

Contact Person: Dr. Kevin Callahan, Scientific Review Adm., 6003 Executive Boulevard, Solar Bldg., Room 4C20, Bethesda, MD 20892-7610, (301) 496-8424.

Purpose/Agenda: To evaluate grant applications.

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

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Programs Nos. 93.855, Immunology, Allergic and Immunologic Diseases Research; 93.856, Microbiology and Infectious Diseases Research, National Institute of Health.)

Dated: February 26, 1996.

Susan K. Feldman,

Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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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: Behavioral and Neurosciences.

Date: March 14, 1996.

Time: 10 a.m.

Place: Holiday Inn, Bethesda, MD.

Contact Person: Dr. Herman Teitelbaum, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5190, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435-1254.

Name of SEP: Clinical Sciences.

Date: March 20, 1996.

Time: 10 a.m.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Room 4218, Telephone Conference.

Contact Person: Dr. Shirley Hilden, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4218, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435-1198.

Name of SEP: Behavioral and Neurosciences.

Date: March 25, 1996.

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: Holiday Inn, Bethesda, MD.

Contact Person: Dr. Lillian Pubs, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5184, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435-1255.

Name of SEP: Biological and Physiological Sciences.

Date: March 26-27, 1996.

Time: 8 a.m.

Place: The Courtyard by Marriott, Rockville, MD.

Contact Person: Dr. Gilbert Meier, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4200, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435-1219.

Name of SEP: Biological and Physiological Sciences.

Date: March 28, 1996.

Time: 8 a.m.

Place: American Inn, Bethesda, MD.

Contact Person: Dr. Nicholas Mazarella, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5128, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435-1018.

Name of SEP: Behavioral and Neurosciences.

Date: March 29, 1996.

Time: 9 a.m.

Place: Holiday Inn, Chevy Chase, MD.

Contact Person: Dr. Jane Hu, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5158, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435-1245.

Name of SEP: Biological and Physiological Sciences.

Date: April 15, 1996.

Time: 10 a.m.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Room 5200, Telephone Conference.

Contact Person: Dr. Robert Weller, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5200, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435-1259.

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

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.306, 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)

Dated: February 23, 1996.

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Division of Research Grants; Amended Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given of a change in the meeting April 9-10, 1996, 8:30 a.m., ANA Hotel, Washington, DC, of the Oral Biology and Medicine Study Section (1), which was published in the Federal Register on February 9, 1996 (61 28 FR 5006).

This meeting has been changed to March 27-28, 1996, Holiday Inn Old Town, Alexandria, Virginia. As previously announced the meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. and is closed to the public.

Dated: February 23, 1996.

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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: Biological and Physiological Sciences.

Date: March 21-22, 1996.

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Ramada Inn, Rockville, Maryland.

Contact Person: Dr. Anthony D. Carter, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5108, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435-1167.

Name of SEP: Clinical Sciences.

Date: March 27, 1996.

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: Holiday Inn, Bethesda, Maryland.

Contact Person: Dr. Gertrude McFarland, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4110, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435-1784.

Name of SEP: Chemistry and Related Sciences.

Date: March 28, 1996.

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Room 4176, Telephone Conference.

Contact Person: Dr. Mike Radtke, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4176, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435-1728.

Name of SEP: Biological and Physiological Sciences.

Date: April 1, 1996.

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Room 5124, Telephone Conference.

Contact Person: Dr. Everett Sinnott, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5124, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435-1016.

Name of SEP: Biological and Physiological Sciences.

Date: April 4, 1996.

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Room 5124, Telephone Conference.

Contact Person: Dr. Everett Sinnott, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5124, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435-1016.

Name of SEP: Chemistry and Related Sciences.

Date: April 10, 1996.

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Room 4154, Telephone Conference.

Contact Person: Dr. Gopa Rakhit, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive,

Room 4154, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435-1721.

The meetings will be closed in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5, U.S.C. Applications and/or proposals and the discussions could reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material and personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications and/or proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.306, 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 THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Application

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

Notice of Availability of the Final Joint Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on the proposed issuance of an incidental take permit for the endangered Stephens' Kangaroo Rat (SKR) in Western Riverside County, California. The Record of Decision will be published no sooner than 30 days from this notice.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the Final Joint EIS/EIR on the application to incidentally take SKR is available for public review. The Riverside County Habitat Conservation Agency (RCHCA) has applied to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) for a 30-year Incidental Take Permit pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act. Publication of the Record of Decision and issuance of the permit will occur no sooner than 30 days from this notice. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10 of the Act and the National Environmental Policy Act Regulations (40 CFR 1506.6). **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Pete Sorensen, Endangered Species Division, Chief, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Carlsbad Field Office, 2730 Loker Ave. West, Carlsbad, California 92008, (619) 431-9440).

Individuals wishing copies of this Final EIS/EIR should immediately

contact the RCHCA at (909) 275-1100. Documents will be available for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday) at the RCHCA, 4080 Lemon Street, 12th Floor, Riverside, California, 92501. Documents will also be available for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours (8 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday) at the Service Office at the above referenced address and telephone. A letter announcing availability of the Final Joint EIS/EIR has been sent to all agencies and parties who previously received notice of availability of the Draft EIS/EIR, and/or who requested a copy of the Draft EIS/EIR or commented on the Draft EIS/EIR.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Service listed the SKR as an endangered species, on October 31, 1988 (53 FR 38485), under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). Under the Act, no person may harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture or collect the species, or attempt to engage in such conduct (16 USC 1538). The Service, however, may issue permits to conduct activities involving endangered species under certain circumstances, including carrying out scientific purposes, enhancing the propagation or survival of the species, or incidentally taking the species in connection with otherwise lawful activities. Regulations governing permits are in 50 CFR 17.22, 17.23, and 17.32.

The RCHCA presently has a short-term 10(a)(1)(B) permit from the Service to incidentally take SKR's in connection with various proposed public and private projects in the western portion of Riverside County. Under the program established through this interim permit, SKR habitat in public and private ownership is being acquired and managed for the long-term benefit of the species. Acquisition of private lands is funded in part from mitigation fees collected by the RCHCA as developments proceed. As intended when the interim permit was granted in August 1990, the RCHCA is applying to the Service for a 30-year incidental take permit for the same purposes. The area covered by the proposed 30-year permit will include much of the historical range of the SKR in Riverside County and will allow development to proceed on 15,000 acres of occupied SKR habitat. The permit application was received on April 14, 1995, and was accompanied by the Long-term SKR Habitat Conservation Plan that details

proposed measures to minimize, monitor, and mitigate impacts of the proposed take of SKR.

The applicants propose to minimize and mitigate the impacts of take by ensuring that the seven proposed Core Reserves are established by completing the acquisitions and securing the remaining agreements necessary to conserve the remaining private lands in those reserves. The habitat within the reserves will be conserved by restricting any take within the Core Reserves. To help manage the reserves the non-wasting endowments or equivalent annual funding sources will be established in the amount of \$6,000,600. Through cooperative agreements with BLM, the Core Reserves will be expanded to 15,000 acres of occupied SKR habitat.

The funding for the implementation of the plan will be provided through a combination of local, Federal and State contributions. Federal and State agencies will provide \$2.5 million in land acquisition funding and "in lieu" land management services, and a matching fund of \$1.6 million towards financing the plan. BLM will provide 10,700 acres of Federal land for exchange, which will then be sold to purchase an additional 2,500 acres of occupied SKR habitat adjacent to the current reserves. The State will provide partial management for the state lands at San Jacinto/Perris Core Reserve and through a cooperative effort with RCHCA try to reduce or eliminate the balance of management funds required for this reserve.

The underlying purpose or goal of the proposed action is to develop a program designed to ensure the continued existence of the species, while resolving potential conflicts that may arise from otherwise lawful private and public improvement projects.

Development of the Final EIS/EIR

This draft Joint EIS/EIR has been developed cooperatively by the Service, Carlsbad Field Office (lead agency); and the RCHCA.

In the development of this Final Joint EIS/EIR, the Service has initiated action to assure compliance with the purpose and intent of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended. Scoping activities were undertaken preparatory to developing the Draft EIS/EIR with a variety of Federal, State, and local entities. A Notice of Intent to prepare the EIS/EIR was published in the Federal Register on March 2, 1993.

The RCHCA's preparation of the long-term HCP has been on-going since the short-term permit was authorized. In