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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department has submitted the proposal for the collection of information, as described below, to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). The Notice lists the following information: (1) The

title of the information collection proposal; (2) the office of the agency to collect the information; (3) the OMB approval number, if applicable; (4) the description of the need for the information and its proposed use; (5) the agency form number, if applicable; (6) what members of the public will be affected by the proposal; (7) how frequently information submissions will be required; (8) an estimate of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information submission including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response; (9) whether the proposal is new, an extension, reinstatement, or revision of an information collection requirement; and (10) the name and telephone number of an agency official familiar with the proposal and of the OMB Desk Officer for the Department.

This Notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: Contract and Subcontract Activity.

OMB Approval Number: 2577-0088.

Form Numbers: HUD-2516.

Description of the Need for the Information and its Proposed Use: Executive orders have established the Department's responsibility for collecting data from Minority Businesses participating in HUD programs. Public and Indian Housing data collection is vital to program monitoring. The affected public includes Housing Agencies, contractors, and minority businesses.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit, State, Local or Tribal Government.

Frequency of Submission: Annually.

Reporting burden	Number of respondents	×	Frequency of response	×	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
	3,596		1		1		3,596

Total Estimated Burden House: 3,596.
Status: Reinstatement, without change.

Authority: Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 35, as amended.

Dated: April 10, 2001.

Wayne Eddins,

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Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4650-N-26]

Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB; Consolidated Public Housing Certificate of Completion

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* May 17, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval number (2577-0021) and should be sent to: Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., OMB Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

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This Notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: Consolidated Public Housing Certificate of Completion.

OMB Approval Number: 2577-0021.

Form Numbers: None.

Description of the Need for the Information and its Proposed Use: Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) are required to certify to HUD that contract requirements and standards have been satisfied in a specific project development and that HUD may authorize payment of funds due the contractor/developer.

Respondents: State, Local or Tribal Government, Business or other for-profit.

Frequency of Submission: On occasion.

	Number of respondents	x	Frequency of response	x	Hours per response	=	Burden hours
Reporting Burden	147		1		1		147

Total Estimated Burden Hours: 147.
Status: Reinstatement, without change.

Authority: Section 3507 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 35, as amended.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Availability of an Environmental Assessment and Receipt of an Application for an Incidental Take Permit for the El Sobrante Landfill Expansion Project in an Unincorporated Area of Riverside County, California.

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service.

ACTION: Notice of Availability and Receipt of Application.

SUMMARY: USA Waste (Applicant) has applied to the Fish and Wildlife Service for an incidental take permit (ITP) pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. The Service proposes to issue an 80-year permit to the Applicant that would authorize take of the coastal California gnatcatcher (*Poliophtila californica californica*), Stephens' Kangaroo Rat (*Dipodomys stephensi*), and 27 additional unlisted species incidental to otherwise lawful activities. Such take would occur during the construction of new phases of the El Sobrante Landfill, including landfill excavation and site preparation, operations, facilities, maintenance activities, fire management, and post-closure landfill activities. Project construction would be performed by the Applicant during the phased expansion and 30-year post-closure period of the landfill. This project would temporarily remove 450 acres of occupied Riversidean sage scrub habitat for the coastal California gnatcatcher and other sage scrub dependent covered species, and permanently remove 41 acres of occupied grassland habitat for the Stephens' kangaroo rat and other grassland dependent covered species. In addition, 3 acres of juniper woodland

scrub would be permanently removed, and 5 acres of riparian habitat would be temporarily impacted.

We request comments from the public on the permit application and Environmental Assessment, which are available for review. The permit application includes the proposed Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) and an accompanying Implementing Agreement (legal contract). The HCP describes the proposed project and the measures that the Applicant would undertake to minimize and mitigate take of the covered species.

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act and National Environmental Policy Act regulations (40 CFR 1506.6). All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before June 18, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to Mr. Jim Bartel, Assistant Field Supervisor, Fish and Wildlife Service, 2730 Loker Avenue West, Carlsbad, California 92008. Comments may also be sent by facsimile to (760) 930-0846.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel Brown, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, at the above address or call (760) 431-9440.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Availability of Documents

You may obtain copies of these documents for review by contacting the above office. Documents also will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

Background

Section 9 of the Endangered Species Act and Federal regulation prohibit the "take" of fish or wildlife species listed as endangered or threatened, respectively. Take of listed fish or wildlife is defined under the Act to include kill, harm, or harass. The Service may, under limited circumstances, issue permits to authorize incidental take; i.e., take that is incidental to, and not the purpose of, the carrying out of an otherwise lawful activity. Regulations governing ITPs for threatened and endangered species are

found in 50 CFR 17.32 and 17.22, respectively.

The Applicant has proposed an expansion of an existing landfill in an unincorporated area of western Riverside County, California. Land uses in the area surrounding the project site include a clay mine, a green-waste recycling facility, the Lake Mathews-Estelle Mountain Core Reserve, and undeveloped Riversidean sage scrub habitat in private holdings.

Biologists surveyed the project sites for special-status plants and wildlife in 1992, 1993, 1997, 1999, and 2000. Based on these surveys and previous knowledge of the area, the Service concluded that the project may result in the take of two federally listed species, the endangered Stephens' kangaroo rat and threatened coastal California gnatcatcher.

The Applicants propose to implement the following measures to minimize and mitigate take of the Stephens' kangaroo rat: (1) Conserve and provide for perpetual management of occupied grassland habitat within the Undisturbed Open Space and movement corridors across restored Riversidean sage scrub habitat; (2) locate staging areas outside of Undisturbed Open Space; (3) restore Riversidean sage scrub habitat to accommodate suitable burrow and forage sites; (4) maintain restored Riversidean sage scrub areas in such a manner as to avoid direct harm to individuals; (5) manage conserved habitat to control the spread of non-native weeds; (6) direct lighting in the active portions of the landfill away from natural areas; (7) limit activities in conserved habitat to those identified in the HCP; (8) and control access to deter poaching, off-road vehicle use, and other activities by trespassers.

The Applicants propose to implement the following measures to minimize and mitigate take of the coastal California gnatcatcher: (1) no direct harm to nesting birds, nests, eggs, and young would be permitted; (2) impacts and restoration would be phased so that there would always be a minimum of approximately 700 acres of Riversidean sage scrub habitat in the Plan Area; (3) the mix of plant types in the restored Riversidean sage scrub would be based on reference sites in the Plan Area; (4) the Undisturbed Open Space would provide a source population for the restored habitat; (5) restored habitat would be monitored for presence of the