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Substantive program information may be obtained from the contact whose name and telephone number is listed below.

*Committee Name:* Drug Testing Advisory Board.

*Meeting Date:* December 8-9, 1997.

*Place:* DoubleTree Hotel, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland 20857.

*Open:* December 8, 1997, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

*Closed:* December 9, 1997, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

*Contact:* Donna M. Bush, Ph.D., Executive Secretary, Telephone: (301) 443-6014 and FAX: (301) 443-3031.

*Dated:* October 21, 1997.

**Dee Herman,**

*Acting Committee Management Officer, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4235-N-27]

### Federal Property Suitable as Facilities To Assist the Homeless

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This Notice identifies unutilized, underutilized, excess, and surplus Federal property reviewed by HUD for suitability for possible use to assist the homeless.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 31, 1997.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mark Johnston, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 7256, 451 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-1226; TDD number for the hearing- and speech-impaired (202) 708-2565, (these telephone numbers are not toll-free), or call the toll-free Title V information line at 1-800-927-7588.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the December 12, 1988 court order in *National Coalition for the Homeless v. Veterans Administration*, No. 88-2503-OG (D.D.C.), HUD publishes a Notice, on a weekly basis, identifying unutilized, underutilized, excess and surplus Federal buildings and real property that HUD has reviewed for suitability for use to assist the homeless. Today's Notice is for the purpose of announcing that no

additional properties have been determined suitable or unsuitable this week.

*Dated:* October 24, 1997.

**Fred Karnas, Jr.,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Economic Development.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4300-N-01]

### The Performance Review Board

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**ACTION:** Notice of appointments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Housing and Urban Development announces the appointments of Willie H. Gilmore, Maxine F. Griffith, Joseph F. Smith, and George L. Weidenfeller as members, and George S. Anderson as an alternate member to the Departmental Performance Review Board. The address is: Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington, D.C. 20410.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Persons desiring any further information about the Performance Review Board and its members may contact Earnestine Pruitt, Director, Executive Personnel Management Division, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington, D.C. 20410, telephone (202) 708-1381. (This is not a toll-free number.)

*Dated:* October 28, 1997.

**Andrew M. Cuomo,**

*Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Availability of an Environmental Assessment and Receipt of an Application From the City of La Mesa, California, for an Incidental Take Permit

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The City of La Mesa, California, has applied to the Fish and Wildlife Service for a 50-year permit to incidentally take the threatened coastal California gnatcatcher (*Poliophtila*

*californica californica*) and up to 84 other species pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act. Take would occur due to urban growth within the City of La Mesa. The application includes a Subarea Plan (City of La Mesa Subarea Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Community Conservation Plan) and an Implementing Agreement. The La Mesa Subarea Plan is intended to complement and be consistent with regional planning efforts under the approved Multiple Species Conservation Program for southwestern San Diego County, California. In response to the permit application, the Service has prepared an Environmental Assessment pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. This assessment and the permit application are available for public review and comment. The Service specifically requests comment on the appropriateness of the "No Surprises" assurances contained in the application (sections 9.4, 9.5, 9.6, 9.7, and 9.18 of the Implementing Agreement).

**DATES:** Written comments on the La Mesa Subarea Plan, Environmental Assessment, and Implementing Agreement should be received by the Service on or before December 1, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to Mr. Gail Kobetich, Field Supervisor, Fish and Wildlife Service, 2730 Loker Avenue West, Carlsbad, California 92008. Written comments may be sent by facsimile to (760) 431-9618.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Nancy Gilbert, Supervisory Fish and Wildlife Biologist, at the above address, telephone (760) 431-9440.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Availability of Documents

Persons wishing copies of the documents or additional background material should contact Mr. Brad Richter, Environmental Review Coordinator, City of La Mesa, Planning Department, 8130 Allison Avenue, La Mesa, California 91944-0937, telephone (619) 463-6611. Documents also will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, at the City of La Mesa Planning Department Office and at the Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Service Office (see **ADDRESSES**).

##### Background

Section 9 of the Endangered Species Act prohibits the taking of endangered and threatened species. Under limited circumstances, however, the Service may issue permits to take endangered and/or threatened species incidental to,

and not the purpose of otherwise lawful activities. Regulations governing permits for endangered and threatened species are at 50 CFR 17.22 and 17.32.

Under the proposed action, the Service would issue an incidental take permit for up to 85 species as described in the La Mesa Subarea Plan.

Approximately 122 of the 179 acres of undeveloped land within La Mesa would be developed, primarily within the proposed Eastridge subdivision. Project-level biological surveys would be required for all future development proposals that would result in loss of native habitats due to grading and development. The direct impacts to coastal sage scrub habitat and other sensitive vegetation communities and associated species would be mitigated through the acquisition of off-site, in-kind habitat at a 1:1 ratio for all upland habitats (except southern maritime chaparral, native grassland, and oak woodlands, which have not been identified within the City but would require in-kind mitigation at a 2:1 ratio if identified within an area to be impacted). Offsite habitat would be acquired within an identified preserve area, either in the City of Poway, California, consistent with the approved Poway Subarea Habitat Conservation Plan, or in another location as approved by the Service and California Department of Fish and Game. The La Mesa Subarea Plan is intended to be consistent with, and to complement, the Poway Subarea Plan and the regional Multiple Species Conservation Program plan (Regional Plan).

In July 1997, the Service approved the Regional Plan. This long-term plan was prepared by the City of San Diego and 11 other participating jurisdictions, including La Mesa. The Regional Plan covers an approximately 900-square-mile area (580,000 acres) of rapid growth within the highly urbanized setting of southwestern San Diego County. The Regional Plan establishes a mechanism for creation of an approximate 172,000-acre preserve system that would conserve numerous sensitive plant and animal species and their habitats.

The existing 179 acres of coastal sage scrub in La Mesa comprises 0.2 percent of the total coastal sage scrub mapped in the regional planning area. The habitat in La Mesa is not included in the planning area of the regional preserve system due to its size and isolated location. In this regional context, the habitat in La Mesa is not considered a core biological resource area or linkage.

The Environmental Assessment for the La Mesa permit application considers the effects to the human

environment of the proposed action and three alternatives. These alternatives include scenarios of no action, full development, and preservation of all undeveloped habitat within La Mesa.

Under the no action alternative, the Service would not issue an incidental take permit to the City of La Mesa for its Subarea Plan. Property owners in La Mesa would need to submit individual permit applications to the Service if proposed developments would result in take of endangered or threatened species. Potentially, all 179 acres of remaining habitat within the City could be developed over time. The result would be an uncoordinated and non-comprehensive approach to evaluating the resources within La Mesa.

Another alternative is issuing a permit to the City of La Mesa for incidental take associated with full rather than partial development of the Eastridge property. Loss of the remaining 179 acres of habitat within La Mesa would be mitigated offsite at a 1:1 ratio.

Under another alternative, all of the undeveloped habitat (179 acres) within the City of La Mesa would be preserved. No take of listed species would occur and no take authorizations would be issued.

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the Endangered species Act of 1973, as amended, and Service regulations for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (40 CFR 1506.6). All comments received will become part of the public record and may be released.

The Service will evaluate the application, associated documents, and comments submitted thereon to determine whether the application meets the requirements of the Endangered Species Act. A final decision on permit issuance will be made no sooner than 30 days from the date of this notice.

Dated: October 24, 1997.

**Thomas J. Dwyer,**

*Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Meeting and Field Trip

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting and Chesapeake Bay field trip.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the Fall 1997 Meeting of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force and a field trip related to nonindigenous species issues in the Chesapeake Bay. A number of topics will be addressed during the Task Force meeting, including: Administration Initiative on Non-Native Invasive Species; a meeting of Task Force principals and proposal on staffing and funding; Task Force policies regarding regional panels, membership, and committee establishment and membership; Task Force web site proposal and plans; proposal for two-tier ANS designation/control program; and a green crab control program proposal. In addition, updates will be provided on other nonindigenous species issues and activities, including those of the Task Force's Great Lakes on ANS and Western Regional Panel. The meeting is open to the public. Interested persons may make oral statements at the meetings or submit written statements for consideration. The public is welcome to participate in the Chesapeake Bay field trip.

**DATES:** The ANS Task Force will meet from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 13, 1997. The Chesapeake Bay field trip will begin at the Conference Center, Smithsonian Environmental Research Center, Edgewater, Maryland, at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, November 14, 1997, and conclude at the Inner Harbor, Baltimore, Maryland, by early afternoon.

**ADDRESSES:** The Task Force meeting will be held in the Conference Center of the USDA Center at Riverside, 4700 River Road, Riverdale, Maryland. The Chesapeake Bay field trip will leave from the Conference Center, Smithsonian Environmental Research Center, 647 Contees Wharf Road, Edgewater, Maryland, and conclude at the Inner Harbor, Baltimore, Maryland.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Robert A. Peoples, Executive Secretary, ANS Task Force, by telephone at 703-358-2025 or E-Mail at robert\_peoples@fws.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. I), this notice announces the Fall 1997 meeting of the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, as established by the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990 (16 U.S.C. 4701-4741). It also announces a Chesapeake Bay field trip to view nonindigenous species and their impacts and visit, subject to availability, a vessel in Baltimore Harbor to view ballast water management facilities.