Corporate Credit Union with a National Field of Membership.

4. NCUA's "Results Act" Strategic Plan and Annual Performance Plan.

The National Credit Union Administration Board also determined

that its business requires the deletion of the following item from the previously announced closed meeting.

1. Administrative Action under section 206 of the Federal Credit Union Act. Closed pursuant to exemptions (8), (9)(A)(ii) and (9)(B).

The Board voted unanimously that agency business requires that this item be deleted from the closed agenda and that no earlier announcement of this change was possible.

The previously announced items are:

1. Administrative Action under section 206 of the Federal Credit Union Act. Closed pursuant to exemptions (8), (9)(A)(ii) and (9)(B).

2. Administrative Action under sections 206 and 208 of the Federal Credit Union Act. Closed pursuant to exemptions (8), (9)(A)(ii) and (9)(B).

3. Administrative Actions under Part 704 of NCUA's Rules and Regulations. Closed pursuant to exemption (8).

4. Administrative Action under Part 703 of NCUA's Rules and Regulations. Closed pursuant to exemptions (8), (9)(A)(ii) and (9)(B).

5. One (1) Personnel Action. Closed pursuant to exemptions (2), (5), (6), (7) and (9)(B).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Becky Baker, Secretary of the Board,
Telephone (703) 518-6304.

Becky Baker,

Secretary of the Board.

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

National Endowment for the Arts; Leadership Initiatives Advisory Panel

Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463), as amended, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Leadership Initiatives Advisory Panel (International Section) to the National Council on the Arts will be held on January 26, 2000. The panel will meet from 3 to 3:30 p.m. via teleconference from room 704 at the Nancy Hanks Center, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20506.

This meeting is for the purpose of Panel review, discussion, evaluation, and recommendations on financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including information given in confidence to the agency. In accordance with the determination of the Chairman of May 12, 1999, these sessions will be

closed to the public pursuant to subsection (c)(4), (6) and (9)(B) of section 552b of Title 5, United States Code.

Further information with reference to this meeting can be obtained from Ms. Kathy Plowitz-Worden, Office of Guidelines and Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, DC 20506, or call 202/682-5691.

Dated: January 10, 2000.

Kathy Plowitz-Worden,

*Panel Coordinator, Panel Operations,
National Endowment for the Arts.*

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NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

National Endowment for the Arts; President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities: Meeting XLVII

Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463), as amended, notice is hereby given that a meeting of the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities will be held on January 28, 2000 from 9 a.m. to approximately 12 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Van Buren Room, 8th Floor, Department of State, Washington, DC.

The Committee meeting will begin at 9 a.m. with opening remarks by Dr. John Brademas, Chairman of the President's Committee, and Ms. Evelyn Lieberman, Undersecretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs, Department of State. This will be followed by special presentations by: Shirley Brice Heath, Author/Researcher, *Champions of Change*; Whit Alexander, Chief Noodler, Cranium; and Isaac Colon III, Poet, DC WritersCorps. The Committee will hear agency presentations from Bill Ivey, Chairman of the National Endowments for the Arts, William Ferris, Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities, and Beverly Sheppard, Acting Director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services. There will also be Task Force Reports on Education, Oral History, and Ethnic Diversity. The meeting will conclude with remarks by Harriet Mayor Fulbright, Executive Director of the President's Committee.

The President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities was created by Executive Order in 1982 to advise the President, the two Endowments, and the Institute of Museum and Library Services on measures to encourage private sector support for the nation's cultural institutions and to promote