

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Indian Affairs****Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Cabazon Section 6 General Plan, Cabazon Indian Reservation, Indio, California**

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for a proposed general plan and master lease of approximately 590 acres held in trust by the federal government for the Cabazon Band of Mission Indians in Riverside County, California, is now available for public review and comment. The DEIS, prepared by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) in cooperation with the Cabazon Band of Mission Indians, describes a proposed resource recovery park and industrial area for the recycling, reuse and transformation of various types of waste. A description of the proposed project location and of the environmental issues addressed in the DEIS follow as supplementary information. This notice also announces a public hearing, to be co-hosted by the BIA and the Cabazon Band, to receive public comments on the DEIS.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before August 27, 1999. Please put the following caption on the first page of all correspondence: "DEIS Comments, Cabazon Section 6 General Plan, Cabazon Indian Reservation, Indio, California." The public hearing will be on July 21, 1999, from 6 to 8 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Ronald M. Jaeger, Area Director, Sacramento Area Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California 95825-1846. The public hearing will be held at the Cabazon Band Council Chambers, 84245 Indio Springs Drive, Indio, California.

The DEIS is available for review at the Cabazon Band of Mission Indians' Administrative Offices, 84245 Indio Springs Drive, Indio, California 92203. To obtain a copy of the DEIS, please write or call William Allan, Environmental Protection Specialist, Sacramento Area Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California 95825-1846, telephone (916) 979-2575, extension 254.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Allan (916) 979-2575, extension 254.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed action is to approve (1) a general plan of development, called the Cabazon Resource Recovery Park (CRRP), for the majority of Section 6, and (2) a master lease of the land from the Cabazon Band of Mission Indians to a tribally-owned corporation. Section 6 is located in the Coachella Valley, California, approximately one mile northwest of the unincorporated town of Mecca. It is characterized by smooth topography, ranging in elevation from 180 feet below to 146 feet below mean sea level. Section 6 is adjacent on its west and south sides to the Coachella Valley Enterprise Zone, a 27,000 acre area established by the California State Legislature to create jobs and economic development.

The industrial and commercial facilities planned for the CRRP will be environmentally responsible industries which individually and collectively implement practical solutions to a variety of environmental and waste management problems. The various types of facilities will be integrated such that the output of some would provide input to others, thus enhancing the overall efficiency and effectiveness both of waste management and manufacturing projects.

Existing facilities and those in development or proposed are as follows: (1) biomass power plant, (2) bio-solids recycling plant, (3) contaminated soil recycling plant, (4) tire recycling and re-manufacturing plant, (5) nickel wire recycling and manufacturing plant, (6) waste food and green waste recycling facility, (7) aquaculture facility, (8) materials recovery facility, (9) metals reclamation facility, (10) gasification facility, (11) catalytic converter, platinum recovery facility, (12) construction and demolition materials recovery facility, (13) fuels and chemicals storage and distribution facility, (14) used oil recovery refinery, (15) plant making speciality glass products from reclaimed glass, (16) hazardous waste and hazardous commodity processing and transfer facility, and (17) associated supporting infrastructure (rail yards, sewage treatment, etc.). The CRRP project will meet all applicable environmental standards and regulations.

The DEIS addresses the issues identified during scoping. An earlier version of the DEIS was issued on June 12, 1998 (63 FR 32238), but withdrawn on January 15, 1999 (64 FR 2657). Comments received on the earlier version were treated as comments on scoping. Alternatives to the proposed project that are considered in the DEIS include the no action alternative and a

reduced project, which is the preferred alternative. The environmental issues addressed in the DEIS include land and water resources, air quality, living resources, cultural and socioeconomic resources, land use, traffic, noise, public safety and health, and visual resources.

This notice is published in accordance with section 1503.1 of the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500 through 1508), implementing the procedural requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), and the Department of the Interior Manual (516 DM 1-6), and is in the exercise of authority delegated to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.

Dated: June 21, 1999.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Indian Affairs****Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed High Mesa Environmental Facility on the Pueblo of Nambe, Santa Fe County, New Mexico**

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the proposed approval of a lease of approximately 100 acres held in trust by the federal government for the Pueblo of Nambe in Santa Fe County, New Mexico, is now available for public review and comment. The FEIS, prepared by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), describes the High Mesa Environmental Facility, proposed for construction and operation on the leased land. The facility would receive construction and demolition (C&W) waste and municipal solid waste (MSW) from the Pueblo of Nambe and the surrounding area. A description of the proposed project location and of the environmental issues addressed in the FEIS follow as supplementary information.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before July 26, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Allen Sedik, Environmental Scientist, Albuquerque Area Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, P.O. Box 26567, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87125-6567.

Copies of the FEIS may be obtained from Allen Sedik at the above address, or by calling (505) 346-7109. The FEIS is also available for review at this address, and at four other locations, as follows: Pueblo of Nambe, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Route 1, Box 117-BB, Pueblo of Nambe, New Mexico 87501; Allen Clark, Reference Services, Albuquerque Public Library, 501 Copper Avenue NW, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102; Bambi Adams, Reference Services, Santa Fe Public Library, 145 Washington Avenue, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501; and Espanola Public Library, 314-A Onate Street, Espanola, New Mexico 87532.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Allen Sedik, (505) 346-7109.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed action would lease 100 acres of the Pueblo of Nambe to High Mesa Environmental LLC for the purposes of constructing and operating a combined MSW and C&D waste facility for a variety of nonhazardous wastes. Approximately 200 to 400 tons per day of waste material would be delivered to the facility by truck. The purpose of the action is to help meet the northern New Mexico Pueblos' solid waste management needs, and to provide a foundation for economic development for the Pueblo of Nambe.

The proposed project includes an initial C&D-only waste cell, with an operations area and a site well. The facility will ultimately include five additional lined cells for combined MSW and C&D waste, two collection ponds, monitoring wells, a leachate evaporation pond, and offsite roadway improvements. The project will meet all applicable environmental standards and regulations.

The project area is in the central portion of the Espanola Basin, part of the Alamosa-Santa Fe segment of the Rio Grande rift, 17 miles northwest of Santa Fe, New Mexico. It is an isolated site located three miles from the Pueblo proper, with no infrastructure such as water, power, or roads. The terrain in this area is steep and mostly clay, with little to no vegetation. The area is considered badlands.

Alternatives to the proposed project that are considered in the FEIS include: (1) Limited development; (2) use of an old landfill site; (3) alternate sites on the Pueblo of Nambe; (4) alternate sites off of the Pueblo; (5) use of the site for recreation; (6) use of the site for agriculture; and (7) no action. The environmental issues addressed in the FEIS include geology, topography, soils, water resources, air quality, living

resources, cultural resources, traffic, land use, visual resources, socioeconomic, public health and safety, and noise.

Public participation in the preparation of this FEIS consisted of a public scoping meeting on September 25, 1997, plus two public meetings, one on March 17, and the other on April 21, 1998, to inform the public about the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and provide participants an opportunity for comment. The public was also afforded a 60-day period for comment on the DEIS. The availability of the DEIS for comment for this period was published in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 16569, April 3, 1998), the Rio Grande Sun, and the Santa Fe New Mexican.

This notice is published in accordance with section 1503.1 of the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500 through 1508), implementing the procedural requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), and the Department of the Interior Manual (516 DM 1-6), and is in the exercise of authority delegated to the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.

Dated: June 21, 1999.

Michael J. Anderson,

Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

Notice of availability of Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Ray Land Exchange/Plan Amendment

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability, Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)/Plan Amendment.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Arizona State Office and Tucson Field Office, in response to a land exchange proposal from ASARCO Incorporated (Asarco) has prepared a FEIS in compliance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, as amended (FLPMA), the Federal Land Exchange Facilitation Act, and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. The land exchange FEIS is combined with a proposed plan amendment to change the Phoenix and Safford District Resource Management Plans (RMPs)

under BLM planning regulations (43 CFR 1600) for the purpose of exchanging public lands pursuant to Section 206 of FLPMA. Asarco has proposed to exchange 10,976 acres of federal lands or minerals in Pinal and Gila counties for 7,300 acres of private lands in Mohave and Pinal counties. The FEIS analyzes four alternatives. A plan amendment is required for all but 637 acres since prior land tenure decisions were to retain these parcels or mineral estate in federal ownership.

DATES: This Notice initiates a 30-day comment period for the FEIS and a 30-day protest period for the proposed plan amendment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shela McFarlin, Project Manager, BLM, Arizona State Office, 222 N. Central, Phoenix, AZ 85004, or by telephone (602) 417-9568.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description of the Proposed Action.

Public lands (in Pinal and Gila counties) analyzed for exchange include federal mineral estate (2,780 acres) and federal surface and mineral estate (8,196 acres). Most parcels surround the Ray Mine and Hayden Complex operated by Asarco; or, these consist of future prospects for mineral development or support, including 637 acres near Casa Grande. The 7,300 acres of non-federal lands offered to the BLM include high resource values such as: inholdings or adjacent lands to the Mt. Tipton Wilderness and Sacramento Valley Wilderness; riparian zones along the Gila River and Big Sandy River; occupied habitat for the southwestern willow flycatcher, American peregrine falcon and bald eagle; proposed critical habitat for cactus ferruginous pygmy owl; desert tortoise category I and II habitat; and, checkerboard inholdings within the McCracken Area of Critical Environmental Concern. These parcels are located within Mohave (mainly) and Gila counties.

Alternatives Analyzed

Four alternatives are analyzed in the FEIS. The Proposed Action (Agency Preferred Alternative) would exchange 10,976 acres of public lands or mineral estate for 7,300 acres of private, would provide for continuing public access through the White Canyon-Copper Butte area, and result in a donation of 480 acres along Walnut Creek (if Asarco is successful in purchasing this parcel from the state of Arizona). Under the Buckeye Alternative, the exchange would consist only of 10,176 acres of public lands or minerals for 6,659 acres of offered lands and continued public access. The Copper Butte Alternative