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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute of Mental Health; 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 meetings.

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

*Name of Committee:* National Institute of Mental Health Special Emphasis Panel  
*Date:* January 7, 1999

*Time:* 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications

*Place:* Parklawn Building, Room 9C-26, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, (Telephone Conference Call)

*Contact Person:* Sheila O'Malley, MA, Scientific Review Administrator, Division of Extramural Activities, National Institute of Mental Health, NIH, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 9C-26, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-443-6470

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

*Name of Committee:* National Institute of Mental Health Special Emphasis Panel  
*Date:* January 8, 1999

*Time:* 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications

*Place:* Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 9C-26, Rockville, MD 20857, (Telephone Conference Call)

*Contact Person:* Sheila O'Malley, MA, Scientific Review Administrator, Division of Extramural Activities, National Institute of Mental Health, NIH, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 9C-26, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-443-6470

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(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.242, Mental Health Research Grants; 93.281, Scientist Development Award, Scientist Development Award for Clinicians, and Research Scientist Award; 93.282, Mental Health National Research Service Awards for Research Training, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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**LaVerne Y. Stringfield,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases; Amended Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given of a change in the meeting of the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Special Emphasis Panel, ZDK1 GRB-D (J1) December 15, 1998, at 12:45 P.M. to December 15, 1998, 5:00 P.M., National Institutes of Health, Natcher Building, Room 6AS37F, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, which was published in the **Federal Register** on November 30, 1998 (63 FR 65802).

This meeting is being amended to reflect meeting date and time change. The new date and time are December 22, 1998 at 2:00 P.M. until 5:00 P.M. The meeting is closed to the public.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Center for Scientific Review Advisory Committee.

The meeting will be open to the public, with attendance limited to space available. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the Contact Person listed below in advance of the meeting.

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Advisory Committee.

*Date:* January 11-12, 1999.

*Time:* 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM.

*Agenda:* Recent Experiments and Experiences in Streamlining the Peer Review Process.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 9000 Rockville Pike, Building 31C, Conference Room 6, Bethesda, MD 20892.

*Contact Person:* Samuel Joseloff, PHD, Executive Secretary, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3176, MSC 7768, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-0691.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.306, Comparative Medicine, 93.306; 93.333, Clinical Research, 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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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### Center for Scientific Review; 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 meetings.

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*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel

*Date:* December 23, 1998

*Time:* 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications

*Place:* NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call)

*Contact Person:* Paul K. Strudler, PHD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4100, MSC 7804, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1716

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*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel  
*Date:* December 24, 1998  
*Time:* 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM  
*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications

*Place:* NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call)  
*Contact Person:* J. Scott Osborne, PHD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4114, MSC 7816, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1782

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*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel  
*Date:* December 28, 1998  
*Time:* 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM  
*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications

*Place:* NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call)  
*Contact Person:* J. Scott Osborne, PHD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4114, MSC 7816, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1782

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Notice of Intent To Prepare a Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Associated National Environmental Policy Act Document for Antioch Dunes National Wildlife Refuge, Contra Costa County, California

**SUMMARY:** The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is preparing a Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document for Antioch Dunes National Wildlife Refuge. This notice advises the public that the Service intends to gather information necessary to prepare a CCP and environmental documents pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended, and NEPA. The public is invited to participate in the planning process. The Service is furnishing this notice in compliance with the Service CCP policy to advise other agencies and the public of our intentions, and obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues to include in the environmental documents.

**DATES:** To ensure that the Service has adequate time to evaluate and incorporate suggestions and other input into the planning process, comments should be received on or before January 29, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments or requests to be added to the mailing list to the following address: Planning Team Leader—Antioch Dunes NWR, California/Nevada Refuge Planning Office, US Fish and Wildlife Service, 2233 Watt Avenue, Sacramento, California, 95825.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Leslie Lew, Planning Team Leader, (916) 979-2085.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended, mandates that all lands within the National Wildlife Refuge System are to be managed in accordance with an approved CCP. The CCP will guide management decisions and identify refuge goals, long-range objectives, and management strategies for achieving refuge purposes. The planning process will consider many elements, including habitat and wildlife management, habitat protection, cultural resources protection, and environmental effects. Public input into this planning process is very important. The CCP will provide other agencies and the public with a clear

understanding of the desired conditions for the refuges and how the Service will implement management strategies.

The Service is soliciting information from the public via written comments. The Service will send out special mailings, newspaper articles, and announcements to people who are interested in the refuge. These mailings will provide information on how to participate in public involvement for the CCP. Comments received will be used to develop goals, key issues, and habitat management strategies. Additional opportunities for public participation will occur throughout the process, which is expected to be completed in late 1999. Data collection has been initiated to create computerized mapping, including vegetation, topography, habitat types and existing land uses.

The refuge was established to protect a unique riverine dune ecosystem and three endangered species. The 55 acres owned by the Service, along with the 12 acres owned by Pacific Gas and Electric that are adjacent to the refuge, support the last known natural populations of the Antioch dunes evening primrose, Contra Costa wallflower, and Lange's metalmark butterfly. The refuge was the first National Wildlife Refuge to be created to protect endangered plants and insects.

In the early 1900's, the isolated dune habitat in the delta began to experience a dramatic change as human development expanded. The easily-accessible sand was harvested to make bricks. Large-scale sand mining and industrial development fragmented the sand dune habitat until only a small portion of the original ecosystem remained. Non-native grasses and vegetation encroached on the sand dunes to crowd the few remaining endangered plants. By the time the refuge was established, only a few acres of remnant dune habitat supported the last natural populations of Antioch Dunes evening-primrose, Contra Costa wallflower, and Lange's metalmark butterfly. The refuge was open for public use until 1986 when it was closed to protect the plants from trampling and wildfire. The refuge consists of two units that are managed to prevent the extinction of these unique species. Intensive management has already resulted in the highest Lange's metalmark butterfly population in 20 years.

The refuge purpose is to conserve fish, wildlife, and plants which are listed as endangered or threatened species. (16 U.S.C. § 1534 (Endangered Species Act of 1973).