

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

[CA-360-1150-00]

Notice of Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Northwest California Resource Advisory Council, Redding, California.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the authorities in the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 94-463) and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (Public Law 94-579), the U.S. Bureau of Land Management's Northwest California Resource Advisory Council will meet Thursday and Friday, April 8 and 9, 1999, at the Redding Rancheria, 2000 Redding Rancheria Rd., Redding, CA.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting begins at 10 a.m., Thursday, April 8, in the multi-purpose room of the Redding Rancheria. Agenda items include recommended changes to the council charter, land exchanges, use of subgroups, an update on acquisition of the Headwaters Forest, and updates on the Knoxville Plan and Payne Ranch acquisition. Managers of the BLM Arcata, Redding and Ukiah field offices will also present reports. Time will be reserved at 1 p.m. for public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to speak, a time limit may be established.

On Friday, April 9, members will convene at 8 a.m. and depart for a field tour of public lands managed by the BLM's Redding Field Office. Members of the public are welcome on the tour, but they must provide their own transportation. The field tour and meeting will adjourn by noon.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Joseph J. Fontana, public affairs officer, at (530) 257-5381.

Joseph J. Fontana,

Public Affairs Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**National Park Service****Notification of Purchase and Conveyances of Lands and Wilderness Designation in Katmai National Park and Preserve, AK**

SUMMARY: This notice contains the legal descriptions of: (1) Lands and interests in land acquired by the United States

from the Heirs, Devisees and/or Assigns of Palakia Melgenak in the Brooks River area, Alaska; (2) lands conveyed by the United States to the Heirs, Devisees and/or Assigns of Palakia Melgenak in the Savonoski River area, Alaska; (3) lands designated and made part of the National Wilderness Preservation System in the Geographic Harbor area, Alaska. All the above lands lie within Katmai National Park and Preserve. The above actions are authorized by section 135 of Public Law 105-277.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 135 of Public Law 105-277 authorizes the purchase by the United States of certain lands and interests in land, a certain conveyance of land by the United States, and inclusion of certain lands in the National Wilderness Preservation System, and directs the Secretary of the Interior to publish legal descriptions of all such lands in the **Federal Register**. Such legal descriptions are provided below.

(1) Lands or interests in land acquired by the United States from the Heirs, Devisees and/or Assigns of Palakia Melgenak:

Lot (1) of Dependent Resurvey and Subdivision of U.S. Survey No. 7623, dated November 17, 1998, Third Judicial District, Kvichak Recording District, State of Alaska. Containing 47.53 acres.

Lots Two (2) and Three (3) of Dependent Resurvey and Subdivision of U.S. Survey No. 7623, dated November 17, 1998, Third Judicial District, Kvichak Recording District, State of Alaska. (Conservation Easement). Containing 20.43 acres.

(2) Land conveyed by the United States to the Heirs, Devisees and/or Assigns of Palakia Melgenak:

U.S. Survey No. 12483, Third Judicial District, Kvichak Recording District, State of Alaska. Containing 9.99 acres.

(3) Lands designated as wilderness as part of the National Wilderness Preservation System and added to the Katmai Wilderness as designated by section 701(4) of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 1132 note):

A strip of land approximately one half mile long and 165 feet wide lying within Section 1, Township 24 South, Range 33 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska, the center line of which is the center of the unnamed stream from its mouth at Geographic Harbor to the north line of said Section 1. Said unnamed stream flows from the unnamed lake located in Sections 25 and 36, Township 23 South, Range 33 West, Seward Meridian. This strip of land contains approximately 10 acres.

Additionally, legal descriptions and maps have been made available for public inspection at the National Park Service offices in Anchorage, King Salmon and Kodiak, Alaska.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chief, Land Resources Program Center, Alaska Region, National Park Service, 2525 Gambell Street, Room 107, Anchorage, Alaska 99503 (Phone: 907-257-2584).

Judith Gottlieb,

Acting Regional Director, Alaska Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Reclamation**

[FES 99-9]

Development of a Wetlands Park in Las Vegas Wash in Clark County, Nevada

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of a final environmental impact statement (FEIS).

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) and the Clark County Parks and Recreation have prepared a FEIS on potential impacts from the proposed Wetlands Park in Las Vegas Wash, Clark County, Nevada. Reclamation's involvement stems from a request for a lease for the wetlands park.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the FEIS are available for public inspection and review at the following locations:

- Bureau of Reclamation, Program Analysis Office, Room 7456, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240; telephone: (202) 208-4662.
- Bureau of Reclamation, Denver Office Library, Building 67, Room 167, Denver Federal Center, 6th and Kipling, Denver, CO 80225; telephone: (303) 236-6963.
- Bureau of Reclamation, Lower Colorado Region, Park Street and Nevada Highway, Boulder City, Nevada 89006-1470; telephone: (702) 293-8698.
- Clark County Department Parks and Recreation, 2601 East Sunset Road, Las Vegas, NV 89120; telephone: (702) 455-8287.

• Copies of the FEIS will be available for inspection at local libraries. All those who commented on the Draft EIS or gave presentations at the Public Hearing will receive a copy of the FEIS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Del Kidd, Bureau of Reclamation, Lower Colorado Region, P.O. Box 61470,

Boulder City, NV 89006-1470, telephone: (702) 293-8698, or Mr. Bruce Sillitoe, Department of Parks and Recreation, 2601 East Sunset Road, Las Vegas, NV 89120, telephone: (702) 455-8287.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed project is a Wetlands Park (Park) along a 7 mile reach of Las Vegas Wash in southeastern Nevada, in portions of Whitney and the City of Henderson, and unincorporated portions of Clark County, Nevada. The Park is proposed by the Clark County Department of Parks and Recreation. Portions of the Park will be constructed on lands administered by Reclamation. Because Reclamation lands are involved in this proposal, National Environmental Policy Act compliance is required. Also, because Reclamation lands are involved, it was agreed that Reclamation would be the lead agency for NEPA compliance.

In 1991, Nevada residents approved, by ballot, a wildlife and park bond earmarking \$13.3 million for the wetlands park project in Las Vegas Wash.

A critical need for the Las Vegas Wash is to control erosion. Flows in the upper reaches of the Wash and its tributaries are intermittent and occur primarily during storms. Flows in the lower reaches are primarily from treated wastewater effluent. The water from these two areas is ultimately discharged into Lake Mead. As urban development continues throughout the Las Vegas Valley, the amount of impervious surface area and subsequent stormwater runoff will increase. The increase in wastewater flows and stormwater runoff have accelerated erosion and channelization. In the last 15 years, wetlands have been reduced by approximately 400 acres. This erosion has resulted in 4 to 5 million cubic yards of sediment being deposited in Lake Mead.

In addition to no action, four alternatives are addressed in the FEIS: Conservation, Recreation, Full Development, Integrated Alternative. The Conservation Alternative primary purpose would be to protect and enhance wildlife habitat. The Recreation Alternative primary purpose would be to create a full range of recreation activities and wildlife viewing opportunities for people of all abilities. The Full Development Alternative primary purpose would be to develop the area as a major environmental and recreational resource that emphasizes the enhancement of natural resources, recreational development, and major facilities for education and for large

numbers of visitors. The Integrated Alternative (preferred alternative) primary purpose would be for an environmental and recreational resource that emphasized habitat enhancement, and recreational/educational facilities for visitors.

A variety of impacts were addressed; among these were the following: geology, air quality, hydrology, water quality, biological resources, land use, transportation, noise, cultural resources, health & safety, and visual resources.

There are two major areas of controversy: sediment quality and water use.

The Draft EIS was issued July 2, 1997. Comments received from interested organizations and individuals on the Draft EIS were addressed in the FEIS. No decision will be made on the proposed action until 30 days after the release of the FEIS. After the 30-day waiting period, Reclamation will complete a Record of Decision. This document will present the action that will be implemented and will discuss all factors leading to the decision.

Dated: February 18, 1999.

Deanna Miller,

Director, Resource Management Office.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Agency Form Submitted for OMB Review

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: In accordance with the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Commission has submitted a request for approval of questionnaires to the Office of Management and Budget for review.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 26, 1999.

PURPOSE OF INFORMATION COLLECTION:

The forms are for use by the Commission in connection with investigation No. 332-404, Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether (MTBE): Conditions Affecting the Domestic Industry, instituted under the authority of section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1332(g)). This investigation was requested by the United States Trade Representative (USTR). The Commission expects to deliver the results of its investigation to the USTR by September 23, 1999.

Summary of Proposal

(1) *Number of forms submitted:* one.

(2) *Title of form:* Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether (MTBE): Conditions Affecting the Domestic Industry—Questionnaire for U.S. Producers and Purchasers/Importers.

(3) *Type of request:* new.

(4) *Frequency of use:* Producer/Purchaser questionnaire, single data gathering, scheduled for 1999.

(5) *Description of respondents:* U.S. firms which produce or purchase/import MTBE.

(6) *Estimated number of respondents:* 32 (Producers and/or purchasers).

(7) *Estimated total number of hours to complete the forms:* 6 hours.

(8) Information obtained from the form that qualifies as confidential business information will be so treated by the Commission and not disclosed in a manner that would reveal the individual operations of a firm.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copies of the forms and supporting documents may be obtained from Elizabeth R. Nesbitt, Project Leader (telephone no. 202-205-3355), or Christopher Robinson, Deputy Project Leader (telephone no. 202-205-2334). Comments about the proposals should be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Room 10102 (Docket Library), Washington, DC 20503, ATTENTION: Docket Librarian. All comments should be specific, indicating which part of the questionnaire is objectionable, describing the concern in detail, and including specific suggested revisions or language changes. Copies of any comments should be provided to Robert Rogowsky, Director, Office of Operations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436, who is the Commission's designated Senior Official under the Paperwork Reduction Act.

Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting our TDD terminal (telephone no. 202-205-1810). General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>).

Issued: March 4, 1999.

By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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