condition of environmental resources in and around areas considered for development, and potential impacts on those resources as a result of implementing the alternatives. The alternatives considered in detail are: (1) Proposed Project/Proposed Action (i.e., Proposed Project Alternative), the Applicants' Preferred Alternative; (2) High Density (Increased Densities Consistent with Sacramento Area Council of Governments Blueprint); (3) Impact Minimization; (4) No Federal Action (No Section 404 of the Clean Water Act Permit); and (5) No Project/No Action (No development).

DATES: All written comments must be postmarked on or before February 5, 2007. A public hearing will be held on a date to be determined following the close of the comment period; notice of this hearing will be sent to all appropriate parties at a later date.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted in writing to: Anna Sutton, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District, Regulatory Branch, 1325 J Street, Room 1480, Sacramento, CA 95814–2922, or via e-mail to *Anna.M.Sutton@spk01.usace.army. mil.* Oral and written comments may also be submitted at the public hearing described in the **DATES** section.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anna Sutton at (916) 557–7759 or via e-mail at *Anna.M.Sutton@spk01.usace.army.mil.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Elliott Homes and GenCorp Realty Investments (GenCorp), the project applicant(s), are seeking adoption by the City of Rancho Cordova of the proposed Rio del Oro Specific Plan. Elliott Homes is seeking specific development entitlements (e.g., tentative subdivision maps); GenCorp is seeking overall development entitlements, but has not proposed specific development entitlements necessary for immediate or short-term development. Both Elliott Homes and GenCorp are also seeking authorization from USACE to place dredged or fill material into waters of the United States.

Five alternatives are evaluated in detail in the DEIS. Under the Proposed Project/Proposed Action (Proposed Project Alternative), buildout of the project would be split into five phases and is anticipated to occur over a 25- to 30-year period. The project provides for construction of approximately 11,601 residential dwelling units in three residential land use classifications on 1,920 acres, along with commercial land uses, neighborhood parks and other uses such as a landscape corridor and greenbelt, and several public schools. New utilities and communications infrastructure would be installed and new roadways and on- and off-site infrastructure improvements would be completed. The project designates a 507-acre wetland preserve area and two elderberry preserve areas on the project site. The four alternatives to the Proposed Project/Proposed Action are described briefly below.

(1) The High Density Alternative embraces the concept of ''Smart Growth,'' consistent with the Sacramento Area Council of Governments' Regional Blueprint Project. Under Smart Growth principles, areas planned for development are developed at higher densities. Although these higher densities may result in greater localized impacts on resources, the overall area of disturbance is reduced by concentrating development in particular locations. The total acreage of residential development would be the same under this alternative as under the Proposed Project/Proposed Action, but approximately 3,800 additional residential units would be constructed. The acreage of commercial and industrial development as well as the wetland preserve would be the same.

(2) The Impact Minimization Alternative would reconfigure project components to reduce impacts on waters of the United States, including wetlands and high-quality biological habitat. An additional 485 acres of the project site would be designated as part of the protected wetland preserve; as a result, approximately 25% of the project site would become a part of the wetland preserve. The total acreage of residential development would be reduced by approximately 470 acres and approximately 1,040 fewer residential units would be constructed, although overall density would increase because a greater proportion of residential acreage would be developed with medium and high density. Commercial and industrial development sites would be slightly reduced.

(3) The No Federal Action Alternative was designed to allow some development of the project site while avoiding the placement of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States. Under this alternative, 872 acres of the project site would be designated ''Natural Resources'' under the City of Rancho Cordova General Plan. Land with this use designation is set aside as natural habitat with no urban development; public access into this area would be prohibited. The types of land uses would remain the same as under the Proposed Project/Proposed Action.

(4) The No Project/No Action Alternative would preclude development of the project; under this alternative the majority of the project site would remain under the jurisdiction of the City of Rancho Cordova. This alternative assumes that aggregate mining operations to remove portions of existing dredge tailings at the project site would continue under existing Conditional Use Permits. Aggregate mining operations are not part of the Rio del Oro project.

USACE invites full public participation to promote open communication and better decision-making. All persons and organizations that have an interest in the Rio del Oro Specific Plan Project are urged to participate in the NEPA process. A public hearing will be held as described in the **DATES** section. This hearing will be announced in advance through notices, media news releases, and/or mailings.

Copies of the DEIS may be reviewed at the following locations:

1. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District Web site: *http://www.spk.usace.army.mil/organizations/cespk-co/regulatory/index.html.*

2. City of Rancho Cordova City Hall, 2729 Prospect Park Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670.

3. City of Rancho Cordova Planning Department Web site: *http://www.cityofranchocordova.org/city_departments/planning_main.html.*

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement/ Overseas Environmental Impact Statement for the Virginia Capes Range Complex and Notice of Public Scoping Meetings

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section (102)(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500–1508), and Executive Order 12114, the Department of the Navy (DON) announces its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/Overseas EIS (OEIS) to evaluate the potential environmental

consequences associated with naval training in the Virginia Capes (VACAPES) Range Complex. The DON proposes to support and conduct current and emerging training operations and research, development, testing, and evaluation (RDT&E) operations in the VACAPES Range Complex by: (1) Maintaining baseline operations at current levels; (2) increasing training operations from current levels as necessary to support the Fleet Readiness Training Plan; (3) accommodating mission requirements associated with force structure change; and (4) implementing enhanced range complex capabilities. The EIS/OEIS study area is the VACAPES Range Complex which consists of targets and instrumented areas, airspace, surface and subsurface operations areas (OPAREAs), and land range facilities. Together the VACAPES Range Complex encompasses: 15,143 acres of land area (including 13,600 acres of land area for ranges); 5,158 nm^2 of special use airspace (SUA) associated with land ranges; 27,661 nm^2 of offshore surface and subsurface OPAREA; 9,589 nm^2 of shallow ocean area less than 100 fathoms (600 feet); 18,072 nm^2 of deep ocean areas greater than 100 fathoms; 330 nm^2 of over water danger areas; and 28,672 nm^2 of SUA warning areas. The scope of actions to be analyzed in this EIS/OEIS includes current and proposed future Navy training and RDT&E operations within Navy-controlled operating areas, airspace, and ranges. It also includes proposed Navy-funded range capabilities enhancements, including infrastructure improvements, which support range complex training and RDT&E operations. Training activities that involve the use of active sonar are conducted in the VACAPES Range Complex; however, those potential effects are being analyzed in detail in a separate document, the Atlantic Fleet Active Sonar Training EIS/OEIS. This separate sonar EIS/OEIS addresses active sonar use as a whole by the Atlantic Fleet in the eastern Atlantic Ocean (including waters that are part of the VACAPES Range Complex), and in the Gulf of Mexico. The results of this sonar EIS/OEIS will be incorporated into the VACAPES Range Complex EIS/OEIS to account for active sonar effects that could occur within the geographic area of the VACAPES Range Complex. The DON will request the National Marine Fisheries Service to be a cooperating agency in the preparation of this EIS/OEIS.

Dates and Addresses: Public scoping meetings will be held at the following four sites to receive oral and written comments on environmental concerns that should be addressed in the EIS/OEIS: Salisbury, MD; Chincoteague Island, VA; Virginia Beach, VA; and Nags Head, NC. Public scoping open houses are scheduled below:

1. January 8, 2007, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at James M. Bennett High School, 300 East College Avenue, Salisbury, MD 21804;

2. January 9, 2007 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Chincoteague Community Center, 6155 Community Drive, Chincoteague Island, VA 23336;

3. January 10, 2007, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Lynnhaven Middle School, 1250 Bayne Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23454; and

4. January 11, 2007 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Comfort Inn Oceanfront South, 8031 Old Oregon Inlet Road, Nags Head, NC 27959.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Erin Swiader, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Atlantic, 6506 Hampton Boulevard, Norfolk, VA 23508–1278; telephone 757–322–4960; facsimile 757–322–4894.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Recent world events have placed the U.S. military on heightened alert in the defense of the U.S., and in defense of allied nations. At this time, the U.S. military, and specifically the U.S. Navy, is actively engaged in anti-terrorism efforts around the globe. The Navy's mission is to maintain, train, and equip combat-ready naval forces capable of winning wars, deterring aggression, and maintaining freedom of the seas. For that reason, 10 U.S.C. § 5062 directs the Chief of Naval Operations to train all naval forces for combat. Therefore, naval forces must have access to ranges, OPAREAs and airspace where they can develop and maintain skills for wartime missions and conduct RDT&E of naval weapons systems. As such, Navy ranges, OPAREAs, and airspace must be maintained and/or enhanced to accommodate necessary training and testing activities in support of national security objectives.

The purpose of the proposed action is to: Achieve and maintain Fleet readiness using the VACAPES Range Complex to support and conduct current, emerging, and future training operations, and RDT&E operations; expand warfare missions; and upgrade/modernize existing range capabilities to enhance and sustain Navy and Marine Corps training and testing.

The need for the proposed action is to provide combat capable forces ready to deploy worldwide in accordance with 10 U.S.C. § 5062. Specifically, maintain current levels of military readiness by training in the VACAPES Range Complex; accommodate future increases in operational training tempo in the VACAPES Range Complex and support the rapid deployment of naval units or strike groups; achieve and sustain readiness in ships and squadrons so that the DON can quickly surge significant combat power in the event of a national crisis or contingency operation and consistent with FRTP; support the testing and training needed for new platforms and weapons systems; and maintain the long-term viability of the VACAPES Range Complex while protecting human health and the environment, and enhancing the quality and communication capability and safety of the VACAPES Range Complex.

Three alternatives will be evaluated in the EIS/OEIS including:

(1) The No Action Alternative comprised of baseline operations and support of existing range capabilities;

(2) Alternative 1 comprised of the No Action Alternative plus additional operations and/or expanded warfare missions on upgraded, modernized, or existing ranges; and

(3) Alternative 1 plus a construction and operation of an instrumented minefield training area.

The EIS/OEIS will evaluate the environmental effects associated with: Airspace; noise; range safety; natural land resources; water resources; air quality; biological resources, including threatened and endangered species; land use; socioeconomic resources; infrastructure; and cultural resources. The analysis will include an evaluation of direct and indirect impacts, and will account for cumulative impacts from other DON activities in the VACAPES Range Complex. No decision will be made to implement any alternative until the EIS/OEIS process is completed and a Record of Decision is signed by the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Environment).

The DON is initiating the scoping process to identify community concerns and local issues to be addressed in the EIS/OEIS. Federal agencies, state agencies, local agencies, and interested persons are encouraged to provide oral and/or written comments to the DON to identify specific issues or topics of environmental concern that should be addressed in the EIS/OEIS. Written comments must be postmarked by January 23, 2007, and should be mailed to: Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Atlantic, 6506 Hampton Boulevard, Norfolk, VA 23508–1278, Attention: Code EV21JS (Ms. Erin Swiader), telephone 757–322–4960, facsimile 757–322–4894.

Dated: December 4, 2006.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Acting Leader, Information Policy and Standards Team, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 8, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Rachel Potter, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10222, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or faxed to (202) 395–6974.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Acting Leader, Information Policy and Standards Team, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

Dated: December 4, 2006.

Dianne M. Novick,

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Institute of Education Sciences

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Schools and Staffing Survey 2007.

Frequency: Other: one-time.

Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs; Businesses or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 124,906.

Burden Hours: 70,775.

Abstract: The Schools and Staffing Survey is a nationally and state representative survey of teachers, principals, schools and school districts. Respondents include public and private school principals, teachers and school and LEA staff persons. Topics covered include characteristics of teachers, principals, schools, school libraries, teacher training opportunities, retention, retirement, hiring, and shortages.

Requests for copies of the information collection submission for OMB review may be accessed from *http://edicsweb.ed.gov*, by selecting the ''Browse Pending Collections'' link and by clicking on link number 3191. When you access the information collection, click on ''Download Attachments '' to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Potomac Center, 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20202–4700. Requests may also be electronically mailed to *ICDocketMgr@ed.gov* or faxed to 202–245–6623. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to *ICDocketMgr@ed.gov.* Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Acting Leader, Information Policy and Standards Team, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before February 6, 2007.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Acting Leader, Information Policy and Standards Team, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: December 4, 2006.

Dianne M. Novick,

Acting Leader, Information Policy and Standards Team, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management.

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

Type of Review: Reinstatement.