

only reserved funding is available) will not be processed by RHS and will be returned to the lender. The lender may resubmit the application when funds become available.

**WWD Guaranteed Loans**

Notwithstanding the definition in 7 CFR 1779.2, pursuant to section 343(A)(13) of the CONACT, the eligible population threshold for WWD Guaranteed Loans is now 50,000. Applications for WWD Guaranteed Loan funds may be submitted to RUS in accordance with 7 CFR 1779.53 for processing.

Pursuant to section 306(a)(24), the Secretary shall prioritize water and waste facility projects in rural areas with a population of not more than 10,000 people. For FY 2020, the Agency will use National Office reserves to ensure that funding is prioritized for eligible projects in rural areas with a population of not more than 10,000 people. Applications for WWD Guaranteed Loan funds may be submitted to the RUS in accordance with 7 CFR 1779.53 for processing.

**Guarantee Fees**

Section 307(b) of the CONACT provides the authority for the Agency to charge fees. Pursuant to section 6418 of

the 2018 Farm Bill, the Agency by statute is now required to “charge and collect from the lender fees in such amounts as to bring down the costs of subsidies for the insured or guaranteed loan, except that the fees shall not act as a bar to participation in the programs nor be inconsistent with current practices in the marketplace.”

**CF Guarantee Fees**

Rural Housing Service has routinely collected an initial (or one-time) guarantee fee for CF Guaranteed Loans as set forth in 7 CFR 3575.29(c). Pursuant to its statutory authority as described above, RHS is establishing an initial guarantee fee rate of 1.5 percent and an annual renewal fee rate of one-half of 1 percent for the CF Guaranteed Loan Program. These rates will apply to all loans obligated in FY 2020 that are made under the CF Guaranteed Loan Program.

The initial guarantee fee is paid by the lender at the time the Loan Note Guarantee is issued. The fee is determined by multiplying the amount of the guarantee fee rate (1.5 percent) by the principal loan amount multiplied by the percent of guarantee. The annual renewal fee is paid by the lender to RHS once a year. Payment of the annual renewal fee is required in order to

maintain the enforceability of the guarantee. The amount of the annual fee on each guaranteed loan will be determined by multiplying the annual fee rate (.5 percent) by the outstanding principal loan balance as of December 31, multiplied by the percentage of guarantee. For Loan Note Guarantees issued in FY 2020, the annual renewal fee will be assessed on December 31, 2020, and is due January 31, 2021.

**WWD Guarantee Fees**

Rural Utilities Service (RUS) has routinely collected an initial (or one-time) guarantee fee for WWD Guaranteed Loans as set forth in 7 CFR 1779.29(c). For FY 2020, RUS will continue to charge an initial guarantee fee rate of 1.0 percent. The initial guarantee fee is paid by the lender at the time the Loan Note Guarantee is issued. The fee is determined by multiplying the amount of the guarantee fee rate (1.0 percent) by the principal loan amount multiplied by the percent of guarantee. RUS will not charge an annual renewal fee rate.

**Summary**

To summarize, this notice announces the population limits and guarantee fee rates for the CF and WWD Guarantee Loan Program for FY 2020, as follows:

Program	Population limit	Initial guarantee fee	Annual renewal fee
CF Guarantee .....	50,000	1.5%	.5%
WWD Guarantee .....	50,000	1.0%	0

**Non-Discrimination Statement**

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- (1) *Mail:* U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410;
- (2) *Fax:* (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) *Email:* [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

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Dated: September 27, 2019.

**Donald J. LaVoy,**

*Deputy Under Secretary, Rural Development.*

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**COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS**

**Notice of Public Meeting of the California Advisory Committee**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

**ACTION:** Announcement of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) that a meeting of the California Advisory Committee (Committee) to the Commission will be held at 1:00 p.m. (Pacific Time) Monday, October 7, 2019.

The purpose of the meeting is for the Committee to continue planning briefing on the immigration enforcement impacting California children.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Monday, October 7, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. PT.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ana Victoria Fortes at [afortes@usccr.gov](mailto:afortes@usccr.gov) or (213) 894-3437.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Public Call Information:* Dial: 800-353-6461; Conference ID: 2888229.

This meeting is available to the public through the following toll-free call-in number: 800-353-6461 conference ID number: 2888229. Any interested member of the public may call this number and listen to the meeting. Callers can expect to incur charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, and the Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls they initiate over land-line connections to the toll-free telephone number. Persons with hearing impairments may also follow the proceedings by first calling the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 and providing the Service with the conference call number and conference ID number.

Members of the public are entitled to make comments during the open period at the end of the meeting. Members of the public may also submit written comments; the comments must be received in the Regional Programs Unit within 30 days following the meeting. Written comments may be mailed to the Western Regional Office, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 300 North Los Angeles Street, Suite 2010, Los Angeles, CA 90012. They may be faxed to the Commission at (213) 894-0508, or emailed Ana Victoria Fortes at [afortes@usccr.gov](mailto:afortes@usccr.gov). Persons who desire additional information may contact the Regional Programs Unit at (213) 894-3437.

Records and documents discussed during the meeting will be available for public viewing prior to and after the meeting at <https://www.facadatabase.gov/FACA/FACAPublicViewCommitteeDetails?id=a10t000001gzkUAAQ>.

Please click on "Committee Meetings" tab. Records generated from this meeting may also be inspected and reproduced at the Regional Programs Unit, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Persons interested in the work of this Committee are directed to the Commission's website, <https://www.usccr.gov>, or may contact the Regional Programs Unit at the above email or street address.

**Agenda**

- I. Welcome
- II. Planning Discussion
  - a. Speakers/Panels
  - b. Logistics
  - c. Publicity
- III. Public Comment
- III. Next Steps
- IV. Adjournment

*Exceptional Circumstance:* Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.150, the notice for this meeting is given less than 15 calendar days prior to the meeting because of the exceptional circumstances of preparing for the committee's October 16 hearing.

Dated: September 27, 2019.

**David Mussatt,**

*Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Institute of Standards and Technology**

**Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology**

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of Open Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)'s Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology (VCAT or Committee) will meet on Tuesday, October 29, 2019, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, and Wednesday, October 30, 2019, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

**DATES:** The VCAT will meet on Tuesday, October 29, 2019, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Wednesday, October 30, 2019, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in the Portrait Room, Administration Building, at NIST, 100 Bureau Drive, Gaithersburg, Maryland, 20899 with an option to participate via webinar. Please note admittance instructions under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stephanie Shaw, VCAT, NIST, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 1060, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-1060, telephone number 301-975-2667. Ms. Shaw's email address is [stephanie.shaw@nist.gov](mailto:stephanie.shaw@nist.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Authority:** 15 U.S.C. 278, as amended, and the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App.

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App., notice is hereby given that the VCAT will meet on Tuesday, October 29, 2019, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, and Wednesday, October 30, 2019, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time. The meeting will be open to the public. The VCAT is composed of not fewer than 9 members appointed by the NIST Director, eminent in such fields as business, research, new product development, engineering, labor, education, management consulting, environment, and international relations. The primary purpose of this meeting is for the VCAT to review and make recommendations regarding general policy for NIST, its organization, its budget, and its programs within the framework of applicable national policies as set forth by the President and the Congress. The agenda will include an update on major programs at NIST. In addition, the meeting will include an update from the Technology Transfer Subcommittee, NIST strategic planning, and discussion of items surrounding standards and other emerging issues. The agenda may change to accommodate Committee business. The final agenda will be posted on the NIST website at <http://www.nist.gov/director/vcat/agenda.cfm>.

Individuals and representatives of organizations who would like to offer comments and suggestions related to the Committee's business are invited to request a place on the agenda. Approximately one-half hour will be reserved for public comments and speaking times will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. The amount of time per speaker will be determined by the number of requests received but, is likely to be about 3 minutes each. The exact time for public comments will be included in the final agenda that will be posted on the NIST website at <http://www.nist.gov/director/vcat/agenda.cfm>. Questions from the public will not be considered during this period. Speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements, those who had wished to speak but could not be accommodated on the agenda, and those who were unable to attend in person are invited to submit written statements to VCAT, NIST, 100 Bureau Drive, MS 1060, Gaithersburg, Maryland, 20899, via fax at 301-216-0529 or electronically by email to [stephanie.shaw@nist.gov](mailto:stephanie.shaw@nist.gov).

All visitors to the NIST site are required to pre-register to be admitted. Please submit your name, time of arrival, email address, and phone number to Stephanie Shaw by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Tuesday, October 22, 2019. Non-U.S. citizens must submit