

has changed. For this reason, figures and analyses in the EIR and in various technical documents show differing patterns of included project parcels within the Plan area as compared to the current proposal. However, because the EIR evaluated impacts at a programmatic level for the entire Plan area, all parcels that are included in the current proposal were evaluated by DERA in the EIR.

The Elverta Specific Plan is primarily residential in character: It includes 880.3 acres of urban residential uses and 551.8 acres of agricultural-residential uses with a total of 6,187 residential units; 15.0 acres of commercial uses; 4.4 acres of office/professional uses; 20.2 acres of school uses; 73.3 acres of park uses; 18.4 acres (former landfill site) to be designated as open space; and 191.9 acres to be used for drainageways, detention facilities, trails, powerline corridor and major roads. Development proposed by the Elverta Owners Group on the 22 parcels would be consistent with these uses. The number of residential units has increased from the original 4,950 units analyzed previously in the EIR. The Sacramento County Housing Element 2008–2013 (adopted December 2008) allows for a 25% density increase for residential development projects that meet the following two conditions: (1) Result in energy savings beyond those obtained with conventional design and construction techniques, and, (2) The amount of increased density is proportional to the amount of increased energy efficiency achieved that exceeds adopted regulations (see Chapter 3, Sub-Strategy VII–A, Policy HE–59c of the Housing Element [page 3–91]). The proposed project would meet these criteria and therefore the maximum of 6,187 residential units is proposed.

The project would result in fill of up to 39 acres of waters of the United States, including seasonal wetlands, vernal pools, intermittent channels, swales, and ditches. Some of this fill would be permanent and some would be temporary. Temporary fill would be restored with approximately 15 acres of riparian corridors on the project site. The riparian enhancements are expected to enhance the hydrologic functions and biological quality of existing channels. Offsite mitigation is also proposed to compensate for onsite impacts to wetlands and waters.

The EIS will include an evaluation of a reasonable range of alternatives. Currently, the following alternatives are expected to be analyzed in detail: (1) The no action (no development) alternative, (2) the no federal action (no permit issued) alternative, (3) the

applicant's preferred project, (4) the approved Specific Plan, and (5) a different location (off-site) alternative. The no action (no development) alternative assumes no development would occur on the site. The no federal action (no permit issued) alternative assumes limited development would occur on the site with all waters of the United States avoided. The off-site alternative assumes the proposed project would be developed at a different but suitably sized site in the region. The Corps will also use the EIS to evaluate alternatives under the Section 404(b)(1) Guidelines, and additional alternatives may be developed under this evaluation.

The Corps' scoping process for the EIS includes a public involvement program with several opportunities to provide oral and written comments. In addition to public meetings and notifications in the **Federal Register**, the Corps will issue public notices when the draft and final EISs are available. Affected Federal, State, and local agencies, Native American tribes, and other interested private organizations and parties are invited to participate.

Potentially significant issues to be analyzed in the EIS include, but are not limited to: Loss of waters of the United States, including wetlands; land use and agriculture; population, employment and housing; environmental justice and socio-economic impacts; drainage, hydrology and water quality; utilities and service systems; public services; geology, soils and mineral resources; paleontological resources; cultural and historic resources; biological resources; visual resources; parks and recreation; hazards and hazardous materials; traffic and transportation; air quality and global climate change; noise; and cumulative and growth inducing impacts. The Corps is the lead agency for preparation of the EIS under the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The Corps will coordinate with other agencies, such as Sacramento County.

Other environmental review and consultation requirements for the proposed action include the need for the applicant to obtain water quality certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act from the California Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board. In addition, the federally listed vernal pool fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta lynchi*) is known to occur in the Plan area. Surveys conducted on the majority of the properties within the Plan area according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's protocol requirements during the wet seasons of 2000 and 2001 found *B. lynchi* at three locations. Dry

season sampling conducted in 2005 (on 12 parcels) and 2007 (on 23 parcels) also found evidence of the federally listed *Branchinecta*. The Corps will formally consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in accordance with Section 7 of the federal Endangered Species Act. The Corps will also consult with the State Historic Preservation Officer under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act concerning properties listed, or potentially eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places.

A public scoping meeting for the EIS will be held on June 24, 2009, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Rio Linda Elverta Community Center, 810 Oak Lane, Rio Linda, CA 95673. Interested parties can provide oral and written comments at the meeting. Interested parties may also submit written comments on this notice. Scoping comments should be submitted before June 29, 2009 but may be submitted at any time prior to publication of the Draft EIS.

Interested parties may register for the Corps' public notice e-mail notification lists at: <http://www.spk.usace.army.mil/organizations/cespk-co/regulatory/pnlist.html>.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Army Science Board Plenary Meeting

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Sunshine in the Government Act of 1976 (U.S.C. 552b, as amended) and 41 Code of the Federal Regulations (CFR 102–3.140 through 160), the Department of the Army announces the following committee meeting:

Name of Committee: Army Science Board (ASB).

Date(s) of Meeting: July 13–23, 2009.

Time(s) of Meeting:

0800–1700, July 13, 2009.
0800–1700, July 14, 2009.
0800–1700, July 15, 2009.
0800–1700, July 16, 2009.
0800–1700, July 17, 2009.
0800–1700, July 20, 2009.
0800–1700, July 21, 2009.
0800–1700, July 22, 2009.
0800–1400, July 23, 2009.

Location: Beckman Center, 100 Academy, Irvine, CA 92617.

Purpose: The purpose of these meetings is to generate the reports for the 2009 ASB panels—studies (*i.e.*, Persistent CSR, Army Installations 2025, Generation Y Communications, Armed Ground Robotics, and Survivability).

Proposed Agenda:

Monday 13 July:

0800 Kick Off Meeting, schedule, logistics, security and administrative briefings.

1000–1700 members break out into individual panels to generate study report.

Tuesday 14 July:

0800–1700 panels (*i.e.*, Persistent CSR, Army Installations 2025, Generation Communications, Armed Ground Robotics, and Survivability) meet separately.

Wednesday 15 July:

0800–1700 panels meet separately.

Thursday 16 July:

0800–1700 panels meet separately.

Friday 17 July:

0800–1700 panels meet separately.

Monday 20 July:

0800–1700 panels meet separately.

Tuesday 21 July:

0800–1700 panels meet separately.

Wednesday 22 July:

0800–1700 panels meet separately.

Thursday 23 July:

0800–1200 Deliberation and adoption by ASB subcommittee findings and recommendation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information please contact Mr. Justin Bringham at justin.bringhurst@us.army.mil or (703) 604-7468 or Carolyn German at carolyn.t.german@us.army.mil or (703) 604-7490.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: None.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation Board of Visitors; Meeting

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice; location change.

SUMMARY: The location for the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation Board of Visitors meeting scheduled for June 18, 2009 that was published in the **Federal Register** on Tuesday, June 2, 2009 (74 FR 26378) has

changed. The meeting will now be held at the Rayburn House Office Building, HR 2212, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: WHINSEC Board of Visitors Secretariat at (703) 614-1452.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: None.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Publication of Revision and Consolidation of Military Freight Traffic Rules Publications (MFTRP) 1C-R (Motor), 10 (Rail), 30 (Barge), 6A (Pipeline), 4A (Tank Truck), Military Standard Tender Instruction Publication (MSTIP) 364D, SpotBid Business Rules, and SDDC Military Class Rate Publication No. 100A to a Consolidation of Procurement Requirements for the Purchase of Commercial Transportation Services Into the Military Freight Traffic Unified Rules Publication (MFTURP) No. 1

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DOD.

SUMMARY: The Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command (SDDC) is providing notice that it intends to publish its consolidated procurement requirements of commercial transportation services publication, the MFTURP No. 1, which governs the purchase of surface freight transportation in the Continental United States (CONUS) by DOD using Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) exempt transportation service contracts. The purpose for this new procurement procedure is to streamline the transportation requirements to reflect the current needs of the DOD.

DATES: This publication will be effective July 9, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Dora J. Elias, (757) 878-5379.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A notice proposing this publication and an open comment period was published in the **Federal Register** (74 FR 13423) on Friday, March 27, 2009. In response to this notice, a total of six (6) comments were received. A summary of the comments and SDDC's responses are as follows:

Comment one (1): It is not believed that the unified rules currently provide Full Replacement Value (FRV) for Household Goods (HHG) Freight All Kinds (FAK) shipments correctly. Also believes that deletion of verbiage that

indicates shipper can increase carrier liability because it is covered in another item.

Response one (1): SDDC has no objection to the revised verbiage provided by the commenter and will incorporate changes as annotated.

Comment two (2): For the sake of clarity and ease of understanding, SDDC is urged to adopt and use uniform terminology by referring specifically to TSP brokers, freight forwarders and logistics companies when that meaning is intended.

Response two (2): SDDC agrees with commenter and will incorporate clear terminology when referring specifically to that segment of transportation service providers.

Comment three (3): Within Section A, Part II, Paragraph C.1, there is a requirement to provide 24-hour on call point of contact information on all subcontracted TSPs. Commenter believes this information should be with the prime contractor, *i.e.*, the broker, freight forwarder, or logistic provider.

Response three (3): SDDC understands this might produce more information than what is truly needed. As a result, SDDC will retain the requirement of the broker, freight forwarder or logistic company to maintain an electronic listing of all subcontracted TSPs it may utilize in the transportation of DoD freight. However, the requirement to also provide the subcontracted TSP's corporate office address, telephone numbers and 24-hour point of contact will be removed. This information should remain with the broker, freight forwarder and/or logistic company.

Comment four (4): Within Section A, Part II, Paragraph C.3, contains ambiguity in terminology. To clarify intent, the first sentence should read: "Subcontracted TSP will provide sufficient documentation for SDDC to verify and confirm that they have been engaged by the TSP broker, freight forwarder or logistics company named on the BL or shipment documentation."

Response four (4): SDDC agrees, for the most part, with the verbiage provided by the commenter, with a small modification to provide the shipper the sufficient documentation to verify the subcontracted TSP has been engaged by the broker, freight forwarder or logistics company named on the BL or shipment documentation.

Comment five (5): In Section A, Part II, Paragraph C.8, commenter believes that any request for shipment status should make clear that such requests be made to the prime broker, freight forwarder or logistics company.

Response five (5): SDDC agrees and will provide the following verbiage: