

Institute on Drug Abuse, 5600 Fishers Land, Room 10-42, Rockville, MD 20857, Telephone (301) 443-2620.

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*Committee Management Officer, NIH.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### 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:* Microbiological and Immunological Sciences.

*Date:* July 9-10, 1997.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m.

*Place:* Holiday Inn, Bethesda, Maryland.  
*Contact Person:* Dr. Jean Hickman, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4178, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435-1146.

*Name of SEP:* Biological and Physiological Sciences.

*Date:* July 16, 1997.

*Time:* 1:00 p.m.

*Place:* Georgetown Holiday Inn, Washington, DC.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Krish Krishnan, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4122, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435-1779.

*Name of SEP:* Biological and Physiological Sciences.

*Date:* July 28, 1997.

*Time:* 10:30 a.m.

*Place:* NIH, Rockledge 2, Room 5196, Telephone Conference.

*Contact Person:* Ms. Carol Campbell, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5196, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435-1257.

*Purpose/Agenda:* To review Small Business Innovation Research.

*Name of SEP:* Clinical Sciences.

*Date:* July 14, 1997.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m.

*Place:* Holiday Inn, Chevy Chase, Maryland.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Nancy Shinowara, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5216, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435-1173.

*Name of SEP:* Clinical Sciences.

*Date:* July 15, 1997.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m.

*Place:* Holiday Inn, Chevy Chase, Maryland.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Nancy Shinowara, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5216, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435-1173.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Notice of Receipt of Applications for Permit

The following applicants have applied for a permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to Section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*):

*Applicant:* Mark Bolton, Hugo, Mn, PRT-830602.

The applicant has requested a permit to import one male and one female captive-hatched peregrine (*Falco peregrinus anatum*) from the Saskatchewan Cooperative Falcon Project, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada, for the purpose of enhancement of the species through captive propagation and release of offspring.

*Applicant:* The Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden, Cincinnati, Oh, PRT-831735.

The applicant has requested a permit to import two female captive-born Indochinese tigers (*Panthera tigris corbetti*) from the Singapore Zoological Gardens for the purpose of enhancement of the species through captive propagation.

*Applicant:* Texas Animal Exports, Coppell, Tx, PRT-821275.

The applicant has requested a permit to export 23 Arabian oryx (*Oryx leucoryx*) to the Al-Ain Zoo and Aquarium, U.A.E., for the purpose of enhancement of the species through captive propagation.

The public is invited to comment on the following application(s) for permits to conduct certain activities with marine mammals. The application(s) was/were submitted to satisfy requirements of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing marine mammals (50 CFR 18).

The following applicants have each requested a permit to import a sport-hunted polar bear (*Ursus maritimus*) from the Northwest Territories, Canada for personal use.

Applicant/address	Population	PRT-
Jim Deal, Ramsey, Mn .....	McClintock Channel .....	831567
Norman Dunkle, Franklin, Pa .....	Northern Beaufort .....	831443
James Y. Jones, Dublin, Ga .....	Lancaster Sound .....	831722

Written data or comments, requests for copies of the complete applications,

or requests for a public hearing on any of these applications for marine

mammal permits should be sent to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of

Management Authority, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 430, Arlington, Virginia 22203, telephone 703/358-2104 or fax 703/358-2281 and must be received within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice. Anyone requesting a hearing should give specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate. The holding of such hearing is at the discretion of the Director.

Documents and other information submitted with all of the applications listed in this notice are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice at the above address.

Dated: July 3, 1997.

**Karen Anderson,**

Acting Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority.

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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 the Kern County Waste Facilities Habitat Conservation Plan, Kern County, CA

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises the public that the Kern County Waste Management Department (Department) has applied to the 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-830963. The proposed permit would authorize the incidental take of San Joaquin kit fox (*Vulpes macrotis mutica*), blunt-nosed leopard lizard (*Gambelia silus*), Tipton kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys nitratoideus nitratoideus*), and giant kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys ingens*), federally listed as endangered, and the Desert tortoise (*Gopherus agassizii*) and Hoover's eriastrum (*Eriastrum hooverii*), federally listed as threatened, and/or their habitat during the operation, maintenance, expansion, and/or closure of Kern County municipal solid waste management facilities. The proposed permit also would authorize future incidental take of the San Joaquin

antelope squirrel (*Ammospermophilus nelsoni*), 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 Fish and Wildlife Service also announces the availability of an Environmental Assessment for the incidental take permit application. The application includes the proposed Habitat Conservation Plan (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). Comments are specifically requested on the appropriateness of the No Surprises assurance contained in this application, specifically outlined in section 7 of the Plan. All comments received, including names and addresses, 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 August 11, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments regarding the application or adequacy of the environmental assessment and Implementing Agreement should be addressed to the Fish and Wildlife Service, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office, 3310 El Camino, Suite 130, Sacramento, California 95821-6340. Please refer to permit number PRT-830963 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:** Ms. Tiki Baron or Mr. William Lehman, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office, telephone (916) 979-2725.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 9 of the Endangered Species Act and Federal regulation prohibit the "taking" of a species listed as endangered or threatened, respectively. However, the 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

The Kern County Waste Management Department seeks coverage for take of listed species incidental to landfill operations at all of the solid waste facilities in Kern County, California, not covered by the Metropolitan Bakersfield Habitat Conservation Plan.

Those facilities include 14 landfills and 2 transfer stations, all of which are existing sites permitted by the California Integrated Waste Management Board for waste management activities. Of the 14 landfills, one has been formally closed, two are inactive and awaiting final closure, and 11 are active. Biological surveys indicated that 6 of the 11 active sites contained listed species and/or their habitats; none of the 3 inactive/closed sites contained listed species or suitable habitat. Based on these results the Department concluded that the operation, maintenance, expansion, and eventual closure of 6 of the landfills may result in incidental take of listed species. San Joaquin kit fox, blunt-nosed leopard lizard, Tipton kangaroo rat, San Joaquin antelope squirrel, and Hoover's eriastrum were all found to occur on one or more of the 6 sites. Giant kangaroo rat and desert tortoise were not found on any of the landfill sites, but were each recorded adjacent to a landfill.

On-going operations at 5 of these 6 landfill sites would result in the loss of approximately 251 acres of habitat for the listed species noted above. To compensate for this loss, the Department proposes to fund the permanent protection and management of approximately 755 acres of similar habitat through purchase of credits at the ARCO Coles Levee Ecosystem Preserve or other Service-approved site. The sixth site, the Bakersfield Metropolitan Sanitary Landfill, contains approximately 900 acres of habitat for listed species. This site would be developed in phases of approximately 100 acres, each of which would be restored to habitat for listed species upon closure. To minimize impacts at the Bakersfield Metropolitan Landfill, the Department proposes to have only two phases (one closing while another opens) active at any time. In addition, the Department will enhance and maintain a 963-acre buffer around the landfill as open grazing land, managed to provide habitat for listed species, in perpetuity. The Plan also specifies comprehensive measures designed to minimize impacts to listed species on all of the landfill sites.

The Environmental Assessment considers the environmental consequences of three alternatives.