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Dated: August 5, 2003.

Patricia L. Toppings,
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Membership of the Performance Review Board

AGENCY: Defense Finance and Accounting Service, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the appointment of the members of the Performance Review Board (PRB) of the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS). The publication of PRB membership is required by 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4).

The PRB provides fair and impartial review of Senior Executive Service performance appraisals and makes recommendations regarding performance ratings and performance awards to the Director, DFAS.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 18, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jerry Hovey, Human Capital and Staffing Division, Human Resources Directorate, Defense Finance and Accounting Service, Arlington, Virginia, (703) 607-3829.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4), the following executives are appointed to the DFAS PRB: James Cornell (Chairperson), Audrey Davis, Patrick Shine, Sally Smith. Executives listed will serve a one-year renewable term, effective August 18, 2003.

Dated: August 5, 2003.

Patricia L. Toppings,
Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Notice of Availability for the Revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report for the Pier J South Marine Terminal Expansion Project, Los Angeles County, CA

AGENCY: Department of the Army—U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District (Regulatory Branch), in coordination with the Port of Long Beach, has completed a Revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for the Pier J South Marine Terminal Expansion project. The Port of Long Beach requires authorization pursuant to section 404 of the Clean Water Act and section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act for 115 acres of landfill in three phases, dredging up to 10,000,000 cubic yards of sediment, construction of a new concrete pile-supported wharf, new terminal buildings and a new rail yard.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions or comments concerning the Revised Draft EIS/EIR should be directed to Dr. Aaron O. Allen, Senior Project Manager, Regulatory Branch, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, P.O. Box 532711, Los Angeles, CA, 90053-2325, (805) 585-2148.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: None.

John V. Guenther,
Acting Commander.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report (DEIS/ EIR) for a Permit Application for the River Road Treatment Wetlands Project in the Santa Ana River (SAR) Floodplain Upstream of the River Road Crossing, Riverside County, CA

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

ACTION: Notice of intent (NOI).

SUMMARY: In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, 40 CFR 1508.22, and 33 CFR Parts 230 and 325, and in conjunction with the Orange County Water District (OCWD), the U.S. Army

Corps of Engineers (Corps) is announcing its intent to prepare a draft Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report (DEIS/ EIR) for the River Road Treatment Wetlands Project (RRTWP), proposed to be located in the Santa Ana River (SAR) floodplain upstream of the River Road crossing, Riverside County, California. The project entails construction, operation, and periodic maintenance of treatment wetlands in the SAR floodplain. The SAR floodplain meets the Corps' criteria for "waters of the U.S.," and the project is subject to Corps jurisdiction under the Clean Water Act. The affected area also contains Corps-owned lands leased to the Riverside County Regional Park and Open Space District. The area has been designated critical habitat for three federal-listed species by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS); as such, the Corps will comply with the requirements of Section 7 of the Federal Endangered Species Act.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel Swenson, Project Manager, at (213) 452-3414 (daniel.p.swenson@usace.army.mil) or Fari Tabatabai, Project Manager at (213) 452-3291, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, P.O. Box 532711, Los Angeles, CA 90053-2325.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Background

The treatment wetlands are necessary because of upstream sources of water pollution. The effect of the treatment wetlands would be to reduce downstream water pollution, thereby increasing groundwater potability, aquatic habitat function, and reducing potential human health threats.

Treated wastewater and return flows from irrigated agriculture and dairies are major sources of nitrate loading into the SAR. Nitrate loads enter the river directly through waste discharges and indirectly through surface runoff and rising groundwater. High levels of nitrate are a potential human health threat that can have adverse effects on infants and pregnant women. In addition, formation of algae blooms can lower the dissolved oxygen in the water resulting in fish kills and can form a clogging layer on the bottom of OCWD's recharge basins resulting in a decrease in water recharge and an increase in maintenance requirements.

The Proposed Project is based on the success of OCWD's Prado Wetlands, located immediately downstream of the proposed RRTWP, which has been successful in benefiting the OCWD

groundwater basin by improving groundwater quality and increasing recharge rates.

The work would take place on both OCWD and on Corps-owned lands within the Prado Flood Control Basin. The OCWD is the sole project proponent and the applicant for the Section 404 permit. As such OCWD would be responsible for construction, operation, and maintenance of the proposed facilities as well as preservation of existing operational facilities in Prado Dam, which is operated by the Corps. The Corps land under OCWD consideration consists largely of wetlands now in undeveloped recreation lease held by Riverside County Regional Park and Open Space District. The proposed work on Corps land would replace *Arundo donax*-dominated wetlands with higher quality, native vegetated wetlands. Outdoor recreation amenities including interpretive trails are also proposed.

Other environmental review considerations include compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

2. Project Purpose and Need

The purpose of the River Road Treated Wetland Project (RRTWP) is to improve the water quality of the SAR supplies that recharge the OCWD groundwater basin. The need arises from high levels of nitrate concentrations that adversely affect water quality and percolation recharge to the OCWD groundwater basin.

3. Proposed Action

The OCWD proposes development of treatment wetlands in the SAR floodplain as it enters the Prado Basin upstream of the River Road crossing. The RRTWP would treat baseflow diverted from the SAR, primarily for the removal of nitrate, and return the treated water to the river at the point of the present diversion to the Prado Wetlands. Maintenance objectives include: (1) Maintain hydraulic control structures and appurtenances; (2) keep the distribution and collection networks and hydraulic transfers free flowing and clear of obstructions; (3) maintain berms; and (4) control habitat performance by monitoring and taking appropriate steps to ensure that proposed vegetation and habitat types are achieved.

The RRTWP footprint would encompass 430 acres on the flood plain south of the SAR channel immediately upstream from the River Road crossing. All 430 acres meet the Corps' criteria for "waters of the U.S.," and the project would be subject to Corps jurisdiction

under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. The proposed project site contains Corps-owned lands leased to the Riverside County Department of Parks and Recreation. The area has been designated critical habitat for three federal-listed species by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS); as such, the Corps will comply with the requirements of Section 7 of the Federal Endangered Species Act. The 430-acre area would be comprised of the following: (1) Approximately 190 acres of treatment wetlands surface area; (2) 40 acres of unvegetated laterals and transfer berms; (3) 100 acres of riparian woodland berms that could be affected by construction; and (4) 100 acres of existing high quality habitat that would be avoided, preserved, and enhanced. Of the above, existing moderate and low quality habitat degraded by *Arundo donax* would be enhanced to high quality habitat. Also, of the above acreages, approximately 52,400 linear feet (about 10 miles) of riparian forest/water edge habitat would be created or enhanced, including habitat for the southwestern willow flycatcher and least Bell's vireo. In addition, selected access trails totaling about 4.6 miles that transverse the RRTWP would be opened to the public for passive recreation.

The RRTWP would treat up to 150 cfs. The concentration of nitrate in the SAR currently averages about 8 mg/L. At flow rates less than 80 cfs, the RRTWP would be expected to reduce nitrate levels to 2 mg/L or less during the summer baseflow period.

The proposed design plan places the RRTWP on the floodplain south of the SAR channel. This is intended to minimize disturbance to the channel and floodplain by avoiding work on the north side of the channel, construction of multiple diversions, or passing water back and forth across the river.

The proposed RRTWP would consist of five operating units within the 430-acre project area: diversion facility, distribution network, treatment wetlands, collection network, and a fifth operating unit. The fifth operating unit, the integrated River Road Treated Wetland outlet-Prado Wetlands diversion facility, would be a modification to the existing diversion located west of the River Road Bridge that would divert water from the SAR. The distribution network would deliver the water to the treatment wetlands. The collection network would collect the treated water and deliver it to the outlet. The outlet would be integrated with the diversion to the Prado Treatment Wetlands. The integrated River Road Treated Wetland outlet-Prado Wetlands diversion would allow for coordinated

discharge and diversion in a manner that would allow for coordinated discharge and diversion in a manner that would not degrade hydraulic conductivity or harm existing aquatic species, and that would retain passage of the Santa Ana sucker through the channel.

Design and construction of the principal treatment facilities, including the diversion, treatment wetlands, conveyances and hydraulic structures, would be expected to take about 24 months until operations could begin.

4. Alternatives Considered

The feasibility of several alternatives is being considered and will be addressed in the DEIS/EIR. Those considered feasible will be analyzed in equal detail to the Proposed Action. The purpose of the RRTWP is to improve the water quality of the SAR supplies that recharge the OCWD groundwater basin. The No Action Alternative would have no improvements, and thus would neither improve the water quality of the SAR, nor improve water recharge into the OCWD groundwater basin. No water quality benefits from nitrate removal would occur and no habitat restoration actions would take place.

Other alternatives that may be considered include: (1) Designing larger wetlands similar to the existing Prado treatment wetlands with less habitat enhancement; (2) designing a smaller or larger wetlands complex; (3) conventional chemical treatment by pumping water through a treatment facility; (4) requiring dischargers along the SAR to denitrify first at existing treatment plants before discharging to the SAR; (5) use of another portion of the SAR; and (6) use of upland agricultural habitat next to the SAR with mechanical pumping.

5. Scoping Process

The Corps' scoping process for the DEIS/EIR will involve soliciting written comments and a public meeting. Potential significant issues to be addressed in the DEIS/EIR include surface water quality, threatened and endangered species, and effects from potential flooding. Comments are invited from the public and affected agencies, including, but not limited to, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), USFWS, California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG), Riverside County Regional Park and Open Space District, and others.

Public Meeting: A public scoping meeting to receive input on the scope of the DEIS/EIR will be conducted on August 26th at 7 p.m. at the Norco Board Room/Council Chambers at 2820

Clark Avenue, Norco, California. If you have any questions regarding the meeting, please contact Rick Mendoza, Project Manager for OCWD, at the above address or by calling 714-378-3329, or via e-mail: rmendoza@ocwd.com.

Schedule: The estimated date the DEIS/EIR will be made available to the public is November 1, 2003.

John V. Guenther,

LTC, EN, Acting Commander.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Meeting of the Board of Advisors to the Superintendent, Naval Postgraduate School

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The purpose of the meeting is to elicit the advice of the board on the Naval Service's Postgraduate Education Program and the collaborative exchange and partnership between Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) and the Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT). The board examines the effectiveness with which the NPS is accomplishing its mission. To this end, the board will inquire into the curricula; instruction; physical equipment; administration; state of morale of the student body, faculty, and staff; fiscal affairs; and any other matters relating to the operation of the NPS as the board considers pertinent. This meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 16, 2003, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Wednesday, September 17, 2003, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. All written comments regarding the NPS BOA should be received by September 9, 2003 and be directed to Superintendent, Naval Postgraduate School (Attn: Jaye Panza), 1 University Circle, Monterey, CA 93943 or by fax (831) 656-3145.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Air Force Institute of Technology, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Fairborn, Ohio.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jaye Panza, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California, 93943-5000, telephone number: (831) 656-2514.

Dated: August 4, 2003.

E. F. McDonnell,

Major, U.S. Marine Corps, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before September 12, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Karen Lee, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address Karen_F._Lee@omb.eop.gov.

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, Regulatory 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.

Dated: August 8, 2003.

Angela C. Arrington,

Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services

Type of Review: Reinstatement.

Title: State and Local Implementation of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) '97.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 5,219.

Burden Hours: 14,879.

Abstract: The Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) is conducting a five-year study to evaluate the state and local impact and implementation of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) of 1997. The evaluation will provide information on the types and impacts of policies and practices engaged in by states, school districts, and schools to implement the provisions of IDEA '97, particularly with regard to nine key issues identified by the law. OSEP is engaging in this evaluation to report to Congress, in accordance with the provisions of IDEA '97 (Sec. 674). Clearance is sought for multiple instruments. Respondents will be state special education directors, district special education directors, and school principals.

Requests for copies of the submission for OMB review; comment request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 2272. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651 or to the e-mail address Vivan.Reese@ed.gov. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the internet address OCIO_RING@ed.gov or faxed to 202-708-9346. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Sheila Carey at her e-mail address Sheila.Carey@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information