

proposed ship donation transfer, including mooring, towing, environmental surveys and cleanup, dredging, museum development, maintenance, refurbishment of the vessel to be used as a stationary public display, pier, insurance, legal services, etc. Separately provide a ROM cost estimate of the annual operational and support costs of the proposed ship museum/memorial. In addition, provide a ROM cost estimate of the applicant's cost of dismantling the vessel in the United States upon completion of its use as a museum/memorial or in the event of bankruptcy or inability to properly maintain the vessel to be used as a stationary public display;

(6) *Financial*: Provide a summary of projected sources of income to support both the acquisition/start-up costs and the annual operational and support costs for the vessel used as a stationary public display;

(7) *Environmental*: Discuss the challenges anticipated in meeting the environmental requirements regarding hazardous materials, maintenance of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) containing materials, endangered species, dredging disposal, and required environmental permits from all cognizant authorities;

(8) *Mooring*: Discuss the approach to be proposed for the mooring plan for the vessel used as a stationary public display, including location, design, and mooring system in accordance with U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) requirements;

(9) *Towing*: Discuss the approach to be proposed for relocating the vessel from its current location to the proposed permanent berth location in conformance with the Navy Tow Manual and USCG requirements;

(10) *Maintenance*: Discuss the challenges in restoring and preserving for an indefinite period the steel-hulled vessel proposed as a ship museum/memorial; and

(11) *Curatorial/Museum*: Discuss the approach to be proposed for display and interpretation of the vessel used as a stationary public display, including collection management procedures.

The Phase I documentation (Letter of Intent and Executive Summary) must be submitted to the Navy Inactive Ships Program in hard copy and electronically on a CD-ROM in either an MS Word document or word searchable PDF format. The Phase I documentation must be mailed to: The Columbia Group, 1201 M Street, SE., Suite 020, Washington, DC 20003; marked for the Ship Donation Project Manager (PMS 333). Applicants are discouraged from photocopying, cutting and pasting, and generally providing information which is easily

accessible via the Internet and/or is already in the public domain. Original content which is specific to the vessel being donated is of greatest importance to the evaluators.

If the DoN does not receive satisfactory Phase I documentation (Letter of Intent and Executive Summary) from any applicant, the DoN reserves the right to enter into discussions with all applicants in an effort to achieve at least one acceptable submission; or remove the vessel from donation consideration and proceed with disposal of the vessel.

Note that any future changes to guidelines, policy, and law will be reflected in the guidance published on the DoN Ship Donation web page located at: <http://teamships.crane.navy.mil/InactiveShips/Donation>. Guidance and requirements posted on the Ship Donation Web page shall take precedence over the contents of the **Federal Register** notice. Applicants are advised to read and follow the Web page guidance for the most current set of ship donation requirements.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For Further Information and Submission of Ship Donation Applications, contact: Ms. Elizabeth Freese of the Naval Sea Systems Command, Navy Inactive Ships Program (PMS 333), telephone number 202-781-4423. Mailed correspondence should be addressed to: The Columbia Group, 1201 M Street, SE., Suite 020, Washington, DC 20003; marked for Ship Donation Project Manager (PMS 333).

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of the Record of Decision for the West Coast Basing of the MV-22 Aircraft

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of Record of Decision.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, 42 United States Code (U.S.C.) Section 4332(2)(c), the regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] parts 1500-1508), the

Department of the Navy NEPA regulations (32 CFR part 775), and the Marine Corps Environmental Compliance and Protection Manual, which is Marine Corps Order P5090.2A w/change 2 (MCO P5090.2A), the Department of the Navy (DON) announces its decision to introduce up to ten MV-22 squadrons (120 aircraft) on the West Coast and replace nine helicopter squadrons (114 aircraft) currently authorized for basing on the West Coast as part of a U.S. Marine Corps (USMC)-wide process of replacing its aging fleet of medium-lift helicopters with more advanced, operationally-capable aircraft.

More specifically, this action will include: (1) Basing up to eight MV-22 squadrons at Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Miramar, in San Diego, California, and up to two MV-22 squadrons at MCAS Camp Pendleton, north of San Diego. The total of 10 squadrons will consist of eight squadrons for employment by the Third Marine Aircraft Wing (3D MAW) to provide medium-lift capability to I Marine Expeditionary Force (I MEF) and two squadrons to provide a West Coast reserve component medium-lift capability; (2) constructing and/or renovating airfield facilities at MCAS Miramar and MCAS Camp Pendleton to accommodate and maintain the MV-22 squadrons; and (3) conducting MV-22 readiness and training operations and special exercise operations to attain and maintain proficiency in the operational employment of the MV-22.

Implementation of this action will be accomplished as set out in the Preferred Alternative and described in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIS) of October 2009.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The complete text of the Record of Decision is available for public viewing on the project Web site at <http://www.mv22eiswest.net/along> with copies of the Final EIS and supporting documents. For further information, contact Homebasing EIS Project Manager, 1220 Pacific Highway, San Diego, California 92132-5190. Telephone: 619-532-4742.

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