

Defense Business Board, and pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the Government in Sunshine Act of 1976, and other appropriate federal regulations, this Task Group does not work independently of the Board's charter.

(b) Availability of Materials for the Meeting

A copy of the June 25 and 26 meeting agenda may be obtained from the Board's website at <http://www.defenselink.mil/dbb> under "NSPS Task Group." On June 25th the Task Group will invite experts on this topic and who recently testified before Congress. On June 26th the Task Group will hear from select members of the public where the Task Group requires additional information or explanation from previously submitted written comments.

(c) Public's Accessibility to the Meeting

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b and 41 CFR 102-3.140, and the availability of space, this meeting is open to the public. Seating is on a first-come basis.

(1) Special Accommodations: Individuals requiring special accommodations to access the public meeting should contact Ms. Evans at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements may be made.

(d) Procedures for Providing Public Comments

Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.105(j) and 102-3.140, and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the public or interested organizations may submit written comments to Ms. Phyllis Ferguson, Designated Federal Officer for the Defense Business Board, 2521 South Clark Street, Room 650, Arlington, VA 22202, and this individual will ensure that the written comments are provided to the Task Group for their consideration.

Written comments being submitted in response to the agenda mentioned in this notice must be received by the Designated Federal Officer at the address listed above by June 18, 2009. Written comments received after this date may not be received in time for the NSPS Review Task Group to consider prior to the June 25-26, 2009 meeting.

While individuals are not required to follow any specific format when submitting written comments, it would be beneficial to the Task Group's analysis if those individuals who are submitting written comments consider formatting their comments along the following lines:

1. Classification Architecture (design of pay bands, pay schedules, and career groups);
2. Implementation of NSPS (initial orientation, availability of training, communication with employees);
3. Labor Management Relations (collective bargaining issues);
4. Pay Pool Process (pay pool funding, transparency, fairness, equity, uniformity and consistency across pay pools);
5. Pay Setting (rules/flexibilities for setting pay on reassignments, promotions, new hires, etc.);
6. Pay Structure (pay bands, targeted local market supplement, general salary increases);
7. Performance Management (design of performance management system including performance plans, monitoring performance, performance criteria, rating levels, rating distribution, performance process, communication, reconsideration process, administrative workload);
8. Program Outcomes (mission alignment, results focused, high-performing workforce);
9. Staffing and Employment (appointing authorities, alternative promotion procedures, hiring flexibilities).

In addition and on a voluntary basis, the Task Force would also like those submitting written comments to consider providing the following information: (1) DoD NSPS Employee, (2) DoD NSPS Supervisor, (3) DoD Non-NSPS Employee, (4) Other Federal Government Employee, (5) Non-Federal Government Employee or (6) Interested Organization.

Please note: The Board operates under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended; therefore, all public presentations will be treated as public documents and will be made available for public inspection, including being posted on the Board's Web site.

Dated: June 3, 2009.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Elverta Specific Plan Project, in Sacramento County, CA, Corps Permit File Number SPK-2004-323

AGENCY: Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District (Corps), will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Elverta Specific Plan project, a proposed master planned community in Sacramento County, CA. The Elverta Owners Group has applied for Department of Army permits to fill approximately 39 acres of waters of the United States, including wetlands, to construct this project.

ADDRESSES: Please send written comments to Kathleen Dadey, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District, 1325 J Street, Room 1480, Sacramento, CA 95814-2922.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions about the proposed action and EIS should be addressed to Kathleen Dadey, (916) 557-7253, e-mail: Kathleen.A.Dadey@usace.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Elverta Specific Plan (Plan) addresses future land uses on approximately 1,745 acres in north-central Sacramento County, California. The Elverta Owners Group has applied for Department of the Army permits under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act to develop approximately 775.6 acres of the Plan area as the initial phase of the Plan. The Elverta Owners Group, which is comprised of 13 applicants, has submitted one application for the infrastructure to serve the Plan area and individual permit applications for 22 separate development parcels (projects). Each of the projects is complete and independent from one another; however, each of the projects relies upon the common drainage, roadways, and sewer infrastructure as described in the infrastructure permit application.

An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was prepared for the Plan by the Sacramento County Department of Environmental Review and Assessment (DERA) under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The EIR provided a site plan that identified participant properties included in the project at the time of publication. Since that time the mix of included properties

has changed. For this reason, figures and analyses in the EIR and in various technical documents show differing patterns of included project parcels within the Plan area as compared to the current proposal. However, because the EIR evaluated impacts at a programmatic level for the entire Plan area, all parcels that are included in the current proposal were evaluated by DERA in the EIR.

The Elverta Specific Plan is primarily residential in character: It includes 880.3 acres of urban residential uses and 551.8 acres of agricultural-residential uses with a total of 6,187 residential units; 15.0 acres of commercial uses; 4.4 acres of office/professional uses; 20.2 acres of school uses; 73.3 acres of park uses; 18.4 acres (former landfill site) to be designated as open space; and 191.9 acres to be used for drainageways, detention facilities, trails, powerline corridor and major roads. Development proposed by the Elverta Owners Group on the 22 parcels would be consistent with these uses. The number of residential units has increased from the original 4,950 units analyzed previously in the EIR. The Sacramento County Housing Element 2008–2013 (adopted December 2008) allows for a 25% density increase for residential development projects that meet the following two conditions: (1) Result in energy savings beyond those obtained with conventional design and construction techniques, and, (2) The amount of increased density is proportional to the amount of increased energy efficiency achieved that exceeds adopted regulations (see Chapter 3, Sub-Strategy VII–A, Policy HE–59c of the Housing Element [page 3–91]). The proposed project would meet these criteria and therefore the maximum of 6,187 residential units is proposed.

The project would result in fill of up to 39 acres of waters of the United States, including seasonal wetlands, vernal pools, intermittent channels, swales, and ditches. Some of this fill would be permanent and some would be temporary. Temporary fill would be restored with approximately 15 acres of riparian corridors on the project site. The riparian enhancements are expected to enhance the hydrologic functions and biological quality of existing channels. Offsite mitigation is also proposed to compensate for onsite impacts to wetlands and waters.

The EIS will include an evaluation of a reasonable range of alternatives. Currently, the following alternatives are expected to be analyzed in detail: (1) The no action (no development) alternative, (2) the no federal action (no permit issued) alternative, (3) the

applicant's preferred project, (4) the approved Specific Plan, and (5) a different location (off-site) alternative. The no action (no development) alternative assumes no development would occur on the site. The no federal action (no permit issued) alternative assumes limited development would occur on the site with all waters of the United States avoided. The off-site alternative assumes the proposed project would be developed at a different but suitably sized site in the region. The Corps will also use the EIS to evaluate alternatives under the Section 404(b)(1) Guidelines, and additional alternatives may be developed under this evaluation.

The Corps' scoping process for the EIS includes a public involvement program with several opportunities to provide oral and written comments. In addition to public meetings and notifications in the **Federal Register**, the Corps will issue public notices when the draft and final EISs are available. Affected Federal, State, and local agencies, Native American tribes, and other interested private organizations and parties are invited to participate.

Potentially significant issues to be analyzed in the EIS include, but are not limited to: Loss of waters of the United States, including wetlands; land use and agriculture; population, employment and housing; environmental justice and socio-economic impacts; drainage, hydrology and water quality; utilities and service systems; public services; geology, soils and mineral resources; paleontological resources; cultural and historic resources; biological resources; visual resources; parks and recreation; hazards and hazardous materials; traffic and transportation; air quality and global climate change; noise; and cumulative and growth inducing impacts. The Corps is the lead agency for preparation of the EIS under the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The Corps will coordinate with other agencies, such as Sacramento County.

Other environmental review and consultation requirements for the proposed action include the need for the applicant to obtain water quality certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act from the California Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board. In addition, the federally listed vernal pool fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta lynchi*) is known to occur in the Plan area. Surveys conducted on the majority of the properties within the Plan area according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's protocol requirements during the wet seasons of 2000 and 2001 found *B. lynchi* at three locations. Dry

season sampling conducted in 2005 (on 12 parcels) and 2007 (on 23 parcels) also found evidence of the federally listed *Branchinecta*. The Corps will formally consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in accordance with Section 7 of the federal Endangered Species Act. The Corps will also consult with the State Historic Preservation Officer under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act concerning properties listed, or potentially eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places.

A public scoping meeting for the EIS will be held on June 24, 2009, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Rio Linda Elverta Community Center, 810 Oak Lane, Rio Linda, CA 95673. Interested parties can provide oral and written comments at the meeting. Interested parties may also submit written comments on this notice. Scoping comments should be submitted before June 29, 2009 but may be submitted at any time prior to publication of the Draft EIS.

Interested parties may register for the Corps' public notice e-mail notification lists at: <http://www.spk.usace.army.mil/organizations/cespk-co/regulatory/pnlist.html>.

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Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Army Science Board Plenary Meeting

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Sunshine in the Government Act of 1976 (U.S.C. 552b, as amended) and 41 Code of the Federal Regulations (CFR 102–3.140 through 160), the Department of the Army announces the following committee meeting:

Name of Committee: Army Science Board (ASB).

Date(s) of Meeting: July 13–23, 2009.

Time(s) of Meeting:

0800–1700, July 13, 2009.

0800–1700, July 14, 2009.

0800–1700, July 15, 2009.

0800–1700, July 16, 2009.

0800–1700, July 17, 2009.

0800–1700, July 20, 2009.

0800–1700, July 21, 2009.

0800–1700, July 22, 2009.

0800–1400, July 23, 2009.