DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of advisory committee meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, this constitutes notice of the upcoming meeting of the Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) Grain Inspection Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee). The Advisory Committee meets twice annually to advise the GIPSA Administrator on the programs and services that GIPSA delivers under the U.S. Grain Standards Act. Recommendations by the Advisory Committee help GIPSA better meet the needs of its customers who operate in a dynamic and changing marketplace.

DATES: June 18, 2013, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and June 19, 2010, 8:00 a.m. to Noon.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Green River/Tusher Diversion Dam Rehabilitation Project, Emery/Grand County, UT

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Intent (NOI) to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4321–4370d, as implemented by the Council of Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR parts 1500–1508) and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) regulations that implement NEPA at 7 CFR part 650, the NRCS Utah State Office announces its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Green River/Tusher Diversion Dam Rehabilitation project.

The purpose of this notice is to alert interested parties regarding the intent to prepare the EIS, to provide information on the nature of the proposed action and possible alternatives, and to invite public participation in the EIS process (including providing comments on the scope of the draft EIS, to announce that a public scoping meeting will be conducted, and to identify cooperating agency contacts). The EIS process will evaluate alternatives recommended for detailed study as a result of previous planning-level studies completed by NRCS and any additional (new) alternatives identified during scoping.

DATES: Written comments on the scope of the draft EIS, including the project’s purpose and need, the alternatives to be considered, types of issues that should be addressed, associated research that should be considered, and the methodologies to be used in impact evaluations should be sent to NRCS starting on May 29, 2013 and ending on or before June 28, 2013 (5:00 p.m. MDT), to the address listed in the ADDRESSES section below. Comments submitted after June 28, 2013 will be considered to the extent practicable by the project team.

Two scoping meetings to present the project and develop the scope of the EIS will be held on Wednesday, June 12, 2013, via Tele-briefings. Participants should call (800) 346–7359 (entry code 840361) at least fifteen minutes prior to the meeting and an operator will connect you to the Tele-briefing. The first Tele-briefing will start at 2:00 p.m. (MDT) with a formal presentation and
last until 2:45 p.m. An informal question and answer period will be held from 2:45 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The second Tele-briefing will start at 6:00 p.m. (MDT) with a formal presentation and last until 6:45 p.m. An informal question and answer period will be held from 6:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Presentation materials will be available on the project Web site (http://www.ut.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/EWP/index.html) for participants to download prior to the meeting.

Any individual who requires special assistance to participate in a scoping meeting, such as hard copy documentation of the meeting or other assistance, should contact Mr. Greg Allington, McMillen, LLC, (208) 342–4214 or greenriver@mcmillen-llc.com by Friday, May 24, 2013 to allow sufficient time for documents to be mailed or special arrangements to be made.

Scoping meeting presentation materials will be available on the NRCS Utah Emergency Watershed Protection Web site (http://www.ut.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/EWP/index.html) prior to the meeting. Electronic copies of the scoping materials may also be obtained from Mr. Greg Allington, McMillen, LLC, (208) 342–4214 or greenriver@mcmillen-llc.com.

Representatives of Native American tribal governments and of federal, State, regional and local agencies that may have an interest in any aspect of the project will be invited to be cooperating agencies, as appropriate.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

Background—The NRCS and Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF) are analyzing alternatives to rehabilitate the Green River/Tusher Diversion Dam due to damage from the late 2010 and early 2011 flood events. The dam was constructed in the early 1900’s and has been modified over the years to maintain the structure. During the 2010/2011 flood events, flows in the Green River caused severe damage to the diversion structure compromising its structural integrity. If the dam fails, water delivery to irrigation canals, a historic irrigation wheel delivery system, and one hydropower plant would be eliminated.

The rehabilitation of the diversion dam would be funded through the NRCS Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) program (CFR, Title 7: Agriculture, Part 624—Emergency Watershed Protection) via technical assistance and partial construction funding. A National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Programmatic EIS was prepared by NRCS for the overall EWP program in 2004; however, the rehabilitation of this diversion dam does not fit within the analysis parameters of the Programmatic EIS. Therefore, an additional NEPA analysis is required for this project.

The project started out under the analysis of an Environmental Assessment (EA) during the first scoping period that was opened from October 30, 2012 to November 30, 2012. A public scoping meeting was held on November 15, 2012 at Green River City Hall in Green River, Utah. Through additional consultation with the Utah State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, it was determined that the diversion dam may be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Any modifications to the dam may be considered an “adverse effect” which may make it ineligible for listing after rehabilitation. A wide range of alternatives is being considered for the project as listed in the Alternatives section below. Some of the impacts to the diversion dam from these alternatives may be considered “significant” to cultural resources and as a result, NRCS has decided to prepare an EIS for the project. The EIS will be prepared with Title 390, The National Emergency Watershed Protection Program Manual.

The Upper Colorado Endangered Fish Recovery Program (Recovery Program) is proposing to fund and install a fish barrier in the west irrigation and hydropower plant canal to prevent Endangered Species Act (ESA) listed fish species from entering the canal and/or hydropower plant. As part of the dam repair, upstream and downstream fish passage may also be incorporated into the design. These fish protection and passage components are proposed for inclusion in the Green River diversion rehabilitation project to help reduce mortality of ESA listed fish species populations in the Green River.

Scoping Process—NRCS will also make special arrangements to be made. Once the scope of the EIS is confirmed upon the close of scoping, NRCS will begin preparation of the draft EIS. A summary of comments received during the scoping period will be compiled in a scoping report which will be available on the NRCS Utah EWP Web site.

Project Study Area and Environmental Setting—The proposed project is located approximately 6.6 miles north of the city of Green River in Emery/Grand Counties, Utah. The project study area includes land that is unincorporated on both sides of the Green River. The primary study area includes the diversion dam where rehabilitation activities would occur. Secondary study areas include areas required for alternatives of the project as described in the Alternatives section below such as the powerhouse raceway, irrigation canal on the east side of the diversion dam, construction staging areas on both sides of the river, and potential impacts to the river and riparian area upstream of the diversion dam.

The environmental setting for the project area is primarily located in a riverine environment surrounded by a relatively narrow riparian plant.
NRCS will also study a No-Action alternative to the alternatives described above. NRCS will consider any viable alternatives brought forward during scoping if it is substantially different from the alternatives described above. NRCS will also study a No-Action alternative which would consist of no Federal money used for the rehabilitation of the diversion dam.

Cooperating Agencies—Federal, state, and local agencies that may be interested in or affected by the project may request or be requested by NRCS to become a cooperating agency in the development of the EIS.

Signed this 24th day of May, 2013, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

David C Brown,
Utah State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Non-Rock Alternatives to Shoreline Protection Demonstration Project (LA–16) Iberia, Jefferson, and Lafourche Parishes, LA

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Guidelines (40 CFR part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Guidelines (7 CFR part 650); the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice that an environmental impact statement is not being prepared for the Non-Rock Alternatives to Shoreline Protection Demonstration Project (LA–16), Iberia, Jefferson, and Lafourche Parishes, Louisiana.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: W. Britt Paul, Acting State Conservationist.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[B–53–2013]

Notification of Proposed Production Activity, The Gas Company, LLC dba Hawai‘i Gas, Subzone 9F (Synthetic Natural Gas), Kapolei, Hawaii

The Gas Company, LLC dba Hawai‘i Gas (Hawai‘i Gas), operator of Subzone 9F, submitted a notification of proposed production activity to the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board for their facility in Kapolei, Hawaii. The notification conforms to the requirements of the regulations of the FTZ Board (15 CFR 400.22) was received on May 22, 2013.

The subzone currently has authority to produce synthetic natural gas, carbon dioxide, hydrogen, hydrocarbon gas mixtures and zinc sulfide using certain foreign-status feedstocks produced within Subzone 9A. The current request would allow Hawai‘i Gas to admit the feedstocks listed below from any source in foreign status. Pursuant to 15 CFR 400.14(b), FTZ activity would be limited to the specific foreign-status materials and components and specific finished