

SUMMARY: NOAA publishes this notice to announce the availability of the NOAA 5-Year Research Plan Draft and the NOAA 20-Year Research Vision Draft for public comment.

DATES: Comments on these draft documents must be submitted by September 30, 2004.

ADDRESSES: The NOAA 5-Year Research Plan Draft will be available at the following location: <ftp://www.oarhq.noaa.gov/review/5> and the NOAA 20-Year Research Vision Draft will be available at: <ftp://www.oarhq.noaa.gov/review/20>.

The public is encouraged to submit comments on the NOAA 5-Year Research Plan Draft electronically to: Review.5Year@noaa.gov. The public is encouraged to submit comments on the NOAA 20-Year Research Vision Draft electronically to: Review.20Year@noaa.gov. For commenters who do not have access to a computer, comments on both documents may be submitted in writing to: NOAA Research, c/o Dr. Terry Schaefer, Silver Spring Metro Center Bldg. 3, Room 11863, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Terry Schaefer, Silver Spring Metro Center Bldg. 3, Room 11863, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910 (phone (301) 713-2465 ext. 184), during normal business hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, or visit the NOAA Research Council Web site at: <http://www.nrc.noaa.gov/Reports.htm>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NOAA is publishing this notice to announce the availability of the NOAA 5-Year Research Plan Draft and the NOAA 20-Year Research Vision Draft for public comment. The NOAA 5-Year Research Plan Draft and the NOAA 20-Year Research Vision Draft will be posted for public comment on August 20, 2004. The NOAA Research Council is seeking public comment from all interested parties. The NOAA 5-Year Research Plan Draft and the NOAA 20-Year Research Vision are being issued for comment only and are not intended for interim use. Suggested changes will be incorporated, where appropriate, in the final version.

The NOAA 5-Year Research Plan and the NOAA 20-Year Research Vision are being developed by the NOAA Research Council in response to a January 2004 recommendation from the NOAA Science Advisory Board that NOAA take immediate steps to promulgate a NOAA-wide research plan that is consistent with NOAA's Strategic Plan.

The NOAA 5-Year Research Plan Draft lays the path for how NOAA's research enterprise will begin to deliver, in the short-term, improvements to existing forecasting tools. This plan explicitly states outcomes for the short term and the milestones by which we intend to measure progress towards achieving those outcomes, framed within a vision of a future NOAA.

In order to address the longer-term research goals of the agency, the Research Council has developed the NOAA 20-Year Research Vision Draft. This high-level document intends to outline some of the potential products and services that NOAA will provide in the future, and will further aid environmental forecasting and management over the next 20 years.

NoAA welcomes all comments on the content of the NOAA 5-Year Research Plan Draft and the NOAA 20-Year Research Vision Draft. We also request comments on any inconsistencies perceived within the documents, and possible omissions of important topics or issues. For any shortcoming noted within the draft documents, please propose specific remedies.

Please adhere to the instructions detailed herein for preparing and submitting your comments. Using the format guidance described below will facilitate the processing of reviewer comments and assure that all comments are appropriately considered. Please provide background information about yourself on the first page of your comments: Your name(s), organization(s), area(s) of expertise, mailing address(es), telephone and fax numbers, e-mail address(es). Overview comments should follow your background information and should be numbered. Comments that are specific to particular pages, paragraphs, or lines of the section should follow any overview comments and should identify the page numbers to which they apply. Please number and print identifying information at the top of all pages.

Public comments may be submitted from August 20, 2004, through September 30, 2004.

Dated: August 17, 2004.

Richard D. Rosen,

Chair, NOAA Research Council.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Technology Administration

Technology Administration Performance Review Board Membership

The Technology Administration Performance Review Board (TA PRB) reviews performance appraisals, agreements, and recommended actions pertaining to employees in the Senior Executive Service and reviews performance-related pay increases for ST-3104 employees. The Board makes recommendations to the appropriate appointing authority concerning such matters so as to ensure the fair and equitable treatment of these individuals.

This notice lists the membership of the TA PRB and supersedes the list published in **Federal Register** document 04-2830, Vol. 69, No. 27, page 59575, dated February 10, 2004.

- Daniel W. Caprio, Jr. (NC); Deputy Assistant Secretary for Technology Policy, Office of Technology Policy, Technology Administration, Washington, DC, Appointment Expires: 12/31/06.
- Belinda L. Collins (C), Deputy Director for Technology Services, National Institute of Standards & Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899, Appointment Expires: 12/31/05.
- Stephen Freiman (C), Deputy Director, Materials Science & Engineering Laboratory, National Institute of Standards & Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899, Appointment Expires: 12/31/04.
- Cita Furlani (C), Chief Information Officer, National Institute of Standards & Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899, Appointment Expires: 12/31/05.
- Daniel Hurley (C), Director of Communication and Information Infrastructure Assurance Program, National Telecommunications and Information Administration; Washington, DC 20230, Appointment Expires: 12/31/05.
- Deirdre Jones (C), Director of Systems Engineering Center, Office of Science and Technology, National Weather Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Silver Spring, MD 20910, Appointment Expires: 12/31/05.
- William F. Koch (C), Deputy Director, Chemical Science & Technology Laboratory, National Institute of Standards & Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899, Appointment Expires: 12/31/04.
- Michelle O'Neill (C), Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce for

Technology, Technology Administration, Department of Commerce, Appointment Expires: 12/31/06.

Dated: August 13, 2004.

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Senior Advisor for Technology Administration, Department of Commerce.
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Senior Executive Service Performance Review Board

AGENCY: Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the appointment of the members of the Senior Executive Service (SES) Performance Review Board (PRB) for the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense (OIG DoD), as required by 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4). The PRB provides fair and impartial review of SES performance appraisals and makes recommendations regarding performance ratings and performance awards to the Inspector General.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 23, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Michael Peterson, Director, Human Capital Management Directorate, Office of the Chief of Staff, OIG DoD, 400 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA 22202, (703) 602-4516.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4), the following executives are appointed to the OIG DoD, PRB:

Charles W. Beardall, Director, Defense Criminal Investigative Service, ODIG- Investigations
Patricia A. Brannin, Assistant Inspector General for Audit Policy and Oversight, ODIG-Inspections and Policy
Thomas F. Gimble, Deputy Inspector General for Intelligence
Paul J. Granetto, Director, Defense Financial Auditing Service, ODIG- Auditing
Louis J. Hansen, Deputy Inspector General for Inspections and Policy
Richard T. Race, Deputy Inspector General for Investigations
Francis E. Reardon, Deputy Inspector General for Auditing
David K. Steensma, Director, Contract Management, ODIG-Auditing
Shelton R. Young, Director, Readiness and Logistics Support, ODIG-Auditing

Dated: August 17, 2004.

L.M. Bynum,

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 of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report for the Proposed Prado Basin Water Supply, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, 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 has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) and a Feasibility Report for the Proposed Prado Basin Water Supply, which will result in increasing the water storage pool during the flood season, from an elevation of 494 feet to an elevation of 498 feet, within Prado Basin. This will enable increased water recharge at the Orange County Water District's recharge facilities downstream of Prado Dam.

The proposed project will allow storage of water, between elevations 494 and 498 feet, between the months of October and March. Current water conservation within Prado Basin allows for storage of water at elevation 494 during the winter months, and up to an elevation of 505 feet between March and October. The proposed project will allow storage of water at a higher elevation during the winter season, with the pool being evacuated before any storm flows enter the basin. This will ensure that there is no impact to the flood control capacity of the Prado Dam.

The proposed project is not expected to have any significant environmental impacts. Storing water within Prado Basin and releasing at a rate supporting downstream recharged by Orange County Water District is expected to benefit the population of Orange County by increasing the amount of water being stored within the local aquifer, thereby reducing the dependence on outside water sources. No long-term adverse ecological or environmental health effects are expected due to the proposed water storage.

DATES: The draft EIS/EIR will be released for public review on or about

August 20, 2004. The Environmental Protection Agency plans to publish a Notice of Availability of the Draft EIS/EIR in the **Federal Register** on or about August 20, 2004. Comments concerning this Draft EIS/EIR should be submitted by October 4, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to District Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, ATTN: Mr. Alex Watt, CESPL-PD-RQ, P.O. Box 532711, Los Angeles, CA 90053-2325.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the Draft EIS/EIR, contact Mr. Alex Watt, Environmental Coordinator, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, at (213) 451-3860. For further information on the Draft Feasibility Report, contact Mr. Robert Stuart, Study Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, at (213) 451-3811.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. *Authorization:* Prado Dam was authorized by the Flood Control Act of June 22, 1936, Public Law 74-738, as amended. The authority to study the feasibility of water conservation at Prado Dam is provided by the resolution of the Committee on Public works of the House of Representatives dated May 8, 1964.

2. *Background:* Prado Dam and Flood Control Basin are located on the Santa Ana River, approximately 31 miles upstream from the mouth of the river at the Pacific Ocean. The dam is owned and operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The dam and basin are located in Riverside County, CA, approximately 3 miles upstream from the Riverside-Orange County line.

The Army Corps of Engineers has prepared a draft EIS/EIR to assess the environmental effects associated with the proposed Prado Basin Water Supply project to increase the level of the water storage pool during the flood season, from an elevation of 494 feet to elevation 498 feet, within Prado Basin. This will enable increased water recharge at the Orange County Water District's recharge facilities downstream of Prado Dam. The Orange County Water District (OCWD) is the non-federal sponsor for the project. The OCWD participated in the study and contributed to the development of the alternatives for water conservation.

The proposed project will allow storage of water, between elevations 494 and 498 feet, between the months of October and March. Current water conservation within Prado Basin allows for storage of water only to elevation 494 during the winter months, and up to an elevation of 505 feet between March and October. The proposed