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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Open Meeting of the Area 3 Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (Including the States of Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming)

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: An open meeting of the Area 3 Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be conducted. The Taxpayer Advocacy Panel is soliciting public comments, ideas, and suggestions on improving customer service at the Internal Revenue Service.

DATES: The meeting will be held Monday, April 12, 2010.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988) that an open meeting of the Area 3 Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be held Monday, April 12, 2010, at 2:30 p.m. Eastern Time via telephone conference. The public is invited to make oral comments or submit written statements for consideration. Due to limited conference lines, notification of intent to participate must be made with Donna Powers. For more information, please contact Ms. Powers at 1–888–912–1227 or 954–423–7977, or write TAP Office, 1000 South Pine Island Road, Suite 340, Plantation, FL 33324, or post comments to the Web site: http://www.improveirs.org.

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TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

Shoreline Management Initiative, Reservoirs in Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia: Amendment to Record of Decision (ROD)

AGENCY: Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA).

ACTION: Issuance of Amendment to ROD.

SUMMARY: This notice is provided in accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality’s regulations (40 CFR parts 1500 to 1508) and TVA’s procedures implementing the National Environmental Policy Act. In 1999, TVA adopted its current Shoreline Management Policy (SMP) to implement the preferred alternative in the November 1998 environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Shoreline Management Initiative (SMI). On August 20, 2009, the TVA Board of Directors decided to amend SMP to terminate the “Maintain and Gain” program, which
allowed for the exchange of shoreline access rights of equal or greater value.

TVA determined that the environmental impacts of the modification of SMP would not materially differ from the impacts quantified in the original EIS and that the effect of removing the Maintain and Gain provision is adequately addressed in the EIS. The environmental and project goals of the SMP and SMP would still be met without the Maintain and Gain program.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
In 1999, TVA adopted SMP to implement the April 1999 TVA Board decision to adopt the preferred alternative (Blended Alternative) of the November 1998 EIS entitled “Shoreline Management Initiative: An Assessment of Residential Shoreline Development Impacts in the Tennessee Valley.” In June 1999, TVA published a ROD in the Federal Register (64 FR 300092, June 4, 1999) reflecting this decision. The Blended Alternative emphasized conservation of shoreline resources and no net loss of public lands while providing for reasonable access and compatible use of the shoreline by adjacent residents. Also included were the Maintain and Gain program that allowed TVA to consider requests from property owners without shoreline access rights to obtain those rights in exchange for eliminating shoreline access rights of equal or preferably greater length and value; such exchanges would result in no net loss, or preferably a net gain, of public shoreline.

TVA recently reviewed the Maintain and Gain program. Since its inception in 1999, TVA has approved nine Maintain and Gain requests for the exchange of water access rights on TVA reservoirs, which have resulted in only a small increase in the amount of shoreline protected. The closing of 7,113 linear feet of shoreline for private water use access rights and opening 6,036 linear feet of shoreline access rights to private landowners has yielded a net gain of 1,077 linear feet of shoreline closed to residential water use access. Overall, this is less than one-tenth of 1 percent of the 4,100 miles of shoreline available for private water use throughout the Tennessee Valley.

The Maintain and Gain program was used infrequently, and the decisions required to be made thereunder were vulnerable to some inconsistency. TVA has determined that the elimination of the Maintain and Gain program would have minor and insignificant environmental impacts and that such impacts would not significantly differ from the impacts quantified in the original EIS. The environmental and project goals of the SMP and SMP would still be met. Consequently, the TVA Board of Directors terminated the Maintain and Gain program on August 20, 2009. The termination of the Maintain and Gain program does not affect the other key components of SMP, such as the use of vegetation management plans, limits to the size of residential water use facilities, use of shoreline management zones, management of access/view corridor size, use of best management practices for construction, management of vegetation, stabilization of shoreline erosion, and education activities.


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UTAH RECLAMATION MITIGATION AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Notice of a Project Waiver of Section 1605 (Buy American Requirement) of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (Division)

AGENCY: Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission.


SUMMARY: The Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission (Commission) hereby provides notice that on February 17, 2010, the Commission’s Executive Director granted a limited waiver of Section 1605 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act), Public Law 111–5, 123 Stat. 115, 303 (2009) with respect to certain water quality treatment and monitoring equipment components that will be used in a project funded under the Recovery Act. The basis for this waiver is a non-availability determination pursuant to section 1605(b)(2) of the Recovery Act.

I. Background

Agreement No. 09FCUT–RA04 June Sucker Facility Improvements—Fisheries Experiment Station between the Commission and the State of Utah, Division of Wildlife Resources (Division) was entered into pursuant to the Act, for the purpose of funding hatchery improvements for culture of June sucker, an endangered species. The hatchery improvements include expansion of a recirculation system that allows optimal water temperatures for culture of June sucker. The recirculation system requires water treatment and water quality monitoring.

In Section 1605(a) of the Recovery Act, the Buy American provision states that none of the funds appropriated by the Act, “may be used for a project for the construction, alteration, maintenance or repair of a public building or public work unless all of the iron, steel, and manufactured goods used in the project are produced in the United States.”

Subsections 1605(b) and (c) of the Recovery Act authorize the head of a Federal department or agency to waive the Buy American provision by finding that: (1) Applying the provision would be inconsistent with the public interest; (2) the relevant goods are not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonable quantities and of a satisfactory quality; or, (3) the inclusion of the goods produced in the United States will increase the cost of the project by more than 25 percent. If the head of a Federal department or agency waives the Buy American provision, then the head is required to publish a