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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Tehama County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Tehama County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will hold its next meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on August 8, 2002, and will begin at 9 a.m. and end at approximately 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Lincoln Street School, Conference Room A, 1135 Lincoln Street, Red Bluff, CA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bobbie Gaddini, Committee Coordinator, USDA, Mendocino National Forest, Grindstone Ranger District, PO Box 164, Elk Creek, CA 95939. (530) 968-5329; e-mail ggaddini@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Introductions, (2) Approval of Minutes, (3) Public Comment, (4) Other Project Proposals/Possible Action, (5) Sunflower Coordinated Resource Presentation/Possible Action, (6) Valentine Ridge Project Proposal/Possible Action, (7) General Discussion. The meeting is open to the public. Public input opportunity will be provided and individuals will have the opportunity to address the Committee at that time.

Dated: July 22, 2002.

James F. Giachino,

Designated Federal Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Little Red River Water Management Project; White County, AR

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Guidelines (40 CFR part 1500); the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice that an environmental impact statement is being prepared for the creation of a water management plan to assist the Little Red River Regional Irrigation District in its efforts to reduce the useage of declining groundwater and to enhance fish and wildlife habitat. The project area is located in White County, Arkansas.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kalven L. Trice, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Room 3416 Federal Building, 700 West Capitol Avenue, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201, Telephone (501) 301-3100.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The project area comprises approximately 81,000 acres of which 35,000 irrigated acres are currently used for grain production such as soybeans and rice. A large majority of the marginal cropland has been converted to non-crop uses such as grass cover and reforestation through the Natural Resources Conservation Service' Conservation Reserve Program. In addition, many acres of on-farm water storage reservoirs and tailwater recovery systems have already been installed under a previous Natural Resources Conservation watershed project. Due to potential public concern regrading the project, Kalven L. Trice, State Conservationist, has determined that the preparation and review of an environmental impact statement is needed for this project.

Alternatives presently under consideration other than the "no Action" alternative, include the diversion and delivery of water from the Little Red River near West Point, Arkansas, construction of on-farm water storage reservoirs, underground pipelines, tailwater recovery systems, and improved irrigation management. In addition, the feasibility of providing water to the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Raft Creek Wildlife Management Area (WMA) will also be explored.

A draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) will be prepared and circulated for review by agencies and the public. The Natural Resources Conservation Service invites participation and consultation of agencies and individuals that have special expertise, legal jurisdiction, or interest in the preparation of the draft environmental impact statement. A public scoping meeting will be held to

solicit input from the public and to determine the scope of the environmental impact statement on August 15, 2002 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Griffithville Senior Citizen's Center located at 208 Main Street (Hwy 385) in Griffithville, Arkansas.

Submit written comments and suggestions on the proposal, or requests to be placed on the EIS mailing list, to Jim Ellis, Biologist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Natural Resources Planning Staff, Room 3416, Federal Building, 700 West Capitol Avenue, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201, or e-mail to Jim.Ellis@ar.usda.gov.

(This activity is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under No. 10.904—Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention—and is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials.)

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David A. Weeks,

Assistant State Conservationist, Natural Resources Planning.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Proposed Changes to Section IV of the Arizona NRCS State Technical Guide

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), U.S. Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed changes in the Arizona NRCS State Technical Guide for review and comment.

SUMMARY: It has been determined by the NRCS State Conservationist for Arizona that changes must be made in the NRCS State Technical Guide, specifically in the Conservation Practice Standards. Specifically, Arizona will revise the NRCS National Practice Standards for use in Arizona.

DATES: Comments will be received for a 30-day period commencing with this date of publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Steve Barker, Rangeland Management Specialist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 3003 North Central Avenue, Suite 800, Phoenix, AZ 85012; Phone: 602-280-8823; Fax: 602-280-8805.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture