

interpretation. Some facilities would be rehabilitated or expanded, modest developments would be added at some sites to meet requirements, and some historic structures would be adaptively used. The site-by-site proposed action varies with the site. The DEIS evaluates the potential environmental impacts associated with the strategies comprising the three alternatives. The official responsible for a decision on the proposed action is the Field Director, Pacific West Area, National Park Service.

Dated: October 4, 1996.

William C. Walters,  
Deputy Field Director, Pacific West Area,  
National Park Service.

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### Notice of Public Meeting

The National Park Service is seeking public comments and suggestions on the planning of the 1996 Christmas Pageant of Peace, which opens December 5 on the Ellipse (Presidents Park), south of the White House.

A public meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m., October 21, 1996, in Room 234 of the National Park Service's National Capital Area Building at 1100 Ohio Drive, SW., in East Potomac Park.

Persons who would like to comment at the meeting should notify the National Park Service by October 18, 1996, by calling the Office of Public Affairs between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays at (202) 619-7176. Persons who cannot attend the meeting may submit written comments to the Public Affairs Office, National Capital Area, 1100 Ohio Drive, SW., Room 107, Washington, D.C. 20242. Written comments will be accepted until October 25, 1996.

Dated: September 26, 1996.

Terry R. Carlstrom,  
Acting Field Director, National Capital Area.  
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### Notice of Inventory Completion of Native American Human Remains from the State of Hawaii in the Possession of the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, Philadelphia, PA

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.  
ACTION: Notice.

Notice is hereby given in accordance with provisions of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 25 U.S.C. 3003 (d), of the completion of

the inventory of human remains from the State of Hawaii in the possession of the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, Philadelphia, PA.

A detailed inventory and assessment of these human remains has been made by University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology professional staff and representatives of Hui Malama I Na Kupuna 'O Hawai'i Nei.

All the human remains listed in this notice are in the control of the Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia. In 1936, the Academy placed these human remains on indefinite loan to the University of Pennsylvania Museum. The Academy has authorized the University of Pennsylvania Museum to repatriate these human remains, pursuant to NAGPRA. There are no funerary objects associated with these remains. No known individuals were identified.

In 1893, Dr. J. M. Whitney collected the remains of an unknown number of individuals from a lava cave on the island of Hawai'i. Of these, twenty eight were presented to the Academy at an unknown date by Dr. C.N. Peirce. Of these, twenty four individuals (UPMAA catalogue numbers L-606-1749 through 1768, L-606-1770, L-606-1772, L-606-1773, and L-606-1775) have been identified and inventoried by the University of Pennsylvania Museum and are covered by this notice.

In 1893, Professors Benjamin Sharp and William Libbey collected the remains of an unknown number of individuals at Kipukai, Kauai. Of these, nineteen were presented to the Academy by Professors Sharp and Libbey in 1894-1895. All nineteen of these human remains (L-606-2087 through 2096, and L-606-2179 through 2187) have been identified and inventoried by the University of Pennsylvania Museum and are covered by this notice.

Prior to 1849, Dr. William S. Ruschenberger collected the remains of three individuals (L-606-564, L-606-565 and L-606-566) on the island of O'ahu. Accession records indicate that the remains, " \* \* \* were presented to Dr. Ruschenberger by a chief of the Sandwich Islands, Dr. R. having solicited them for scientific purposes." Prior to 1849, Dr. John K. Townsend collected the remains of one individual (L-606-695) on the island of O'ahu. The human remains collected on O'ahu by Drs. Ruschenberger and Townsend were purchased by the Academy from the Estate of Dr. Samuel G. Morton in 1853. In 1873, William H. Jones, M.D., U.S.N., U.S.S. Portsmouth, collected the

remains of twelve individuals from "old burying grounds on the plains of Wimanalo, O'ahu." The remains of nine individuals collected by Dr. Jones in the Hawaiian Islands are listed in the Academy ledgers as having been presented to the Academy at an unknown date. Of these, five (L-606-1998 through 2002) have been identified and inventoried by the University of Pennsylvania Museum and are covered by this notice. At an unknown date the remains of one individual (L-606-1567) were collected on O'ahu. In 1900 Professor Benjamin Sharp donated these remains to the Academy. At an unknown date A. M. Owen, M.D., U.S.N., U.S. Sloop St. Mary, collected the remains of three individuals (L-606-1861, L-606-1862, and L-606-2161) on O'ahu. In 1872, Dr. Owen donated these remains to the Academy.

In 1846, Lieutenant I. G. Strain, U.S.N., collected the remains of one individual (L-606-1300) in the Hawaiian Islands. Prior to 1849, Dr. John K. Townsend collected the remains of one individual (L-606-572) in the Hawaiian Islands. These human remains were purchased by the Academy from the Estate of Dr. Samuel G. Morton in 1853. In 1879, Miss E.S. Boyd donated the remains of one individual (L-606-1863) collected in the Hawaiian Islands to the Academy. At an unknown date, W.M. Gabb donated the remains of one individual (L-606-1872) collected in the Hawaiian Islands to the Academy. At an unknown date, the remains of one individual (L-606-1864) collected in the Hawaiian Islands were donated to the Academy by an unknown person. At an unknown date Captain Waterman collected the remains of one individual (L-606-2003) in the Hawaiian Islands. At an unknown date Captain Waterman presented these remains to the Academy.

Based on the above information, officials of University of Pennsylvania Museum have determined, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.2 (d)(1), that the human remains listed above represent the physical remains of sixty two individuals of Native American ancestry. Officials of the University of Pennsylvania Museum have determined pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001 (2) that there is a relationship of shared group identity which can be reasonably traced between the twenty four human remains catalogued as L-606-1749 through 1768, L-606-1770, L-606-1772, L-606-1773, and L-606-1775, and present-day members of Hui Malama I Na Kupuna 'O Hawai'i Nei, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and the Hawai'i Island Burial Council. Officials of the University of Pennsylvania Museum have determined

pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001 (2) that there is a relationship of shared group identity which can be reasonably traced between the nineteen human remains catalogued as L-606-2087 through 2096, and L-606-2179 through 2187, and present-day members of Hui Malama I Na Kupuna 'O Hawai'i Nei, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and the Kauai/Nihau Island Burial Council. Officials of the University of Pennsylvania Museum have determined pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001 (2) that there is a relationship of shared group identity which can be reasonably traced between the thirteen human remains catalogued as L-606-564, L-606-565, L-606-566, L-606-695, L-606-1567, L-606-1861 through 1862, L-606-2161, and L-606-1998 through 2002 and present-day members of Hui Malama I Na Kupuna 'O Hawai'i Nei, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and the O'ahu Burial Committee. Officials of the University of Pennsylvania Museum have determined pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001 (2) that there is a relationship of shared group identity which can be reasonably traced between the six human remains catalogued as L-606-1300, L-606-1863, L-606-1864, L-606-1872, L-606-572, and L-606-2003 and present-day members of Hui Malama I Na Kupuna 'O Hawai'i Nei, and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

This notice has been sent to Hui Malama I Na Kupuna 'O Hawai'i Nei, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, the Hawai'i Island Burial Council, the O'ahu Burial Committee, and the Kauai/Nihau Island Burial Council. Representatives of any other Native Hawaiian organization which believes itself to be culturally affiliated with these human remains should contact Dr. Jeremy A. Sabloff, the Charles K. Williams II Director, the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, 33rd and Spruce Streets, Philadelphia PA 19104-6324, telephone: (215) 898-4051, fax: (215) 898-0657, before November 14, 1996. Repatriation of the human remains to Hui Malama I Na Kupuna 'O Hawai'i Nei, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, the Hawai'i Island Burial Council, the O'ahu Burial Committee, and the Kauai/Nihau Island Burial Council as stated above may begin after that date if no additional claimants come forward.

Dated: October 9, 1996,

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## Bureau of Reclamation

### Option and Lease Agreement Among the Ak-Chin Indian Community, the United States, and Del Webb Corporation, Maricopa County, AZ

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice to prepare an environmental assessment and notice of public scoping meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, and the Council on Environmental Quality's Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) proposes to prepare a draft environmental assessment (EA) for approval of the provision of leased settlement water under an option and lease agreement among the Ak-Chin Indian Community, the United States, and the Del Webb Corporation. Reclamation is initiating early scoping for the proposed EA and will be conducting a scoping meeting. Reclamation intends that this scoping meeting be used to serve as public scoping for preparation of an environmental impact statement (EIS), should it be determined that one is required.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments may be sent to Mr. Bruce D. Ellis, Chief, Environmental Resource Management Division, Phoenix Area Office, Bureau of Reclamation, P.O. Box 9980, Phoenix, AZ 85068-0980. The scoping meeting will be held at New River Elementary School, 48827 North Black Canyon Highway, New River, AZ.

**DATES:** The scoping meeting to solicit comments on the contents of the EA will be November 2, 1996, at 10:00 a.m. To ensure consideration in the environmental analysis, the comments should be received by Mr. Ellis no later than November 9, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Sandra Eto, Environmental Resource Management Division, Phoenix Area Office, Bureau of Reclamation, P.O. Box 9980, Phoenix, Arizona 85068-0980; telephone (602) 870-6771.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Ak-Chin Indian Community has agreed to lease between 6,000 and 10,000 acre-feet per year of water to the Del Webb Corporation (Del Webb). Del Webb plans to construct a 9-mile long water delivery pipeline from Waddell Canal to Villages at Desert Hills (Villages) project, a proposed 5,661-acre future master planned community. The location of Villages is approximately 3 miles north

of Carefree Highway and 7 miles east of Lake Pleasant on Interstate 17 in Maricopa County, Arizona.

Reclamation approved categorical exclusion No. PXAO-95-9 in December of 1994 for the Option and Lease Agreement Among the Ak-Chin Indian Community, the United States, and Del Webb Corporation according to Exclusion Category 9.4.D.14. The Categorical Exclusion indicated, however, that "[t]he environmental impacts which will result from the Secretary's approval of the option and lease agreement are not clear at this time since Del Webb has not yet finalized its plans for taking and using the leased settlement water." Del Webb has developed its plans for taking and using the leased settlement water. Reclamation has determined an EA should be prepared to determine whether a Finding of No Significant Impact is appropriate or if an EIS needs to be prepared.

The EA will describe the environmental consequences that would result from the delivery of leased settlement water. Reclamation plans to focus on impacts associated with construction of a water delivery pipeline and treatment plant. The EA will evaluate in detail the proposed action and will discuss alternative pipeline alignments that were considered but rejected from detailed consideration. Key issues to be addressed in the EA will include:

- Biological resource effects, including loss of desert habitat, impacts on plant and wildlife species, and special status species effects;
- Historic and prehistoric cultural resource effects;
- Hydrology, water quality and soils effects;
- Air quality and noise effects;
- Traffic and circulation effects; and
- Land use and aesthetic effects.

The EA will also evaluate indirect effects of the proposed action. In addition, the EA will include a No-Action Alternative. The No-Action Alternative represents the conditions that are assumed to exist in the absence of the Federal action, and provides a basis for comparison with the proposed action. Del Webb has identified alternative water supply options that could be used in the absence of the leased settlement water. Based on this information, Reclamation assumes development of the Villages project will occur in the absence of the proposed action.

Reclamation is circulating this notice for preparation of an EA and early scoping because of considerable public interest and the need to ensure that all