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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### Draft WaterSMART Cooperative Watershed Management Program Funding Opportunity Announcement

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We are seeking comments on a draft announcement of funding that will be available for establishing or expanding an existing watershed group. The funding is part of the Cooperative Watershed Management Program whose goals are to improve water quality and ecological resilience and to reduce conflicts over water by managing local watersheds through collaborative conservation. We plan to publish a final announcement as soon as possible after the close of the comment period.

**DATES:** Submit written comments on or before December 5, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments to Ms. Avra Morgan, Bureau of Reclamation, Office of Policy and Administration 84–51000, P.O. Box 25007, Denver, Colorado 80225; or email [aomorgan@usbr.gov](mailto:aomorgan@usbr.gov). The draft funding announcement is available at: <http://www.usbr.gov/WaterSMART/cwmp/>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Avra Morgan, Bureau of Reclamation, (303) 445–2906, [aomorgan@usbr.gov](mailto:aomorgan@usbr.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The draft funding announcement on which we are requesting comments is part of the Department's WaterSMART Cooperative Watershed Management Program. When published in final after we evaluate comments received, the announcement will inform eligible applicants that funding is available to establish a watershed group or expand an existing watershed group. This notice summarizes the main elements of the draft announcement. You can view the complete announcement at <http://www.usbr.gov/WaterSMART/cwmp/>.

Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar established the WaterSMART Program in February 2010. The WaterSMART program provides funding to watershed

groups to encourage diverse stakeholders to work together to address their local watershed needs. Through this program, we provide Federal leadership and assistance on;

- Efficient use of water;
- Integrating water and energy policies to support sustainable use of natural resources;
- Forming strong, diverse partnerships with States, tribes, and local entities; and
- Coordinating water conservation activities among all Department bureaus and offices.

The Nation faces an increasing set of water resource challenges. Aging infrastructure, rapid population growth, depletion of groundwater resources, impaired water quality associated with particular land uses and land covers, water needed for human and environmental uses, and climate variability and change all play a role in determining the amount of fresh water available at any given place and time. Water shortage and water-use conflicts have become more commonplace in many areas of the United States, even in normal water years. As competition for water resources grows—for irrigation of crops, growing cities and communities, energy production, and the environment—the need for information and tools to aid water resource managers also grows.

Included below is a summary of the main provisions of this draft funding announcement.

#### Applicant Eligibility

Applicants eligible for funding to establish a watershed group include States, tribes, local and special districts (*e.g.*, irrigation and water districts, county soil conservation districts, *etc.*), local governmental entities, and non-profit organizations. To be eligible, applicants must:

- Significantly affect or be affected by the quality or quantity of water in a watershed;
- Be capable of promoting the sustainable use of water resources; and
- Be located in the western United States or Territories as identified in the Reclamation Act of June 17, 1902, as amended and supplemented.

Individuals, universities, for-profit organizations or companies, and Federal agencies are not eligible for Cooperative Watershed Management Program funding.

To be eligible for funding to expand a watershed group, the applicant must:

- Be a grassroots, non-regulatory entity that is legally incorporated within the state in which it operates;

- Address water availability and quality issues within the relevant watershed; and

- Otherwise meet the definition of a “watershed group” as described in the draft funding announcement.

#### Funding

Applicants must use funds awarded under the announcement to establish or expand a watershed group; develop a mission statement; develop project concepts; and develop a restoration plan. Applicants may request up to \$50,000 in Federal funds each year, for a period of up to 2 years. A non-Federal cost-share is not required. Second-year funding will be awarded to applicants that demonstrate sufficient progress throughout the year, contingent on availability of appropriations. An equal number of awards will be made available to applicants under each task area, contingent on demand.

#### Criteria

The funding criteria under the announcement will prioritize proposals that represent a maximum diversity of interests; serve a broad geographic scope; are expected to address critical watershed needs; include activities aligned with a state water plan; demonstrate active participation in a Landscape Conservation Cooperative or integration of the mission and goals of a particular Landscape Conservation Cooperative into the proposed activities; and include a proposed schedule and milestones that are reasonable and appropriate.

The criteria identified within the draft funding announcement will assist us in fulfilling the goals of the program by collaboratively improving water quality and ecological resilience, and reducing conflicts over water at the watershed level.

#### Public Disclosure

We seek comments and suggestions for improvement to any of the provisions summarized above or on any other elements of the draft announcement.

Before including your name, address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: October 21, 2011.

**Anne J. Castle,**

*Assistant Secretary for Water and Science.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Performance Review Board Appointments

**AGENCY:** Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Performance Review Board appointments.

**SUMMARY:** This notice provides the names of individuals who have been appointed to serve as members of the Department of the Interior Performance Review Board.

**DATES:** Appointments are effective November 4, 2011.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas Mulhern, Director, Office of Human Resources, Office of the Secretary, Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20240, Telephone Number: (202) 208-6761.

The members of the Department of the Interior Performance Review Board are as follows:

Name:

Adams, Gail  
Archuleta, Deanna  
Arroyo, Bryan  
Baker, Karen  
Barchenger, Ervin  
Bathrick, Mark  
Bayani, Theresa  
Bean, Michael  
Berrigan, Michael  
Black, Michael  
Black, Steven  
Blanchard, Mary Josie  
Bolton, Hannibal  
Brown, Laura  
Brown, Robert  
Burden, John  
Burke, Marcilynn  
Burzyk, Carla  
Carter-Pfisterer, Carole  
Clark, Horace  
Connell, Jamie  
Cribley, Bud  
Cruickshank, Walter  
Davis, Mark  
Dohner, Cynthia  
Eller, Sharon  
Ellis, Steven  
Faeth, Lorraine  
Ferriter, Olivia  
Finkler, Kira  
Flanagan, Denise  
Ford, Jerome  
Frazer, Gary  
Frost, Herbert  
Gary, Arthur

Gillette, Jodi  
Glenn, Douglas  
Glomb, Stephen  
Gonzales-Schreiner, Roseann  
Gould, Rowan  
Guertin, Stephen  
Gundersen, Linda  
Haskett, Geoffrey  
Haugrud, Kevin  
Hawbecker, Karen  
Herbst, Lars  
Hildebrandt, Betsy  
Holland-Bartels, Leslie  
Ishee, Mary Katherine  
Iudicello, Fay  
Jackson, Andrew  
Jacobson, Rachel  
Keable, Edward  
Kimball, Suzette  
Kinsinger, Anne  
Klein, Allen  
Koenigsberg, Melissa  
Kornze, Neil  
Labelle, Robert  
Lane, Kenneth  
Lauro, Salvatore  
Lillie, Thomas  
Lueders, Amy  
Malam, Pamela  
Mansour, Christopher  
Masica, Sue  
Mazer, Bernard  
More, Robert  
Mulhern, Thomas  
Nedd, Michael  
O'Dell, Margaret  
Owens, Glenda  
Palma, Juan  
Payne, Grayford  
Pool, Michael  
Pula, Nikolao  
Reynolds, Michael  
Rountree, Carl  
Saito, Irene Teiko  
Salotti, Christopher  
Scott, Mary Gibson  
Shackelton, Stephen  
Sheehan, Denise  
Shillito, Daniel  
Shope, Thomas  
Siekaniiec, Gregory  
Simpson, Jerry  
Slack, James  
Sobeck, Eileen  
Sonderman, Debra  
Stevens, Bartholomew  
Stevens, Elizabeth  
Stith, Melodee  
Taylor, Ione  
Taylor, Willie  
Thorsen, Kimberley  
Thorson, Robyn  
Tribsch, George  
Tschudy, Deborah Gibbs  
Tuggle, Benjamin  
Vela, Raymond David  
Velasco, Janine  
Ward, Joseph  
Washburn, Julia

Wells, Sandra  
Wenk, Daniel  
Whitesell, Stephen  
Woody, William

**Thomas Mulhern,**

*Director, Office of Human Resources.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

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### Receipt of Applications for Endangered Species Permits

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, invite the public to comment on the following applications to conduct certain activities with endangered species. With some exceptions, the Endangered Species Act (ESA) prohibits activities with listed species unless a Federal permit is issued that allows such activities. The ESA requires that we invite public comment before issuing these permits.

**DATES:** We must receive written data or comments on the applications at the address given below, by December 5, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Documents and other information submitted with the applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1875 Century Boulevard, Suite 200, Atlanta, GA 30345 (Attn: Cameron Shaw, Permit Coordinator).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cameron Shaw, telephone 904/731-3191; facsimile 904/731-3045.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The public is invited to comment on the following applications for permits to conduct certain activities with endangered and threatened species pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and our regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR part 17. This notice is provided under section 10(c) of the Act.

If you wish to comment, you may submit comments by any one of the