

and conduct scoping is published in accordance with: Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended; and the White House Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (CEQ NEPA Regulations).

The Project was subject to a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR), under the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), published by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) in April 2015. The NEPA environmental documentation will include an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), which may be issued as a stand-alone document or as a joint draft CEQA/NEPA (EIR/EIS) document with the CPUC.

The environmental document will identify and assess potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed Project and a range of alternatives. Federal agencies would use the EIS to consider related permits or other approvals for the Project as proposed. Possible alternatives could include not approving the Project, approving a reduced size Project, or approving the Project with additional modifications identified as part of the terms and conditions of a permit or other approval.

Publication of this notice initiates the public scoping process to solicit public and agency comment, in writing or at the public meeting, regarding the full spectrum of environmental issues and concerns relating to the scope and content of the EIS, including:

- Analyses of the human and marine resources that could be affected;
- the nature and extent of the potential significant impacts on those resources;
- a reasonable range of alternatives to the proposed action; and
- mitigation measures.

### III. Process

This NOI is published by NOAA/MBNMS, the lead federal agency. MBNMS has requested CPUC to re-issue the Project EIR as part of a joint draft CEQA/NEPA document. If the CPUC, as CEQA lead agency, determines that a joint CEQA/NEPA document is appropriate, the two agencies will prepare a joint draft EIR/EIS after completion of the federal scoping process. The NEPA scoping session begins at 2:00 p.m., on Thursday, September 10, 2015 at Sally Griffin Active Living Center in Pacific Grove, CA.

### IV. Federal Consultations

This notice also advises the public that NOAA will coordinate its consultation responsibilities under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA), Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) under the Magnuson Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA), section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA, 16 U.S.C. 470), and Federal Consistency review under the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA), along with its ongoing NEPA process including the use of NEPA documents and public and stakeholder meetings to also meet the requirements of other federal laws.

In fulfilling its consultation responsibility under the ESA, MSA, NHPA, CZMA and NEPA, NOAA intends to identify consulting parties and involve the public in accordance with NOAA's NEPA procedures, and develop in consultation with identified consulting parties alternatives and proposed measures that might avoid, minimize or mitigate any adverse effects on endangered species, essential fish habitat, historic properties, or coastal zone management issues, and describe them in any environmental assessment or draft environmental impact statement.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1431 *et seq.*

Dated: August 20, 2015.

**John Armor,**

*Acting Director for the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries.*

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### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

#### Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: DoD-2015-OS-0088]

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have

practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by October 26, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- **Mail:** Department of Defense, Office of the Deputy Chief Management Officer, Directorate of Oversight and Compliance, Regulatory and Audit Matters Office, 9010 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-9010.

**Instructions:** All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

Any associated form(s) for this collection may be located within this same electronic docket and downloaded for review/testing. Follow the instructions at <http://www.regulations.gov> for submitting comments. Please submit comments on any given form identified by docket number, form number, and title.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Military Community and Family Policy, ATTN: Casualty Affairs, 4000 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-4000.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number:** Questionnaire of Local Inhabitants, DD Form 1074; Disposition of Civilian Remains, DD Form 3004; OMB Control Number 0704-XXXX.

**Needs and Uses:** The information collection requirement is necessary to obtain and document information from local inhabitants on the location and circumstances surrounding the death of U.S. personnel for whom the Department has responsibility to recover

and provide mortuary services and to obtain and document the election of the person authorized to effect disposition of civilian remains for whom the Department provides mortuary services. If the person authorized to effect disposition does not sign this form, then the Department cannot provide mortuary and transportation services in accordance with their elections or instructions to the extent allowed by statute or DoD policy. This collection is authorized by 10 U.S. Code sections 1481 through 1488. In addition, the Secretary of Defense directed the addition of these forms to ensure transparency and standardization of the mortuary procedures as defined in the Final Report of the Dover Port Mortuary Independent Review Subcommittee Implementation Plan and 180-day study. Currently there is a lack of standardization across the Military Services, as each Service currently utilizes different forms for this election and they do not all capture the same information even on similar forms. Standardizing the information collected is essential in maintaining the transparency and integrity of the mortuary affairs process.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for profit; Person Authorized to Effect Disposition (PAED); family members of the deceased; local inhabitants.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 60.

*Number of Respondents:* 120.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Average Burden per Response:* 30 minutes.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

The respondents are the person authorized to effect disposition of the civilian decedent for whom mortuary services as described on DD Form 3004 is recommended or required, and the DoD witness to that election. The person authorized to effect disposition documents their election on DD Form 3004, and signs the form. The election and signature are witnessed by a military service member or DoD civilian to formalize this process and document the election. This form becomes a part of the Official Individual Deceased Personnel File. If the person authorized to effect disposition does not sign this form, then the Department cannot provide the authorized mortuary and transportation services.

The respondents for DD Form 1074 are the Military Service Member and the local inhabitant being interviewed. The Service Member is the individual completing the form, however in the process information is collected on the person interviewed. This form becomes a part of the Official Individual Deceased Personnel File. This form

documents the location and circumstances surrounding a deceased individual as applicable.

Currently there is a lack of standardization across the Military Services, as each Service currently utilizes different forms for these elections and documentation and they do not all capture the same information even on similar forms. Standardizing the information collected is essential in maintaining the transparency and integrity of the mortuary affairs process.

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**Aaron Siegel,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### **TRICARE; Fiscal Year 2016 Continued Health Care Benefit Program Premium Update**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice of Continued Health Care Benefit Program Premiums for Fiscal Year 2016.

**SUMMARY:** This notice provides the Continued Health Care Benefit Program (CHCBP) premiums for Fiscal Year 2016.

**DATES:** The Fiscal Year 2016 rates contained in this notice are effective for services on or after October 1, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** Defense Health Agency, TRICARE Health Plan, 7700 Arlington Boulevard, Suite 5101, Falls Church, Virginia 22042-5101.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mark A. Ellis, telephone (703) 681-0039.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The final rule published in the **Federal Register** on September 30, 1994 (59 FR 49818) sets forth rules to implement the CHCBP required by 10 U.S.C. 1078a. Included in this final rule were provisions for updating the CHCBP premiums for each federal fiscal year. As stated in the final rule, the premiums are based on Federal Employee Health Benefit Program employee and agency contributions required for a comparable health benefits plan, plus an administrative fee. Premiums may be revised annually and shall be published annually.

The Defense Health Agency has updated the quarterly premiums for Fiscal Year 2016 as shown below:

#### **Quarterly CHCBP Premiums for Fiscal Year 2016**

Individual \$1,300

Family \$2,925

The above premiums are effective for services rendered on or after October 1, 2015.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### **Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers**

#### **Notice of Intent To Prepare a Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Lower Cache Creek Flood Risk Management Project, City of Woodland, Yolo County, California (CA)**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Sacramento District, intends to prepare an integrated Feasibility Report/Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (FR/SDEIS) for the Lower Cache Creek Flood Risk Management Feasibility Study (feasibility study). The Corps will serve as the lead agency for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The feasibility study is evaluating opportunities to reduce flood damages to the city of Woodland and improve the conveyance of the hydraulic system in the lower Cache Creek Basin, in Yolo County, CA.

A Draft EIS was originally submitted for public review on March 21, 2003 (68 FR 13907). Following an assessment of public comments received as well as a determination of additional technical, environmental, and economic evaluation needs, the local sponsors, the City of Woodland and the Reclamation Board of the State of California, decided to pause the feasibility study. The 2003 Draft EIS/EIR was never finalized and no Record of Decision was prepared. The local sponsor reinitiated the study with the Corps in 2011 after further coordination with stakeholders and interested parties. Because of significant new circumstances and information relevant to environmental concerns and bearing on the proposed action or its impacts, a supplement to the 2003 draft EIS is being prepared.