

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary; Defense Intelligence Agency, Science and Technology Advisory Board Closed Panel Meeting**

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Defense Intelligence Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of subsection (d) of section 10 of Public Law 92-463, as amended by section 5 of Public Law 94-409, notice is hereby given that a closed meeting of the DIA Science and Technology Advisory Board has been scheduled as follows:

DATES: 24 March 2000 (800am to 1600pm).

ADDRESSES: The Defense Intelligence Agency, 200 MacDill BLVD, Washington, DC 20340.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maj Donald R. Culp, Jr., USAF, Executive Secretary, DIA Science and Technology Advisory Board, Washington, DC 20340-1328, (202) 231-4930.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The entire meeting is devoted to the discussion of classified information as defined in section 552b(c)(1), Title 5 of the U.S. Code, and therefore will be closed to the public. The Board will receive briefings on and discuss several current critical intelligence issues and advise the Director, DIA, on related scientific and technical matters.

Dated: February 28, 2000.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Air Force****Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Initial F-22 Operational Beddown**

The United States Air Force (Air Force) is issuing this notice to advise the public of its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to assess the potential environmental impacts of a proposal to beddown the initial F-22 Operational Wing. The F-22 air superiority fighter is being developed to replace the F-15 aircraft beginning in 2004. A total of 72 operational aircraft, grouped into three squadrons, are proposed for the beddown.

The Air Force will conduct scoping meetings at five alternative locations for

the initial beddown, including Langley Air Force Base (AFB), VA; Elmendorf AFB, AK; Eglin AFB, FL; Tyndall AFB, FL; and Mountain Home AFB, ID. Langley AFB, VA is the preferred alternative, however each alternative, along with any other alternatives developed as part of the scoping process, will be screened to determine if it warrants detailed analysis in the EIS. Those alternatives meeting the criteria for the initial beddown will be analyzed along with the No Action Alternative.

The Air Force will conduct the first phase of scoping meetings in each of the potential locations with a second round of meetings in those locations identified for detailed analysis. Dates, times and locations for the meetings will be announced through press releases and other media sources accessible to the public and agencies. Comments will be accepted throughout the environmental impact analysis process, however to ensure sufficient time to consider public and agency comments inputs in the screening process and preparation of the Draft EIS, comments should be submitted to the address below by June 30, 2000.

HQ ACC/CEVP, Attn: Ms. Brenda Cook, 129 Andrews Street, Suite 102, Langley AFB, VA 23665-2769.

Janet A. Long,

Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army****Notice of Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Salinas Valley Water Project, Monterey County, CA**

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), San Francisco District, has received an application for a Department of the Army authorization from the Monterey County Water Resources Agency (MCWRA) to construct a surface water diversion structure in the Salinas River near the City of Salinas, Monterey County, California, as part of the Salinas Valley Water Project (SVWP). In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), the USACE has determined that the proposed action may have a

significant impact on the quality of the human environment and therefore requires the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). A combined Environmental Impact Report (EIR)/EIS will be prepared with USACE as the Federal lead agency and the MCWRA as the local lead agency (under the California Environmental Quality Act, of CEQA).

The purpose of the proposed action is to provide for the long-term management and protection of groundwater resources in the Salinas River Basin by meeting the following objectives: Stopping seawater intrusion; Providing adequate water supplies to meet current and future (year 2030) needs; and Hydrologically balancing the groundwater basin in the Salinas Valley. The proposed action would: (1) Provide a source of water to the Basin by changing the operational programs (rule curves) of the upstream Nacimiento and San Antonio reservoirs, and capturing water from April through November via a surface diversion structure (inflatable dam) to provide water for agriculture; and (2) maintain and increase present conservation release practices to recharge the groundwater basin.

DATES: A scoping meeting for this project will be held on April 5, 2000, 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The scoping meeting will be held at the Monterey County Water Resources Agency, 893 Blanco Circle, Salinas, California 93901-4455. Mail comments to: Robert F. Smith, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 333 Market Street, CESPNO-R, San Francisco, CA 94105-2197, or; Curtis Weeks, Interim General Manager, Monterey County Water Resources Agency, 893 Blanco Circle, Salinas, California 93901-4455.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robert Smith, 415-977-8450, or electronic mail: rsmith@spd.usace.army.mil. Curtis Weeks, 831-755-4860.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Groundwater is the source for almost all of the water needs (agricultural and urban) in the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin. In the northern coastal areas of the Basin, most groundwater extraction occurs from two groundwater supplies, the 180-Foot and 400-Foot Aquifers. An ongoing imbalance between the rate of groundwater withdrawal and recharge has resulted in overdraft conditions in the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin that have allowed seawater from Monterey Bay to intrude inland into both of these aquifers in the northern Salinas Valley. By 1995 seawater was