

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Proposed Agenda:* Approval of the Annual Report to the President. All proceedings are open.

**Gregory D. Showalter,**

*Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers****Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report (DEIS/ EIR) for the Lower Mission Creek, Santa Barbara, CA**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The Mission Creek drainage area is located in and adjoining the city of Santa Barbara, California, about 100 miles northwest of the City of Los Angeles. The drainage area, comprising about 11.5-square miles, is a narrow coastal area and extends from the Santa Ynez Mountains on the north to the Pacific Ocean on the south. Mission Creek rises at about 4,000 feet elevation and flows about eight miles through the City of Santa Barbara to empty into the Pacific Ocean. The primary study area for the proposed project extends from Canon Perdido, downstream to the Pacific Ocean. The length of the project construction area is about 1.2 miles.

**ADDRESSES:** Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, Environmental Design Section, CECSPL-PD-RL, P.O. Box 532711, Los Angeles, CA 90053-2325.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Joy Jaiswal, Technical Manager, phone (213) 452-3871, or Mr. Edward Demesa, Study Manager, phone (213) 452-3796. The City of Santa Barbara Point of Contact is Ms. Janice Hubbell, AICP, Project Planner, phone (805) 564-5470.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****1. Authorization**

The Lower Mission Creek, Flood Control Project is authorized under Section 209 of the Flood Control Act of 1962 (Public Law 87-874, 87th Congress, 2nd session), approved October 23, 1962. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE), in cooperation with the County Flood Control District and the City of Santa Barbara, will be conducting a feasibility study for solutions to the flooding problem along

Lower Mission Creek. The study will identify, describe, and evaluate alternative plans and fully develop the recommended plan to be submitted to Congress for project authorization.

**2. Background**

The USACOE has been involved in this project since 1964. Lower Mission Creek, especially downstream from Carrillo Street, poses a serious flood threat to the City. In this area, a mix of residential, commercial, and public properties are subject to major damages during floods. The USACOE and the City of Santa Barbara are planning to prepare a Draft EIS/EIR to address and evaluate impacts to the environmental resources due to the improvement/ construction along Lower Mission Creek. In addition, alternative solutions and recommendations to the flood and associated problems will be included with consideration to economic, environmental and social needs of the area. In the past, public workshops have been conducted to identify the public's concerns regarding the proposed project construction. Public concerns were about aesthetics of the creek, impacts to the biological resources and recreation. The tidewater goby (*Eucyclogobius newberryi*), Federally listed as threatened, has been identified in the lower-most portion of Mission Creek. Steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*, Federally endangered) of undetermined genetic origin also use the downstream reach of Lower Mission Creek as a channel for migration, although sporadic in their ascent of Mission Creek from the ocean, their irregular presence in this watershed has recently been verified.

**3. Proposed Action**

Construction of a flood control channel at Lower Mission Creek, Santa Barbara, California.

**4. Alternatives**

a. *No Action:* No improvement of the Creek.

b. *Proposed Alternative Plans:* The proposed plan would provide up to 3400 cfs (20-year flood protection) and consists of creek improvements from Canon Perdido Street to the Pacific Ocean. The improvements would include stabilized banks at a 2:1 (V:H) slope above U.S. Highway 101, while below U.S. Highway 101, vertical walls would be the dominant bank treatment with a sloped bank applied whenever practicable. A variety of sloped bank stabilization methods will be considered, which includes stabilization of sideslopes using gabions, engineered earth, and/or stepped concrete walls. In

order to increase the conveyance capacity of the creek, the alternatives would incorporate a new covered channel cutting off the "oxbow" area from just above U.S. Highway 101 and rejoining the creek near the Chapala Street bridge. The improved channel would generally follow the existing channel alignment except at the "oxbow" bypass. The "oxbow" would be left in place functioning as a low flow channel. The majority of the 12 bridges within the project reach except for Bath Street bridge and State Street bridge would require some modification or reconstruction.

**5. Scoping Process**

a. Potential impacts associated with the proposed action will be evaluated. Resource categories that will be analyzed are: land use, physical environment, geology, biology, air quality, water quality, groundwater, recreational usage, aesthetics (visual quality), noise, cultural resources, transportation/circulation, hazardous waste, socioeconomic (including) housing and safety.

b. Participation of affected Federal, State, and local resource agencies, Native American groups and concerned interest groups/individuals is encouraged in the scoping process. A Public Scoping Meeting will be held October 29, 1998. Time and location of the Public Scoping Meeting also will be announced by means of a letter, public announcements, and news releases. Public participation will be especially important in the environmental analysis by providing assistance in defining the scope of analysis in the EIS/EIR; identifying significant environmental issues and impact analysis in the EIS/EIR; and providing useful information such as published and unpublished data, personal knowledge of relevant issues, and recommending mitigation measures associated with the proposed action. Those wishing to provide information or data relevant to the environmental or social impacts that should be included or considered in the environmental analysis can furnish this information by writing to the points of contact indicated above or by attending applicable public scoping meetings. A mailing list will also be established so that pertinent data may be distributed to interested agencies, interest groups and individuals.

**Public Scoping Meeting**

The scoping meeting is scheduled for October 29, 1998, at 7:00 PM, City Council Chambers, City Hall, De La Guerra Plaza, Santa Barbara, California.

Dated: October 2, 1998.

**John P. Carroll,**

*Colonel, Corps of Engineers, District Engineer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

#### **Notice of Deadline for Submission of Donation Application for the Guided Missile Destroyer Ex-CHARLES F. ADAMS (DDG 2)**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DOD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Navy hereby gives notice of the deadline of January 6, 1999 for submission of a donation application for the Guided Missile Destroyer ex-CHARLES F. ADAMS (DDG 2), located at the Naval Inactive Ship Maintenance Facility, Philadelphia, PA, under the authority of 10 U.S.C. Section 7306. Eligible recipients include: (1) Any State, Commonwealth, or possession of the United States or any municipal corporation or political subdivision thereof; (2) the District of Columbia; or (3) any not-for-profit or nonprofit entity. Transfer of a vessel under this law shall be made at no cost to the United States Government. The transferee will be required to maintain the vessel in a condition satisfactory to the Secretary of the Navy as a static museum/memorial. Prospective transferees must submit a comprehensive, detailed application addressing their plans for managing the significant financial, technical, and environmental responsibilities that accompany ships donated under this program.

**DATES:** Application deadline is January 6, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Applications should be sent to Program Executive Office for Expeditionary Warfare (PEO EXW), PMS334, Navy Donation Program Office, Naval Sea Systems Command, 2531 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22242-5160

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Gloria Carvalho, Program Executive Office for Expeditionary Warfare (PEO EXW), PMS334, Navy Donation Program Office, Naval Sea Systems Command, 2531 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22242-5160, telephone number (703) 602-5450. (Authority: 10 U.S.C. 7306.)

Dated: September 28, 1998.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

#### **Notice of Availability of Invention for Licensing; Government-Owned Invention**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DOD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The invention listed below is assigned to the United States Government as represented by the Secretary of the Navy and is available for licensing by the Department of the Navy. U.S. Patent Application No. 09/025,028 entitled "Optically Stimulated, Fast Neutron Sensor and Dosimeter and Fiber-Optic Coupled Fast Neutron Remote Sensor and Dosimeter" Navy Case No. 77,736.

**ADDRESSES:** Requests for copies of the patent application cited should be directed to the Naval Research Laboratory, Code 3008.2, 4555 Overlook Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20375-5320, and must include the Navy Case number.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Richard H. Rein, Head, Technology Transfer Office, NRL Code 1004, 4555 Overlook Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20375-5320, telephone (202) 767-7230.

**Authority:** 35 U.S.C. 207, 37 CFR Part 404.

Dated: September 29, 1998.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

#### **Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests**

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before December 14, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651, or should be electronically mailed to the internet address [Pat\\_Sherrill@ed.gov](mailto:Pat_Sherrill@ed.gov), or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including