

(Meeting Rooms 1 and 2), 311 Vernon Street, Roseville, CA 95678.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Nancy Haley, (916) 557-7731, e-mail: [SierraVista@usace.army.mil](mailto:SierraVista@usace.army.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Interested parties are invited to submit written comments on the permit application on or before April 29, 2008. Scoping comments should be submitted within the next 60 days, but may be submitted at any time prior to publication of the Draft EIS. To submit comments on this notice or for questions about the proposed action and the Draft EIS, please contact Nancy Haley, 1325 J Street, (Room 1480), Sacramento, CA 95814-2922. Please refer to Identification Number 200601050 in any correspondence.

The Sierra Vista Landowner Group consists of eleven property owners. Each property owner has filed an application for a Department of the Army permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Because these applications are interrelated, the Corps is considering them in a comprehensive and combined manner. The joint purpose of these applications is to construct a large-scale mixed-use, mixed-density master planned community. To comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Corps has decided to prepare an EIS to assess the potential impacts to waters of the United States from these combined applications. No project alternatives have been defined to date. The proposed project and the alternatives to its proposed size, design, and location will be developed through the EIS process.

Perennial streams, including Curry Creek; perennial marshes; seasonal wetland swales; seasonal wetlands, including vernal pools; and ephemeral and intermittent streams are located throughout the proposed project site. Verified wetland delineations show that 51.87 acres of waters of the United States occur on the proposed project site. The proposed project will result in direct impacts to approximately 37.74 acres of waters of the United States and will avoid approximately 14.13 acres of these waters of the United States for construction of the project. These acreages do not include indirect impacts from the proposed action or impacts anticipated to result from offsite infrastructure that may be determined to be required as part of the project through the EIS process.

The proposed site for the Sierra Vista Specific Plan Area is in unincorporated Placer County, CA, immediately west and south of the City of Roseville's

existing city limits. The majority of the proposed project site is within the City of Roseville's Sphere of Influence (SOI), and approximately 447 acres of the proposed project site are situated west of the City's SOI boundary.

The proposed project site is approximately 6 miles west of Interstate 80 and State Route 65, 10 miles northeast of the City of Sacramento, 10 miles east of State Route 99, 5 miles west of downtown Roseville, and 4 miles east of the Sutter County line. The proposed project site is west of Fiddymont Road, north of Baseline Road to approximately 1/2 mile west of the Baseline Road intersection with Watt Avenue, and south of the West Roseville Specific Plan area.

The project site for the EIS does not include one 40-acre parcel situated within the Sierra Vista Specific Plan area. This parcel is owned by a nonparticipating landowner, and the parcel is not included in the proposed action subject to this NEPA process. At such a time as the owner of the 40-acre parcel decides to develop that property, a separate environmental review would be required.

The Corps' public involvement program includes several opportunities to provide oral and written comments on the Sierra Vista Specific Plan project through the EIS drafting process. Affected federal, state, and local agencies, Indian tribes, and other interested private organizations and parties are invited to participate. Significant issues to be analyzed in depth in the EIS include impacts to waters of the United States, including vernal pools and other wetlands; agricultural resources; cultural resources; threatened and endangered species; transportation; air quality; surface water and groundwater; hydrology and water quality; socioeconomic effects; and aesthetics.

Vernal pool fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta lynchi*) have been identified as occupying certain areas on the project site during past surveys. Some of these areas are proposed by the Applicant for impact. The Corps will initiate formal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act for proposed impacts to vernal pool fairy shrimp. USFWS may also consider adding additional federally listed species to the formal consultation process.

No known historic resources on the project site have been listed on or determined eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (NHP) or the California Register of Historical Resources (CRHR). However,

the Corps will initiate consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer under Section 106 of the NHPA as outlined in the Corps' Interim Guidance to 33 CFR Part 325 Appendix C.

It is anticipated that the Draft EIS will be made available to the public between April and October 2009.

Dated: March 28, 2008.

**James A. Porter,**

*Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army, Deputy District Engineer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

#### **Notice of Public Hearing for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Homeporting of Additional Surface Ships at Naval Station Mayport, Florida**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations Parts 1500-1508 the U.S. Department of the Navy (Navy) has prepared and filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on March 28, 2008, which evaluates the potential environmental consequences of homeporting additional surface ships at Naval Station (NAVSTA) Mayport, Florida. A Notice of Intent for this DEIS was published in the **Federal Register** on November 14, 2006 (FR14NO06-25).

A public hearing will be held to provide information and receive oral and written comments on the DEIS. A preferred alternative has not been selected or identified in the DEIS. The Navy seeks comments from the public or interested parties regarding the sufficiency of the DEIS and the choice of a preferred alternative. Federal, state, and local agencies and interested individuals are invited to be present or represented at the hearing.

**Date and Address:** One public hearing will be held. The hearing will be preceded by an open house session to allow interested individuals to review information presented in the DEIS. DON representatives will be available during the open house session to provide clarification as necessary related to the DEIS. The open house session will occur from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

followed by the formal public hearing from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The public hearing is scheduled for the following date and location: Wednesday, April 16, 2008 at the Florida Community College, Deerwood Center, B1204 9911 Old Baymeadows Road, Jacksonville, FL 32256.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Will Sloger, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southeast, P.O. Box 190010, North Charleston, South Carolina 29419-9010; telephone: 843-820-5797.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The DON has prepared and filed with the EPA the DEIS for homeporting additional surface ships at Naval Station (NAVSTA) Mayport, Florida, in accordance with requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (42 U.S.C. sections 4321-4345) and its implementing regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508). A Notice of Intent for this DEIS was published in the **Federal Register** on November 14, 2006 (FR14NO06-25). The DON is lead agency for the proposed action with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency serving as cooperating agencies.

The purpose of the proposed action is to ensure effective support of Fleet operational requirements through efficient use of waterfront and shore side facilities at NAVSTA Mayport. The Navy needs to utilize the available facilities at NAVSTA Mayport, both pierside and shoreside, in an effective and efficient manner, thereby minimizing new construction.

This DEIS reviews and assesses 12 action alternatives and the No Action alternative. The 12 action alternatives incorporate various types and numbers of ships including those types currently homeported at NAVSTA Mayport: Cruisers, destroyers, and frigates, as well as additional types of ships, including amphibious assault ships, amphibious transport dock ships, dock landing ships, and a nuclear powered aircraft carrier.

Depending on the action alternative, the proposed action may include dredging and disposal of dredged material, maintenance facilities improvements, utilities upgrades, wharf improvements, personnel support improvements, parking facilities and traffic improvements, or construction of nuclear propulsion plant maintenance facilities.

The EIS addresses any potential environmental impacts associated with: Earth resources, land use, water resources, air quality, noise, biological resources, cultural resources, traffic, socioeconomics, general services,

utilities, and environmental health and safety. The analyses include direct and indirect impacts, and account for cumulative impacts from other foreseen Federal activities.

The proposed action includes only required activities necessary to prepare and operate NAVSTA Mayport for the proposed homeporting and does not include actions at other Navy bases. Several alternatives could be implemented as early as 2009; others would not be fully implemented until 2014. A preferred alternative has not been selected or identified in the DEIS. The Navy seeks comments from the public or interested parties regarding the sufficiency of the DEIS and the choice of a preferred alternative.

The Navy conducted the scoping process to identify community concerns and local issues that should be addressed in the EIS. Federal, state, and local agencies and interested parties provided written comments to the Navy and identified specific issues or topics of environmental concern that should be addressed in the EIS. The Navy considered these comments in determining the scope of the EIS.

The Draft EIS has been distributed to various Federal, State, and local agencies, as well as other interested individuals and organizations. In addition, copies of the Draft EIS have been distributed to the following libraries for public review:

1. Beaches Library, 600 3rd Street, Neptune Beach, FL 32266;
2. Pablo Creek Library, 13295 Beach Blvd. Jacksonville, FL 32246;
3. Regency Square Library, 9900 Regency Square Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32225;
4. Main Library, 303 N. Laura Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202;
5. Public Library 25 N. 4th Street, Fernandina Beach, FL 32034.

An electronic copy of the Draft EIS is also available for public viewing at: <http://www.MayportHomeportingEIS.com>. Requests for single copies of the DEIS (printed or on CD-ROM) or its Executive Summary may be made online at: <http://www.MayportHomeportingEIS.com> or by writing to the address at the end of this notice.

Federal, State, and local agencies, as well as interested parties are invited and encouraged to be present or represented at the hearings. Oral statements will be heard and transcribed by a stenographer; however, to ensure the accuracy of the record, all statements should be submitted in writing. All statements, both oral and written, will become part of the public record on the Draft EIS and will be responded to in

the Final EIS. Equal weight will be given to both oral and written statements.

In the interest of available time, and to ensure all who wish to give an oral statement have the opportunity to do so, each speaker's comments will be limited to three (3) minutes. If a longer statement is to be presented, it should be summarized at the public hearing and the full text submitted in writing either at the hearing, or mailed to Commander, Southern Division Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Attn: Mr. Will Sloger (Code ES12), P.O. Box 190010, North Charleston, South Carolina 29419-9010, telephone: 843-820-5797.

All written comments postmarked by May 12, 2008, will become a part of the official public record and will be responded to in the Final EIS.

Dated: March 25, 2008.

**T.M. Cruz,**

*Lieutenant, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### President's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Education, President's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

**ACTION:** Notice of an open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and agenda of the meeting of the President's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities. This notice also describes the functions of the Board. Notice of this meeting is required by section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and is intended to notify the public of its opportunity to attend.

**DATES:** Monday, April 14, 2008.

*Time:* 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The Board will meet in the: IES Board Room, Suite 100, 80 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20202, Phone: 202-219-2253.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Leonard L. Haynes III, Executive Director, White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, 1990 K Street, NW., Washington, DC 20006; telephone: (202) 502-7549, fax: 202-502-7852.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The President's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and