DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 8474]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations:
“Francesco Vanni: Art in Late Renaissance Siena”

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459j), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, et seq.; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, et seq.), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, Delegation of Authority No. 236–3 of August 28, 2000 (and, as appropriate, Delegation of Authority No. 257 of April 15, 2003), I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition “Francesco Vanni: Art in Late Renaissance Siena,” imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with foreign owners or custodians. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the Yale University Art Gallery, New Haven, CT, from on or about September 29, 2013, until on or about January 5, 2014, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. I have ordered that Public Notice of these Determinations be published in the Federal Register.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, including a list of the exhibit objects, contact Julie Simpson, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202–632–6467). The mailing address is U.S. Department of State, SA–5, L/PD, Fifth Floor (Suite 5H03), Washington, DC 20522–0505.


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TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

Muscle Shoals Reservation
Redevelopment, Colbert County, Alabama

AGENCY: Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA).

ACTION: Issuance of Record of Decision (ROD).

SUMMARY: This notice is provided in accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality’s regulations (40 CFR 1500 to 1508) and TVA’s procedures for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). TVA has decided to adopt the preferred alternative in its final environmental impact statement (EIS) for the redevelopment of the Muscle Shoals Reservation (MSR) in Colbert County, Alabama. The notice of availability (NOA) of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Muscle Shoals Reservation Redevelopment was published in the Federal Register on November 18, 2011. Under this alternative, Unrestricted Land Use, after declaring a large portion of the MSR surplus, TVA would dispose of the property without land use restrictions other than those designed to protect TVA’s program interests or to meet legal or environmental requirements.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: TVA manages public lands to protect the integrated operation of TVA reservoir and power systems, to provide for appropriate public use and enjoyment of the reservoir system, and to provide for continuing economic growth in the Tennessee Valley. TVA assumed custody and control of the 3,036-acre Muscle Shoals/Wilson Dam Reservation in Colbert County, Alabama, in 1933 when Congress directed its transfer to TVA from the U.S. War Department. TVA has since managed 2,600 acres of this nonreservoir property as the MSR.

Since acquisition of the land, TVA’s need for this amount of MSR property has changed. TVA’s programs have changed over time, and TVA has greatly reduced its operations and employment at Muscle Shoals. TVA has determined that a portion of its MSR is no longer essential to its needs. Local public and private sector developers have been requesting use of this land for many years. In accordance with its economic development mission, TVA believes sale and redevelopment of up to 1,400 acres of the MSR (the “MSR study area”) would help stimulate the local and regional economy. The sale of this land would also help TVA reduce its operations and maintenance costs and help TVA reduce its environmental footprint.

Public Involvement

TVA published a notice of intent to prepare an EIS in the Federal Register on June 18, 2009. The NOA of the draft EIS was published in the Federal Register by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) on January 14, 2011. TVA accepted comments on the draft EIS until February 28, 2011. Approximately 80 people attended a public meeting on February 3, 2011, in Muscle Shoals, Alabama. TVA received 146 comment submissions from 133 individuals and seven federal and state agencies. The majority of the commenters did not state a preferred future use of the land. Commenters expressed concerns about TVA’s purpose and need for the proposal; effects on environmental resources, including wildlife, woodlands, wetlands, aesthetics, and historic buildings and structures; health and safety; socioeconomics and environmental justice; specific future land uses; the role of the comprehensive master plan; and the adequacy of the environmental analysis. Agencies expressed concerns about effects on environmental resources, lack of details about future land uses, cumulative effects analysis, and public health and safety.

After considering and responding to all substantive comments, clarifying action alternatives, and developing a new alternative, i.e., Alternative F, TVA issued the final EIS. The final EIS identifies Alternative F, Unrestricted Land Use, as TVA’s preferred alternative. The NOA of the final EIS was published in the Federal Register on November 18, 2011.

TVA received comment letters on the final EIS from the USEPA and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). TVA has considered these comments, neither of which raised significant new