

include Interagency Advisory Committee/PAC Summit); (3) Work on the Ground Subcommittee Report (to include scheduling of CY 2000 field Trips, and follow up to previous presentations on forest health, land allocations, and the 15% Retention Standards and Guidelines); (4) Schedule CY 2000 PAC meetings (to include discussion on the proposal to work jointly with the Northwest Sacramento PAC on the Fork Fire area rehabilitation as a focus of activities); (5) Presentation by CalTrans concerning herbicide use to manage vegetation on State roadways within the California Coast Province; (6) Aquatic Conservation Subcommittee Report (to include recommended letter on Lake Pillsbury block water, follow up on the previous meeting's fisheries panel, and recommendation to provide federal staff persons to advise the State on its watershed analyses); and (7) Open public comment. All California Coast Provincial Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct questions regarding this meeting to Daniel Chisholm, USDA, Forest Supervisor, Mendocino National Forest, 825 N. Humboldt Avenue, Willows, CA 95988, (530) 934-3316 or Phebe Brown, Province Coordinator, USDA, Mendocino National Forest, 825 N. Humboldt Avenue, Willows, CA 95988, (530) 934-3316.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), U.S. Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of proposed changes to the Field Office Technical Guide (Hawaii) conservation practice standards.

SUMMARY: It is the intention of NRCS Hawaii to issue a series of revised practice standards for use in the State of Hawaii. These practice standards are revised from the current National Handbook of Conservation Practices. These revised standards include Conservation Cover (Code 327), Forest Site Preparation (Code 490), Wildlife Wetland Habitat Management (Code 644), Wildlife Upland Habitat

Management (Code 645), Grazing Land Mechanical Treatment (Code 548), Nutrient Management (Code 590), Waste Utilization (Code 633), Mulching (Code 484), Fence (Code 382), Fence, Non-electric (Code 382A), Fence, Electric (Code 382B). These practice standards will be incorporated into Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG). Some of these practices may be used in conservation systems that treat highly erodible land.

EFFECTIVE DATES: Comments must be received on or before December 13, 1999. This series of new or revised conservation practice standards will be adopted after the close of the 60-day period.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Inquire, or send comments in writing to Kenneth Kaneshiro, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), P.O. Box 50004, Honolulu, Hawaii 96850.

Comments can be also e-mailed to comments@hi.nrcs.usda.gov.

Copies of these standards are available from NRCS, Prince Kuhio Federal Building, 300 Ala Moana Boulevard, room 4-118, Honolulu, Hawaii, or by writing to NRCS, P.O. Box 50004, Honolulu, Hawaii, 96850. Copies are also available electronically on the NRCS website at <http://www.hi.nrcs.gov/fotg/html>. Practice code numbers are used as file names on the website. These standards are available as MS Word 6.0 files.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 states that revisions made after enactment of the law to NRCS State technical guides used to carry out highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law shall be made available for public review and comment. For the next 60 days the NRCS will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period a determination will be made by the NRCS regarding disposition of those comments and a final determination of change will be made.

Kenneth M. Kaneshiro,

State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Honolulu, Hawaii.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Census 2000 Content Reinterview Survey

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before December 13, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5027, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at LEngelme@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Joy Sharp, Census Bureau, Room 3484/3, Washington, DC 20233; (301) 457-3869.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

As part of its plan to evaluate the quality of data collected in the Census 2000, the Census Bureau plans to conduct the Census 2000 Content Reinterview Survey (CRS). The evaluation of the quality of data collected in the Census 2000 is important for both data users and census planners. Data users must have knowledge of the accuracy and reliability of the data in order to make informed decisions about how errors in the data may affect the conclusions they draw from analyzing the data. Census planners require similar information to develop and test methods to improve the overall quality of the data produced in future censuses.

The methods used to collect and process census data are complex and subject to error. One particular type of error, response error, arises from the erroneous or unreliable reporting of characteristics. Response error in the decennial census has traditionally been measured through content reinterview surveys. The Census Bureau first began conducting a census CRS after the 1950

census and continued to conduct one for each of the following censuses.

The purpose of the CRS is twofold. First, it will be used to estimate response variance for most items on the census long form. To measure response variance, the reinterview will re-ask the same set of questions applying, to the extent possible, similar survey procedures and replicating a similar set of conditions. Secondly, the reinterview will be used to make historical comparisons to previous studies of census content error.

The CRS will attempt to evaluate errors introduced in the actual collection and capture of the data. Contributors to response variance include, but are not limited to, the following: questionnaire design, interview administration mode, question wording, inadequate instruction, interviewer effects, and deliberate falsification by the respondent or interviewer. In addition, sources of procedural error (e.g., scanning and data capture errors) will also be reflected in the response variance.

II. Method of Collection

Approximately 25,000 housing units that are designated to receive the census long form will be selected for reinterview purposes. Approximately one month following census enumeration, Census Bureau field representatives (FRs) will recontact selected households and reinterview them by asking the identical items as posed by the decennial long form. Only minor modifications will be made to the census long form to account for needed reinterview instructions, reference period changes, etc. The reinterview questionnaire will also collect data on only one randomly selected person in the household to reduce the burden placed on the household.

The mode of administration for the reinterview survey will be telephone and personal visit and interviews will be conducted by each of the twelve census regional offices. FRs will first attempt to reach households by telephone; however, if a telephone number is not available or there are other difficulties in reaching the household by telephone, FRs will make a personal visit to the sampled household to collect the requested information. The FR will administer the interview using a paper questionnaire, similar to the census long form. To the extent possible, all other interviewing procedures applied during the reinterview will replicate those used during census enumeration.

Following the conclusion of data collection, reinterview data will then be matched to a census data file. Data from these two sources will then be analyzed to evaluate how responses provided during census enumeration compare to those collected in the reinterview process.

An interviewer quality control program will check households classified as ineligible for the CRS to detect and deter falsification. Units with unacceptable within-household match rates will be revisited to determine whether the interviewer conducted the CRS interview.

III. Data

OMB Number: Not Available.

Form Number: Not Available (The questionnaire is nearly identical to the Census 2000 long form but will have a unique form number).

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 25,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 20 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 8,333 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: There is no cost to the respondent other than the time to complete the information request.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Title 13 United States Code, Sections 141 and 193.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have a practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: October 6, 1999.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Census Bureau

Quarterly Survey of the Finances of Public-Employee Retirement Systems

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

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DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before December 13, 1999.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Russell Price, Acting Chief, Finance Branch, Governments Division, U.S. Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC 20233-6800 (301-457-1488).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This quarterly survey was initiated by the Census Bureau in 1968 at the request of both the Council of Economic Advisors and the Federal Reserve Board. It gathers data on the assets of the 102 largest state and local government public-employee retirement systems. These systems hold over \$1.5 trillion in assets, which represent approximately 80 percent of all state and local government public employee retirement system assets.

These important data are used by the Federal Reserve Board to track the public sector portion of the flow of funds accounts. The Bureau of Economic Analysis uses the data on corporate stock holdings to estimate dividends received by State and local government public employee retirement systems. These estimates, in turn, are used as a component in developing the national income and product accounts.

In our planned submission for review of this collection, we will request an extension of the expiration date and will