

scheduled to complete its transformation in 2007. By November 2007, the Army requires that the SBCT be ready for deployment to support ongoing operations.

In October 2006, the Federal Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit determined that the Army had not fully complied with NEPA for the transformation of the 2/25th because it did not adequately address or analyze potentially reasonable alternate locations for the transformation and training of this unit. In particular, the Court concluded that the Army had a duty under NEPA to consider locations other than Hawaii for the permanent stationing of the 2/25th SBCT, and the Court ordered the Army to prepare an EIS to address a broader range of alternatives. The Army has prepared an EIS in accordance with the Court's guidance to examine reasonable alternative locations for the proposed action to permanently station the 2/25th SBCT.

The EIS examines several Army installations capable of supporting the permanent stationing of the 2/25th SBCT. The EIS will provide the Army senior leadership with a hard look at environmental impacts associated with the Proposed Action and better inform their decision-making process for selecting the final stationing location. This effort includes analysis of all activities (training, facilities construction, and Soldier and Family support) required to permanently station the 2/25th. This EIS effort will assist the Army in arriving at a decision that can accommodate the Brigade's training, operations, and quality of life requirements while meeting the strategic defense needs of the nation.

After reviewing the full range of potential Army stationing locations, three alternatives for implementing the proposed action have been identified by the Army as reasonable alternatives capable of meeting the Army's need criteria and screening criteria. Alternatives for the proposed action include: (1) Permanently stationing the 2/25th SBCT at Schofield Barracks Military Reservation (SBMR) while conducting required training at military training sites in Hawaii; (2) permanently stationing the 2/25th SBCT at Fort Richardson while conducting required training at military training sites in Alaska; and (3) permanently stationing the 2/25th SBCT at Fort Carson while conducting required training at military training sites in Colorado. In addition to these alternatives, the no action alternative is described and its environmental impacts fully assessed and considered.

Direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts of the Proposed Action have been considered in the DEIS. The DEIS identifies significant impacts at each of the three alternative locations which would occur as a result of implementing the proposed action. Impacts at alternative sites would result from construction and training activities. Significant impacts to resources would be direct and long term. The No Action Alternative provides the baseline conditions for comparison to the Proposed Alternative. Additional concerns or impacts may be identified as a result of comments received on this DEIS.

The Army invites full public participation to promote open communication and better decision making. All persons and organizations that have an interest in the permanent stationing of the 2/25th SBCT are urged to participate in this NEPA evaluation process. Assistance will be provided upon request to anyone having difficulty understanding how to participate. Public meetings will be held in Hawaii, Alaska, and Colorado. The locations, times, and dates of the public hearing will be announced in advance through notices and media news releases.

Dated: July 13, 2007.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Intent To Grant an Exclusive License of a U.S. Government-Owned Patent

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1)(i), announcement is made of the intent to grant an exclusive, royalty-bearing, revocable license within the geographic area of the United States of America and its territories and possessions to U.S. Patent application 11/229,425, filed September 16, 2005 entitled "Artillery Rocket Trajectory Correction Kit," to Diehl BGT Defense GmbH & Co. KG with its principal place of business at Massberg Facility Alte Nussdorfer Strausse 13 88662 Uberlingen, Germany.

ADDRESSES: Commander, U.S. Army Research Development and Engineering Command, ATTN: AMSRD-AMR-AS-

PT-TR, Bldg. 5400, Redstone Arsenal, AL 35898-5000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Russ Alexander, Officer of Research & Technology Applications, (256) 876-8743.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Artillery Rocket Trajectory Correction Kit (TCK) is a completely self-contained retrofit kit that is externally and fixedly mounted as an add-on to the rear (aft of the tailfins) of an existing, unguided rocket. The TCK continuously measures the pitch and yaw of the rocket during the initial seconds of the flight as it is released from the launch tube. A trajectory correction is calculated to allow the rocket to stay on a desired path. Selected thrusters are then activated to make any necessary flight correction. The thrusters are positioned around the circumference of the rocket body so as to correctively steer the rocket. Thus, rocket accuracy is improved and collateral damage is reduced.

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Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Public Hearing and Notice of Availability for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Matagorda Ship Channel Improvement Project, Calhoun County and Matagorda County, TX

AGENCY: Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Extension of comment period and rescheduling of Public Hearing.

SUMMARY: The Notice of Availability for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) published in the **Federal Register** on Friday, May 18, 2007 (72 FR 28032), required comments be submitted on or before July 2, 2007. An editorial correction of the Notice document was published in the **Federal Register** on Thursday, June 2, 2007 (72 FR 31660). The comment period has been extended to September 4, 2007. Additionally, the June 5, 2007, Public Hearing on the proposed project has been rescheduled to August 9, 2007, at the Bauer Community Center, 2300 North Highway 35, Port Lavaca, TX 77979. Poster presentations will be available for viewing and project team members will be present to discuss the

DEIS at a Workshop that will precede the Public Hearing. The Workshop will be conducted from 5 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. and the formal Public Hearing will comment at 7 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Denise Sloan, Regulatory Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston District, P.O. Box 1229, Galveston, TX 77553-1229, (409) 766-3962.

Brenda S. Bowen,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report (DEIS/ EIR) for the San Jacinto River, Riverside County, CA

AGENCY: Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The purpose of the study is to evaluate approximately a 2-mile reach of the San Jacinto River located in Riverside County in the City of San Jacinto, CA. The focus will be on watershed improvements by developing alternatives for ecosystem restoration and incorporating conjunctive uses for groundwater recharge, water quality and water conservation from a mile up from Main Street to a mile past the end of San Jacinto Street. The restoration project will focus on revitalization of the riparian vegetation community; establish environmental corridor to benefit wildlife and sensitive species; increasing recharge of the San Jacinto groundwater basins; and restoring the habitat for the endangered San Bernardino Kangaroo Rat. The San Jacinto River is located about 20 miles southeast of the City of Riverside and is entirely within Riverside County, CA.

DATES: Provide comments by August 22, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments to Mrs. Priscilla E. Perry at U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, CESPL-PD-RL, P.O. Box 532711, Los Angeles, CA 90053-2325.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs. Priscilla E. Perry, Chief, Regional Planning, Environmental Engineers, at 213-452-3867, 213-713-2677; Fax 213-452-4204 or e-mail at Priscilla.e.Perry@usace.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. *Authorization.* The proposed study is authorized by the Flood Control Act 1936; WRDA 1986, Public Law 99-662: House Resolution dated October 9, 1998, Section 416 of WRDA 2000, which reads as follows:

“San Jacinto River, California.—The Committee has provided \$100,000 for the Corps of Engineers to initiate a reconnaissance study to examine flood control, environmental enhancement and related purposes along the San Jacinto River, California, between the City of San Jacinto and the City of Lake Elsinore”. Section 416 of WRDA 2000: Section 416. San Jacinto Watershed, California.

(a) In General.—The Secretary shall conduct a watershed study for the San Jacinto watershed, California.

(b) Authorization of Appropriations.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section \$250,000”.

2. *Background.* The construction of the San Jacinto levee project in 1961 proved to be effective in preventing flood damages during the 1969 floods on the San Jacinto River. The February 1980 floods were not any greater than the 1969 floods, but caused the San Jacinto River levee to fail resulting in massive flooding in the City of San Jacinto. The levee was repaired by adding toe stone, groins, and extending the Bautista Creek concrete channel by another 1.3 miles to the confluence with San Jacinto Creek around the late 1984 to early 1985 timeframe. The 2-mile reach of the San Jacinto River which is located a mile up from Main Street to a mile past the end of San Jacinto Street, poses damage to aquatic ecosystems from past flooding and types of anthropogenic activities. Ecosystems processes that help maintain groundwater supplies must be protected and restored where degraded. Increasing groundwater recharge is a way to support the ecosystem and improve the habitat for the endangered San Bernardino Kangaroo Rat. Alternatives to be considered are those that will reduce adverse water quality impacts from runoff; reduce further degradation of the river and the area ecosystem and improve the quality of both ground and surface waters.

3. *Scoping Process.* a. A scoping meeting is scheduled for August 22, 6 p.m.—8 p.m. at Simpson Center—305 E. Devonshire Ave., Hemet, CA 92543.

For specific dates, times and locations please contact Peter Odencrans, Eastern Municipal Water District, at 951-928-3777 or e-mail at: odencransp@emwd.org. Potential impacts associated with the proposed action will be evaluated. Resource categories that will be analyzed are:

physical environment, geology, biological resources, air quality, water quality, recreational usage, aesthetics, cultural resources, transportation, noise, hazardous waste, socioeconomics and safety.

b. Participation of affected Federal, State and local resource agencies, Native American groups and concerned interest groups/individuals is encouraged in the scoping process. Public participation will be especially important in defining the scope of analysis in the Draft EIS/EIR, identifying significant environmental issues and impact analysis of the Draft EIS/EIR and providing useful information such as published and unpublished data, personal knowledge of relevant issues and recommending mitigation measures associated with the proposed action.

c. Those interested in providing information or data relevant to the environmental or social impacts that should be included or considered in the environmental analysis can furnish this information by writing to the points of contact indicated above or by attending the public scoping meeting. A mailing list will also be established so pertinent data may be distributed to interested parties.

Dated: July 9, 2007.

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Colonel, U.S. Army, District Engineer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Availability and Notice of Public Meeting of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Development of the Westside of Marine Corps Base Quantico, Including the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Action at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Virginia

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of Availability (NOA) and public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C)), as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), the Department of the Navy (DON), and Marine Corps Base Quantico (MCBQ) announces the availability of the DEIS, which evaluates the environmental effects of development of the Westside