

**National Institutes of Health****National Institutes of Neurological Disorders and Stroke; Division of Extramural Activities; Notice of Closed Meeting**

Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meeting:

*Name of Committee:* National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* November 6–7, 1996.

*Time:* November 6, 7:00 p.m.–10:00 p.m.; November 7, 8:30 a.m.–adjournment.

*Place:* Holiday Inn Bethesda, 8120 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Howard Weinstein, Scientific Review Administrator, National Institutes of Health, 7550 Wisconsin Avenue, Room 9C10, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 496–9223.

*Purpose/Agenda:* To review and evaluate a grant application.

The meeting will be closed in accordance with the provisions set forth in secs. 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5, U.S.C. Applications and/or proposals and the discussions could reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material and personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications and/or proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.853, Clinical Research Related to Neurological Disorders; No. 93.854, Biological Basis Research in the Neurosciences).

Dated: October 7, 1996.

Paula N. Hayes,

*Acting Committee Management Officer, NIH.*  
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*Scientific Review Administrator:* Dr. Norman Chang, 6100 Executive Boulevard—Rm. 5E03, Telephone: 301–496–1485.

*Name of Subcommittee:* Medical Rehabilitation Research Subcommittee.

*Date of Meeting:* November 11, 1996.

*Time:* 8:30 am–5:00 pm.

*Place of Meeting:* Marriott, 5151 Pooks Hill Road, Bethesda, Maryland 20814.

*Scientific Review Administrator:* Ms. Anne Krey, 6100 Executive Boulevard—Rm. 5E03, Telephone: 301–496–1485.

*Name of Subcommittee:* Maternal and Child Health Research Subcommittee.

*Date of Meeting:* November 12–13, 1996.

*Time:* November 12—8:30 am–5:00 pm; November 13—8:00 am—adjournment.

*Place of Meeting:* Holiday Inn Gaithersburg, 2 Montgomery Village Avenue, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20879.

*Scientific Review Administrator:* Dr. Gopal Bhatnagar, 6100 Executive Boulevard—Rm. 5E03, Telephone: 301–496–1485.

*Name of Subcommittee:* Population Research Subcommittee.

*Date of Meeting:* December 9–10, 1996.

*Time:* December 9—8:00 am–5:00 pm; December 10—10:00 am—adjournment.

*Place of Meeting:* The Hyatt, 1 Metro Center, Bethesda, Maryland 20814.

*Scientific Review Administrator:* Dr. A.T. Gregoire, 6100 Executive Boulevard—Rm. 5E03, Telephone: 301–496–1696.

These meetings will be closed in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 United States Code. Applications and/or proposals and the discussions could reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material and personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications and/or proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.864, Population Research and No. 93.865, Research for Mothers and Children, National Institutes of Health.)

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Rockledge Drive, Room 6178, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435–1047.

*Name of SEP:* Biological and Physiological Sciences.

*Date:* November 6, 1996.

*Time:* 3:00 p.m.

*Place:* NIH, Rockledge 2, Room 4144, Telephone Conference.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Paul Strudler, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4144, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435–1716.

*Name of SEP:* Biological and Physiological Sciences.

*Date:* November 20, 1996.

*Time:* 10:00 a.m.

*Place:* NIH, Rockledge 2, Room 4152, Telephone Conference.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Marcelina Powers, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4152, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435–1720.

*Name of SEP:* Biological and Physiological Sciences.

*Date:* November 21, 1996.

*Time:* 2:00 p.m.

*Place:* NIH, Rockledge 2, Room 4152, Telephone Conference.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Marcelina Powers, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4152, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435–1720.

The meetings will be closed in accordance with the provisions set forth in secs. 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C. Applications and/or proposals and the discussions could reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material and personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications and/or proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.  
(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.306, 93.333, 93.337, 93.393–93.396, 93.837–93.844, 93.846–93.878, 93.892, 93.893, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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**National Institute of Child Health and Human Development; Notice of Closed Meetings**

Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 United States Code Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meetings:

*Purpose/Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Name of Subcommittee:* Mental Retardation Research Subcommittee.

*Date of Meeting:* October 28–29, 1996.

*Time:* October 28—8:30 am–5:00 pm; October 29—9:00 am—adjournment.

*Place of Meeting:* The Handlery Union Square, 351 Geary Street, San Francisco, California 94102.

**Division of Research Grants; Notice of Closed Meetings**

Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following Division of Research Grants Special Emphasis Panel (SEP) meetings:

*Purpose/Agenda:* To review individual grant applications.

*Name of SEP:* Biological and Physiological Sciences.

*Date:* November 4, 1996.

*Time:* 10:00 a.m.

*Place:* NIH, Natcher Bldg., Room F–1 & 2.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Nancy Pearson, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701

**Division of Research Grants; Notice of Closed Meeting**

Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following Division of Research Grants Special Emphasis Panel (SEP) meeting:

*Purpose/Agenda:* To review individual grant applications.

*Name of SEP:* Biological and Physiological Sciences.

*Date:* October 17, 1996.

*Time:* 10:00 a.m.

*Place:* Embassy Suites Hotel, Washington, DC.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Michael Land, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701

Rockledge Drive, Room 5122, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435-1265.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the above meeting due to the urgent need to meet timing limitations imposed by the grant review and funding cycle.

The meeting will be closed in accordance with the provisions set forth in secs. 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5, U.S.C. Applications and/or proposals and the discussions could reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material and personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications and/or proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Availability of an Environmental Assessment and Receipt of an Application for an Incidental Take Permit for A. Teichert & Son, Inc.'s, Vernalis Aggregate Project, San Joaquin County, California

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises the public that A. Teichert & Son, Inc., has applied to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for an incidental take permit pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. The application has been assigned permit number PRT-820643. The proposed permit would authorize the incidental take of San Joaquin kit fox (*Vulpes macrotis mutica*), federally listed as endangered, and the California red-legged frog (*Rana aurora draytonii*), federally listed as threatened, and/or their habitat during aggregate extraction and the construction and operation of processing facilities and associated road improvements. The proposed permit also would authorize future incidental take of the western burrowing owl (*Athene cunicularia hypugaea*), a currently unlisted species, should it become listed under the Endangered Species Act in the future. The permit would be in effect for 50 years.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service also announces the availability of an

Environmental Assessment for the incidental take permit application, which includes the proposed Habitat Conservation Plan fully describing the proposed project and mitigation, and the accompanying Implementing Agreement. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act and National Environmental Policy Act regulations (40 CFR 1506.6). All comments, including names and addresses, received will become part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

**DATES:** Written comments on the permit application, Environmental Assessment and Implementing Agreement should be received on or before November 14, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments regarding the application or adequacy of the environmental assessment and Implementing Agreement should be addressed to, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Sacramento Field Office, 3310 El Camino, Suite 130, Sacramento, California 95821-6340. Please refer to permit number PRT-820643 when submitting comments. Individuals wishing copies of the application, Environmental Assessment or Implementing Agreement for review should immediately contact the above office. Documents also will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Michael Horton or Ms. Tiki Baron, Sacramento Field Office, 916-979-2725.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 9 of the Endangered Species Act prohibits the "taking" of a species listed as threatened or endangered. However, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, under limited circumstances, may issue permits to take listed species incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Regulations governing permits for threatened species are promulgated in 50 CFR 17.32; regulations governing permits for endangered species are promulgated in 50 CFR 17.22.

#### Background

A. Teichert & Son, Inc., proposes to extract aggregate from approximately 205 acres, construct and operate aggregate processing facilities on approximately 100 acres, and construct and maintain associated road improvements in San Joaquin County, California. A. Teichert & Son, Inc., seeks coverage for permanent impacts to 58 acres, and temporary impacts to an additional 25 acres, of potential San

Joaquin kit fox habitat. Neither California red-legged frog or western burrowing owl are currently known to occur on the project site. During the course of the project, however, either or both of these species could become established on the site as a result of conditions created by project activities. Therefore, A. Teichert & Son, Inc., also seeks coverage for incidental take of California red-legged frog and western burrowing owl, should either occupy the site in the future.

To compensate for project impacts, A. Teichert & Son, Inc., will acquire, through a permanent conservation easement, a 192-acre mitigation site located 2.6 miles west of the project site. The mitigation site provides suitable habitat for San Joaquin kit fox and western burrowing owl (grazed annual grassland) and potential habitat for California red-legged frogs (two stock ponds). A. Teichert & Son, Inc., will convey the conservation easement to the California Department of Fish and Game and provide funding for long-term management of the mitigation site. Other measures are specified in the Habitat Conservation Plan to minimize the potential for take during excavation, construction, and operation activities.

The Environmental Assessment considers the environmental consequences of three alternatives. Alternative 1, the proposed action, consists of the issuance of an incidental take permit to A. Teichert & Son, Inc., and implementation of the Habitat Conservation Plan and its Implementing Agreement. This alternative is preferred because: (1) It satisfies the purpose and needs of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and A. Teichert & Son, Inc.; (2) it is likely to result in a relatively low level of incidental take; and (3) impacts are minimized and mitigated by the acquisition of a conservation easement preserving the 192-acre mitigation site and other measures specified in the Habitat Conservation Plan. Under Alternative 2, the no action alternative, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service would not issue an incidental take permit. A. Teichert & Son, Inc., has indicated that they would continue to implement the Vernalis Aggregate project, incorporating precautions as described in the Habitat Conservation Plan to avoid take of listed species, regardless of whether the Habitat Conservation Plan is approved and an incidental take permit issued. If project activities did result in take of listed species, such take would be unauthorized under this alternative and would place A. Teichert & Son, Inc., in violation of state and Federal laws. Under the no action alternative, the 192-