

at 36 CFR part 1010. The Final EIS is a programmatic document, and supplements the 1994 Final General Management Plan Amendment Environmental Impact Statement for the Presidio. Based upon a thorough analysis of the PTMP Final EIS alternatives and their potential environmental consequences, consideration of all public and agency comments received during the NEPA process, and in consideration of the mandates of the Trust Act (16 U.S.C. 460bb note, Title I of Pub. L. 104-333, 110 Stat. 4097), as amended, and the entire agency record, the Board selected the PTMP, analyzed in the Final EIS as the Final Plan Alternative and fully set forth in the separate PTMP document, as the Trust's management plan. The Board approved and adopted the PTMP by unanimous vote on August 22, 2002, and authorized the Trust's Executive Director to execute the ROD memorializing the Board's decision. The ROD was signed on August 27, 2002.

CONTENTS: The ROD documents the decision and rationale for adopting the PTMP (identified during project scoping and review of draft documents under the name Presidio Trust Implementation Plan or PTIP). The ROD also provides background about the Trust and the planning effort, and describes the alternatives considered, public involvement, agency consultation, mitigating measures developed to avoid or minimize environmental impacts of the selected alternative, and use of the Final EIS in subsequent decision making. As required by the NEPA, it identifies the environmentally preferable alternative, and sets forth an evaluation of alternatives and the reasons for adopting the Final Plan Alternative. A report addressing public input received during the period following release of the PTMP and the accompanying Final EIS is also attached to the ROD.

DATES: The Trust initiated a public planning and environmental review process pursuant to the NEPA on June 30, 2000, developed alternative plan options and issued a Draft Plan and Draft EIS on July 25, 2001, invited public participation and considered public comment, and issued a proposed Final Plan, Final EIS, and responses to public comments on May 24, 2002. The 30-day minimum "no-action" period required by the NEPA expired on June 23, 2002, and the Trust signed the PTMP ROD, making it immediately effective, on August 27, 2002.

Materials Available to the Public: The approved ROD is available by calling or writing the Presidio Trust, 34 Graham

Street, P.O. Box 29052, San Francisco, CA 94129-0052. Telephone: 415/561-5414. The ROD is available electronically on the Trust's website (<http://www.presidiotrust.gov>). The ROD may also be reviewed in the Trust's library at the above address.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

National Research Advisory Council; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the National Research Advisory Council will meet at the Hyatt Dulles, 2300 Dulles Corner Boulevard, Herndon, VA 20171, on Thursday, September 26, 2002, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The meeting is open to the public. The purpose of the Council is to provide external advice and review for VA's research mission.

The meeting will begin with opening remarks and an overview by the Council Chairman. The Council will receive informational briefings on the VA Cooperative Studies Program; the Cooperative Studies Program DNA Bank; the VA Research, Education and Clinical Centers; and the VA research portfolio.

Any member of the public wishing to attend the meeting or wishing further information should contact Ms. Karen Scott, Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Research and Development (12C2), 801 I Street, NW., Washington, DC, at (202) 565-8381.

Dated: August 30, 2002.

By Direction of the Secretary.

Nora E. Egan,

Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Research and Development Cooperative Studies Evaluation Committee; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that a meeting of the Research and Development, Cooperative Studies Evaluation Committee will be held at the Crystal City Marriott, 1999 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202, on October 3, 2002. The session is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. and end at 5 p.m. The three new studies submitted for review are: Intensive vs Conventional Renal Support in Acute Renal Failure, Perioperative B-Adrenergic Receptor Blockage in Patients Undergoing Major Noncardiac Surgery, Anabolic Steroid Therapy on Pressure Ulcer Healing in Persons with SCI. In addition to the three new studies there will be one resubmission: Diiodothyropropionic Acid, a Thyroid Analog to Treat Heart Failure and one progress review: Clinical Outcomes Utilizing Revascularization and Aggressive Drug Evaluation.

The Committee advises the Chief Research and Development Officer through the Director of the Cooperative Studies Program on the relevance and feasibility of the studies, the adequacy of the protocols, and the scientific validity and propriety of technical details of proposed research.

The meeting will be open to the public from 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. to discuss general status of the program. Those who plan to attend should contact Ms. Denise Shorter, Coordinator, Department of Veterans Affairs, Washington, DC at (202) 565-7016.

The meeting will be closed from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. This portion of the meeting involves consideration of specific proposals in accordance with provisions set forth in section 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, as amended by sections 5(c) of Public Law 94-409, and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6). During the closed session of the meeting, discussions and recommendations will address qualifications of study personnel, critiques of research proposals, and similar documents, and the medical records of patients who are study subjects, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personnel privacy.

By Direction of the Secretary.

Dated: August 30, 2002.

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