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Frank L. Davis,
General Deputy Assistant Secretary for
Housing-Deputy Federal Housing
Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Performance Review Board
Appointments

AGENCY: Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Performance Review
Board Appointments.

SUMMARY: This notice provides the name
of individuals who have been appointed
to serve as members of the Department
of the Interior Performance Review
Board.

DATES: These appointments are effective
upon publication in the Federal
Register.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Marilia Matos, Director, Office of
Human Resources, Office of the

Secretary, Department of the Interior,
1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC
20240, Telephone Number: (202) 208-
6761.

Dated: October 30, 2006.

Marilia Matos,
Director, Office of Human Resources.

2006 Performance Review Board

The following individuals have been
appointed to serve on the Department of
the Interior 2006 Performance Review
Board:

- Ethel Abeita Director, Office of Trust Records.
David Achterberg Director, Safety, Security and Law Enforcement.
Kevin Adams Assistant Director, Law Enforcement.
Martha Aikens Program Manager.
David Allen Regional Director, Portland.
William Alley Senior Science Advisor.
Joseph Alston Park Manager.
David Applegate Senior Science Advisor for Earthquakes and Geologic Hazards.
Carl Artman Associate Solicitor.
Maryanne Bach Director, Research & Development.
Charles Bacon Research Geologist.
Anne Badgley Executive Director—Regional Ecosystems Office.
Karen Baker Associate Director for Administrative Policy & Services.
Mark Bathrick Associate Director, Aviation Management.
Theresa Bayani Program Director for Compliance and Asset Management.
Keith Beartusk Regional Director.
Mark Beighley Director, Office of Wildland Fire Coordination.
Richard Beck Director, Office of Planning and Performance Management.
William Benjamin Regional Director—Great Plains.
Julio Betancourt Research Hydrologist.
Henri Bisson Deputy Director.
John Bennett Director Trust Program Management Center.
Robert A. Bennett State Director.
Edith Blackwell Deputy Associate Solicitor—Indian Affairs.
Stephen Blanchard Senior Science Advisor for Surface Water.
L. Michael Bogert Counselor to the Secretary.
David Boore Research Geophysicist.
Douglas Bourgeois Director, National Business Center.
Charles Breece Principal Deputy Director, Office of Hearings & Appeals.
Robert Brown Associate Director for Administration and Budget.
John Buffington Regional Director, Western Region.
Melvin Burch Regional Fiduciary Trust Administrator.
Brenda Burman Deputy Commissioner.
Kenneth Burnham Statistician.
Carla Burzyk Chief, Office of Budget and Performance.
James Byrnes Attorney-Advisor.
Chad Calvert Deputy Assistant Secretary—Land and Minerals Management.
Richard Cardinale Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary.
William Carswell Regional Hydrologist.
Thomas Casadevall Regional Director, Central Region.
Niles Cesar Regional Director.
Dolores Chacon-Alleva President, DOI University.
Ralph Cheng Research Hydrologist.
Bernard Chouet Research Geophysicist.
Debbie Clark Deputy Assistant Secretary—Management.
Horace Clark Regional Solicitor.
Colleen Coggins Interior Enterprise Architect.
David Cohen Deputy Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs.
Robert Comer Regional Solicitor.
Anthony Conte Regional Solicitor.
Elizabeth Cordova-Harrison Director, Management Services Office.
Robert Craff Regional Fiduciary Trust Administrator.
Walter Cruickshank Deputy Director.
Elena Daly Assistant Director, National Landscape Conservation Systems.
Elmer Danenberger Chief, Offshore Engineering and Operations Division.
James Davis Research Hydrologist.
Daniel Deerinwater Regional Director.
Ivan DeLoatch Federal Geographic Data Committee Staff Director.

Frank DeLuise	Director, Natural Resources Damage Assessment and Restoration Program.
Lucy Querques-Denett	Associate Director for Minerals Revenue Management.
James Devine	Senior Advisor for Science Application.
Clare Doherty	Deputy Director, Budget.
Douglas Domenech	Deputy Chief of Staff.
Robert Doyle	Deputy Director.
Matthew C. Eames	Director, Congressional and Legislative Affairs.
Sharon Eller	Director, Office of Civil Rights.
Donna Erwin	Principal Deputy Special Trustee.
Max Ethridge	Regional Geographer.
Michael Ferguson	Assistant Director, Business and Fiscal Resources.
Olivia Ferriter	Director, Conservation, Partnership and Management Policy.
Lawrence Finfer	Deputy Director, Office of Policy Analysis.
Daniel Fletcher	Director, Office of Financial Management and Deputy Chief Financial Officer.
Vicki Forrest	Regional Fiduciary Trust Administrator.
Arthur Frankel	Research Geophysicist.
Art Gary	Associate Solicitor—General Law.
Jerold Gidner	Deputy Bureau Director, Tribal Services.
Rick Gold	Regional Director.
Martin Goldhaber	Research Chemist.
John Goll	Regional Director, Alaska OCS Region.
Maria E. Gonzales	Senior Advisor for Collaborative Action and Dispute Resolution.
Roseanne Gonzales-Schreiner	Director, Program and Policy Services.
Rowan Gould	Regional Director—Anchorage.
Clayton Gregory	Regional Director.
Stephen Guptill	Research Physical Scientist.
Samuel Hamilton	Regional Director—Atlanta.
Jeanette Hanna	Regional Director.
Susan Haseltine	Associate Director for Biology.
Abraham Haspel	Assistant Deputy Secretary.
Bruce R. Harris	Deputy Chief Administrative Judge, IBLA.
James Harris	Associate Solicitor—Minerals Resources.
William Hartwig	Chief, National Wildlife Refuge System.
Nina Hatfield	Deputy Assistant Secretary, Business Management and Wildland Fire.
Pamela Haze	Co-Director, Office of Budget.
Lisa Hemmer	Administrative Judge, IBLA.
Paul Henne	Assistant Director, Budget Management and Operations.
Edward Hildreth	Research Geologist.
Catherine Hill	Regional Hydrologist.
David Hill	Research Geophysicist.
Robert Hirsch	Associate Director for Water.
Paul Hoffman	Deputy Assistant Secretary for Performance, Accountability and Human Resources.
Amy Holley	Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary.
Wandafa Hollingsworth	Chief, Division of Budget and Program Review.
Brian Holly	Chief Appraiser.
H. Barry Holt	Chief Administrative Judge.
Patricia Hooks	Regional Director, Southeast Region.
David Hughes	Administrative Judge, IBLA.
James Hughes	Deputy Director, Programs and Policy.
Fay Iudicello	Director, Office of Executive Secretariat and Regulatory Affairs.
Richard Iverson	Research Hydrologist.
James Jackson	Administrative Judge.
Julia Jacobsen	Deputy Assistant Secretary—Land and Minerals Management.
Jim James	Regional Fiduciary Trust Administrator.
Christopher Jarvi	Associate Director, Partnerships Interpretation & Education, Volunteers & Outdoor Recreation.
Jonathan Jarvis	Regional Director, Pacific West Region.
Lawrence Jensen	Regional Solicitor.
Bruce A. Johnson	Attorney-Examiner.
Douglas Johnson	Research Statistician.
Lynn Johnson	Regional Solicitor.
Robert Johnson	Regional Director.
Blair Jones	Research Hydrologist.
Kenneth Jones	Chief Scientist for Geography.
Marshall Jones	Deputy Director.
Daniel Jorjani	Counselor to the Deputy Secretary.
Christina Kalavritinos	Administrative Judge, IBLA.
Donna Kalvels	Director, Center for Competitive Sourcing.
Edward Keable	Associate Solicitor, Administration.
Christopher Kearney	Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and International Affairs.
M. Franklin Keel	Regional Director.
John Kelmelis	Senior Science Advisor.
Suzette Kimball	Regional Director, Eastern Region.

Jerry Mitch King	Regional Director—Denver.
Stephen Kirby	Research Geophysicist.
Allen Klein	Regional Director.
Leonard Konikow	Research Hydrologist.
Ernestine Kreisher	Director, Office of Communications.
Michael Kruse	Chief Justice.
Robert LaBelle	Deputy Associate Director.
Matthew Larsen	Chief Scientist for Hydrology.
Joseph Lawler	Regional Director, National Capital Region.
Phillip Leahy	Associate Director for Geology.
David Lehman	Senior Advisor to the Secretary.
John Lemon	Director, National Conservation Training Center.
Ronnie Levine	Assistant Director, Information Resources Management.
Suzanne Lewis	Superintendent.
Steven Linscheid	Chief Administrative Judge.
Melinda Loftin	Designated Agency Ethics Official.
Renne Lohofener	Assistant Director—Endangered Species.
Thomas Lonnie	Assistant Director, Minerals, Realty and Resource Protection.
Douglas Lords	Deputy Special Trustee—Field Operations.
D. Jeffrey Lords	Director, Trust Review and Audit.
Thomas Loveland	Research Physical Scientist.
Samuel Luoma	Research Hydrologist.
Jane Lyder	Legislative Counsel.
Kathryn Lynn	Administrative Judge.
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Pamela Malam	Associate Director for Human Capital.
Stephen Martin	Deputy Director, Internal Management.
Sue Masica	Associate Director, Park Planning, Facilities and Lands.
Marilia Matos	Director, Office of Human Resources.
R. Bryan McDaniel	Administrative Judge, IBLA.
John McDonald	Regional Director.
Robert McKenna	Chief Information Officer.
Edward Meagher	Deputy Chief Information Officer.
David Mech	Research Wildlife Biologist.
Thomas Melius	Assistant Director—External Affairs.
Robert Middleton	Director, Indian Energy Resource Development.
Alan Mikuni	Regional Geographer.
Mary Jane Miller	Budget Officer.
Timothy Miller	Senior Science Advisor—Water Quality.
Paul Milly	Research Hydrologist.
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Ralph Morgenweck	Fish and Wildlife Advisor.
Marvin Moriarty	Regional Director.
Lawrence Morrin	Regional Director.
Michael Nedd	State Director.
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Darrell Nordstrom	Research Hydrologist.
William Normark	Research Geologist.
Michael Olsen	Counselor to the Assistant Secretary.
Brian O'Neill	Park Manager.
Kameron Onley	Assistant Deputy Secretary.
Frederick Ore	Deputy Director, Operations.
Ronald Oremland	Research Hydrologist.
Glenda Owens	Deputy Director.
Emma Pawlicki	Associate Solicitor.
Larry Parkinson	Deputy Assistant Secretary, Law Enforcement and Security.
Mamie Parker	Assistant Director, Fisheries Habitat Conservation.
Edward Parisian	Deputy Director, OIEP.
Drue Pearce	Senior Advisor to the Secretary.
Jason Peltier	Deputy Assistant Secretary—Water and Science.
Zell Peterman	Research Geologist.
Lynn Peterson	Regional Solicitor.
Tim Petty	Deputy Assistant Secretary—Water and Science.
Neil Plummer	Research Hydrologist.
Stanley Ponce	Senior Liaison for Interagency Programs.
Michael Pool	State Director.
Britt Price	Administrative Judge, IBLA.
Robert Quinn	Director, Washington Operations.
Ernest Quintana	Regional Director, Midwest Region.
William Ragsdale	Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs.
Thomas Rever	Director, Facilities, Environmental, Safety and Cultural Resources Management.
Thomas Reynolds	Regional Fiduciary Trust Administrator.
Sterling Rideout	Assistant Director—Program Support.
James Roberts	Administrative Judge, IBLA.
Kirk Rodgers	Regional Director.

Michael Roluti	Senior Advisor, Power Liaison.
Hedy Rossmessl	Senior Advisor, Info Policy and Services.
Barry Roth	Deputy Associate Solicitor.
Lawrence Ruffin	Chief Information Security Officer.
Catherine Rugen	Regional Fiduciary Trust Administrator.
Linda S. C. Rundell	State Director.
David Russ	Regional Geologist.
Barbara Ryan	Associate Director for Geography.
Michael Ryan	Regional Director, Great Plains.
Robert Rye	Research Geologist.
Carol Sampson	Associate Director for Financial Policy and Operations.
Charles Sandberg	Regional Director.
Daud Santosa	Chief Technical Officer.
Christine Schabacker	Director, Office of Policy Analysis.
Carl Schreck	Research Fishery Biologist.
Paul Schmidt	Assistant Director, Migratory Birds and State Program.
James Scott	Research Wildlife Biologist.
Mary G. Scott	Park Manager (Superintendent).
William Sexton	Regional Hydrologist.
William Shapiro	Research Hydrologist.
David Shearer	Project Director—FBMS.
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Stanley Speaks	Regional Director.
Kenneth Stansell	Assistant Director, International Affairs.
Ross Stein	Research Geophysicist.
Katherine Stevenson	Heritage Education Advisor.
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Deborah Tschudy	Deputy Associate Director for Minerals Revenue Management.
Randall Updike	Regional Geologist.
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David Verhey	Deputy Assistant Secretary—Fish and Wildlife and Parks.
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Brent Wahlquist	Regional Director.
Barbara Wainman	Director, Office of Communication and Outreach.
A. Wesley Ward	Regional Geologist.
Jess Weaver	Regional Hydrologist.
Sandra Weisman	Chief Financial Advisor.
Ronald Wenker	State Director.
Kathleen Wheeler	Deputy Chief Human Capital Officer.
Arthur White	Research Physical Scientist.
Byron Williams	Senior Science Advisor—Coop Research.
Margaret Williams	Deputy Special Trustee—Trust Accountability.
Richard Williams	Research Geologist.
Thomas Winter	Research Hydrologist.
Sarah Wisely	State Director.
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Elaine Zielinski	State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report for the Habitat Conservation Plan for the Occidental of Elk Hills, Inc., Elk Hills Oil and Gas Field, Kern County, CA

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), we, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), are issuing this notice to advise the public that we intend to gather information necessary to prepare, in coordination with the California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) and Occidental of Elk Hills, Inc. (OEHI), a joint Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) on the Habitat Conservation Plan for the Elk Hills Oil and Gas field (Plan).

OEHI intends to apply for a 50-year Endangered Species Act (ESA) Section 10 incidental take permit from the Service. The permit is needed to authorize the incidental take of threatened and endangered species that could occur as a result of future operations of the Elk Hills Oil and Gas Field.

The Service provides this notice to (1) describe the proposed action and possible alternatives; (2) advise other Federal and State agencies, affected Tribes, and the public of our intent to prepare an EIS/EIR; (3) announce the initiation of a public scoping period; and (4) obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues to be included in the EIS/EIR.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before December 28, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be submitted to Lori Rinek, Chief, Conservation Planning and Recovery Division, Fish and Wildlife Service, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office, 2800 Cottage Way, W-2605, Sacramento, California 95825. Comments may also be sent by facsimile to 916-414-6713.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph Terry, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, or Lori Rinek, Chief, Conservation Planning and Recovery Division, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife

Office, at 916-414-6600 [see **ADDRESSES**].

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Reasonable Accommodation

Persons needing reasonable accommodations in order to attend and participate in the public meeting should contact Lori Rinek at 916-414-6600 as soon as possible. In order to allow sufficient time to process requests, please call no later than one week before the public meeting. Information regarding this proposed action is available in alternative formats upon request.

Background

Section 9 of the ESA and Federal regulations prohibit the "take" of wildlife species listed as endangered or threatened (16 U.S.C. 1538). The ESA defines the term "take" as: to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect listed species, or to attempt to engage in such conduct (16 U.S.C. 1532). Harm includes significant habitat modification or degradation that actually kills or injures listed wildlife by significantly impairing essential behavioral patterns, including breeding, feeding, and sheltering [50 CFR 17.3(c)]. Pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA, the Service may issue an "incidental take permit" to take listed species if such taking is incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Regulations governing permits for threatened species and endangered species, respectively, area at 50 CFR 17.32 and 50 CFR 17.22.

Although take of listed plant species is not prohibited under the ESA, and therefore cannot be authorized under an incidental take permit, plant species may be included on a permit in recognition of the conservation benefits provided to them under a habitat conservation plan. All species included on an incidental take permit would receive assurances under the FWS' "No Surprises" regulation [50 CFR 17.22(b)(5) and 17.32(b)(5)].

Species proposed for coverage in the HCP are species that are currently listed as federally threatened or endangered or have the potential to become listed during the life of this HCP and have some likelihood to occur within the project area. Should unlisted covered wildlife species become listed under the ESA during the term of the permit, take authorization for those species would become effective upon listing. The specific federally listed endangered species proposed for coverage in this HCP are: the giant kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys ingens*), San Joaquin kit fox

(*Vulpes macrotis mutica*), Tipon kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys nitratoides nitratoides*), Buena Vista shrew (*Sorex ornatus relictus*), blunt-nosed leopard lizard (*Gambelia sila*), Kern mallow (*Eremalche kernensis*), and San Joaquin woolly-threads (*Lembertia congdonii*). The specific unlisted species proposed for coverage in the HCP are: the San Joaquin antelope squirrel (*Ammospermophilus nelsoni*), short-nosed kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys nitratoides brevinasus*), San Joaquin LeConte's thrasher (*Toxostoma lecontei macmillanoura*), western burrowing owl (*Athene cucularia hypugea*), Tejon poppy (*Eschscholzia lemmonii* ssp. *kernensis*), oil nestraw (*Stylocline citroleum*, and heartscale (*Atriplex cordulata*). Species may be added or deleted during the course of the development of the Plan based on further analysis, new information, agency consultation, and public comment.

The Federal government established the Elk Hills Oil and Gas Field in 1912 for national defense purposes as part of the Naval Petroleum Reserves (NPR). It was then referred to as "NPR-1" and operated by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). Given the potential effects of operating NPR-1 on listed species, DOE engaged in several formal consultations with the Service under section 7 of the ESA, resulting in the issuance by the Service of several Biological Opinions (the most recent opinion was completed in 1995). Congress directed DOE to sell NPR-1 in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal year 1996 and authorized DOE to transfer the Incidental Take Statement contained in the 1995 Biological Opinion to the purchase of NPR-1. OEHI (the purchaser) is approaching the limit to take authorized in the 1995 Biological Opinion and therefore has applied for authorization for additional incidental take through this HCP.

The Plan area is located in the Elk Hills, 26 miles southwest of Bakersfield, California, and includes oil and gas reserves on the 47,729-acre Elk Hills Oil and Gas Field and a contiguous 2-mile-wide HCP Permit Area around the perimeter of the oil and gas field. The HCP would result in the permanent disturbance of up to 4,000 acres and the temporary disturbance of up to 3,000 acres of presently undisturbed land in the Elk Hills. The proposed duration of the HCP and the incidental take permit would be 50 years. The HCP would establish a 7,801-acre conservation area and habitat management program located on the northern and southern edges of the Elk Hills.