

5. Would this project improve flood conditions along Redwood, Pulgas, and Cordilleras creeks, or affect the stability of Highway 101 and flood control levees along Steinberger Slough and Redwood Creeks?

6. How will San Carlos Airport property on Inner Bair Island be protected from tidal inundation?

7. What impacts will there be to adjacent marinas and the Port of Redwood City from increased tidal currents?

8. What are the risks to low flying aircraft from increased waterbird use?

9. How will this project impact the South Bayside System Authority's pipeline and Pacific Gas and Electric's towers?

Public Comments

Comments already received are on record and need not be resubmitted. All comments received from individuals on the EIS/EIR become part of the official public record. Requests for such comments will be handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, the Council on Environmental Quality's NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1506.6(f)), and other Service and Departmental policy and procedures. When requested, the Service generally will provide comment letters with the names and addresses of the individuals who wrote the comments. Telephone numbers of commenting individuals, however, will not be provided in response to such requests to the extent permissible by law. Additionally, public comment letters are not required to contain the commentator's name, address, or other identifying information. Such comments may be submitted anonymously to the Service.

Dated: March 17, 2000.

Elizabeth H. Stevens,

Acting Manager, California/Nevada Operations, Sacramento, California.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force *Caulpera taxifolia* (Mediterranean strain) Prevention Committee

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the *Caulpera taxifolia* (Mediterranean strain) Prevention

Committee of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force. The meeting topics are identified in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

DATES: The Committee will meet from 1:30 pm to 5 pm, on Wednesday, April 5, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science, Cooperative Institute for Marine and Atmospheric Studies (CIMAS) Building, 3rd floor conference room, 4600 Rickenbacker Causeway, Miami, Florida.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Sandra Keppner, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at 716-691-5456 or by email at sandra_keppner@fws.gov or Sharon Gross, Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force at 703-358-2308 or by e-mail at: sharon_gross@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. I), this notice announces a meeting of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force *Caulpera taxifolia* (Mediterranean strain) Prevention Committee. The Task Force was established by the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 4701-4741).

Topics to be addressed at this meeting include: reviewing the roles and responsibilities of the committee, reviewing the draft Prevention Program, reviewing existing authorities that could be used to regulate import of the Mediterranean strain of *Caulpera taxifolia*, identifying gaps in the draft Prevention Program, and developing criteria for prioritizing actions in the Prevention Program.

Minutes of the meeting will be maintained by the Executive Secretary, Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Suite 851, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203-1622. Minutes for the meetings will be available at this location for public inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Friday.

Dated: March 20, 2000.

Rowan Gould,

Acting Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Acting Assistant Director—Fisheries.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Filing of Plats of Survey: Oregon/Washington

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The plats of survey of the following described lands are scheduled to be officially filed in the Oregon State Office, Portland, Oregon, thirty (30) calendar days from the date of this publication.

Willamette Meridian

Oregon

T. 25 S., R. 1 W., accepted January 27, 2000
T. 29 S., R. 10 W., accepted February 7, 2000
T. 20 S., R. 1 W., accepted February 18, 2000
T. 14 S., R. 31 E., accepted February 25, 2000
T. 19 S., R. 2 W., accepted March 6, 2000

Washington

T. 27 N., R. 13 W., accepted February 28, 2000
T. 27 N., R. 12 W., accepted February 28, 2000
T. 16 N., R. 19 E., accepted March 6, 2000
T. 31 N., R. 11 W., accepted March 6, 2000

If protests against a survey, as shown on any of the above plat(s), are received prior to the date of official filing, the filing will be stayed pending consideration of the protest(s). A plat will not be officially filed until the day after all protests have been dismissed and become final or appeals from the dismissal affirmed.

The plat(s) will be placed in the open files of the Oregon State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 1515 S.W. 5th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97201, and will be available to the public as a matter of information only. Copies of the plat(s) may be obtained from the above office upon required payment. A person or party who wishes to protest against a survey must file with the State Director, Bureau of Land Management, Portland, Oregon, a notice that they wish to protest prior to the proposed official filing date given above. A statement of reasons for a protest may be filed with the notice of protest to the State Director, or the statement of reasons must be filed with the State Director within thirty (30) days after the proposed official filing date.

The above-listed plats represent dependent resurveys, survey, and subdivision.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bureau of Land Management, (1515 S.W. 5th Avenue P.O. Box 2965, Portland, Oregon 97208.

Dated: March 10, 2000.

Robert D. DeViney, Jr.,

Branch of Realty and Records Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Notice of Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the Construction and Operation of the Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project and Announcement of Public Scoping Meetings

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the construction and operation of the Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project and announcement of public scoping meetings.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, announces its intent to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, on the Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project to supply municipal and industrial water to the New Mexico portion of the Navajo Nation south of the San Juan River and the Window Rock area within Arizona, and the City of Gallup, New Mexico. The DEIS will evaluate alternatives for the construction and operation of the Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project and act as the final planning report to support a request for construction authorization.

A long-term high quality municipal and industrial water supply is needed to improve the standard of living for current and future populations and to support economic growth of the Navajo Nation and the City of Gallup. The Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project has evolved as a major infrastructure initiative to supply approximately 40,000 acre-feet of municipal and industrial water annually from the San Juan River to meet these needs. To achieve this initiative, the following organizations have worked closely in a cooperative effort: the Navajo Nation Department of Water Resources, Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments, City of Gallup, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the Bureau of Reclamation.

Two structural alternatives for the Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project are currently under study and proposed:

The Navajo Indian Irrigation Project (NIIP) Alternative and the San Juan River Diversion Alternative. The DEIS will examine both of these proposed alternatives as well as a Non-Structural Water Conservation Alternative, a No Action Alternative, and any other proposed alternatives brought forth as a result of the public scoping meetings that will be conducted in April and May 2000 (See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section).

Reclamation invites other federal agencies, states, Indian Tribes, local governments, and the general public to submit written comments or suggestions concerning the scope of the issues to be addressed in the DEIS. This is intended to meet the public involvement requirements of both NEPA and the National Historic Preservation Act. The public is invited to participate in a series of scoping meetings that will be held in late April and early May 2000 in New Mexico and Arizona (see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section).

Those not desiring to submit comments or suggestions at this time, but who would like to receive a copy of the DEIS, should write to the address given below. When the DEIS is complete, its availability will be announced in the **Federal Register**, local news media, and through direct contact with interested parties. Comments will be solicited on the document.

Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from public disclosure, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. If you want us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public disclosure in their entirety.

DATES AND LOCATIONS: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section meeting dates and locations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Rege Leach, Bureau of Reclamation, Western Colorado Area Office, 835 East Second Avenue, Suite 300, Durango, Colorado 81301; telephone (970) 385-6553; faxogram (970) 385-6539; E-mail: rleach@uc.usbr.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Recognizing the severe water supply problems facing the Navajo Nation and

the City of Gallup, the Navajo Nation and the City signed a Memorandum of Agreement on April 17, 1998, to proceed with planning and developing the Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project. The two parties, working as partners with the Bureau of Reclamation and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, propose to plan, implement environmental compliance, secure water supplies, obtain Congressional authorization, and construct and operate the Navajo-Gallup Water Supply Project. The project will serve the residents of the Navajo Nation and the City of Gallup.

Purpose and Need for Action

The purpose and need of the proposed federal action is to provide a long-term, high quality municipal and industrial water supply to improve the standard of living for current and future populations and to support economic growth of the Navajo Nation and the City of Gallup.

Range of Alternatives

As part of its NEPA analysis, Reclamation intends to evaluate the following alternatives:

NIIP Alternative—This alternative would supply approximately 40,000 acre-feet of water annually. The water would be diverted from the Navajo Reservoir through the Main and Burnham Lateral Canals of the NIIP and delivered to a proposed 8,800 acre-foot Moncisco Dam and Reservoir (to be constructed under this alternative). A treatment plant and pumping station would be constructed near Moncisco Reservoir. The pipeline alignment would run south from the treatment plant to an existing natural gas line corridor used by the El Paso San Juan Triangle Mainline and by the Transwestern San Juan Lateral System. The main pipeline route would follow the gas line corridor to the vicinity of Twin Lakes where it would turn south to Yah-ta-hay. At Yah-ta-hay, the main pipeline would connect to smaller spur water lines heading west along Highway 64 to Window Rock, Arizona, and south along Highway 666 to the City of Gallup, and surrounding areas. Three other spur pipelines would connect to the mainline. They would include a pipeline from Naschitti north along Highway 666 to Sanostee, pipeline from Twin Lakes east along Indian Route 9 to Dalton Pass, and a pipeline from the treatment plant along Highway 44 to Nageezi and then south to Torreon. Storage tanks and rechlorination facilities would be included in the project.

San Juan River Diversion Alternative—This alternative would