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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The location and dates of future meetings will be published in the **Federal Register**.

The meetings will be open to the public without advanced registration. Public attendance may be limited to the space available.

Members of the public may make statements during the meeting, to the extent time permits, and file written statements with the Committee for its consideration.

Written statements should be submitted to Mr. Michael A. Miller, at the address listed above. Minutes of Committee meetings will be available 10 days following each meeting for public inspection and copying at the Royalty Management Program, Building No. 85, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado.

These meetings are being held by the authority of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. No. 92-463, 5 U.S.C. Appendix 1, and Office of Management and Budget Circular No. A-63, revised.

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Acting Associate Director for Royalty Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report on the CALFED Bay-Delta Program, San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta, California

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Supplemental notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement/environmental impact report.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) is issuing this supplemental notice of intent (NOI). The original NOI titled, "Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement/

Environmental Impact Report on the CALFED Bay-Delta Program, San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta, California" was published in the **Federal Register** at 61 FR 10379, Mar. 13, 1996. The NOI summarized the CALFED Program, the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR), and provided a list of scoping meeting dates and locations.

This notice supplements the original NOI to expand the scope of the Programmatic EIS/EIR to include the preparation of a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) as defined under Section 10 of the Federal Endangered Species Act (FESA) and satisfying the requirements of the California Endangered Species Act (CESA). The CALFED agencies intend to prepare an HCP and the State agencies intend to apply for an incidental take permit, pursuant to FESA and CESA. Both FESA and CESA require permits for any activity which could result in "take" of threatened and endangered species. The HCP planning process is intended to ensure that the effects of the incidental take are avoided, minimized, or mitigated to the extent practicable. In addition, the Federal agencies will consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service (Services) pursuant to Section 7 of FESA. This consultation will be coordinated with the HCP planning process. NEPA requires that Federal agencies assess the environmental impacts of agency actions. A joint programmatic EIS/EIR will be prepared pursuant to NEPA and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to evaluate potential impacts associated with the actions contained within an HCP and subsequent issuance of an incidental take permit.

Upon receipt of an application or request for an incidental take permit, the Services must evaluate whether to issue an incidental take permit for the Bay-Delta Program under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the FESA and the California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) must evaluate whether to authorize take under CESA or the Natural Community Conservation Program Act (NCCPA). The Programmatic EIS/EIR will include an analysis of the HCP and Program alternatives as part of the Bay-Delta Program and the action of the Services' issuance of an incidental take permit and DFG's approval of a management authorization. If an HCP is approved and an incidental take permit issued, non-Federal members of CALFED would receive assurances, pursuant to the Department of the Interior's No

Surprises Policy. The purpose of this HCP is to provide comprehensive, long-term conservation of threatened and endangered species such that the plan participants can be assured that in the event of unforeseen circumstances, no additional land, funds, or restrictions on covered program actions will be required.

DATES: Written public comments on the options for structuring an HCP and the potential of granting assurances by way of the HCP process should be sent to CALFED by October 20, 1997.

Three CALFED status/HCP and NEPA scoping meetings are scheduled to solicit public input. Specific times and locations of these meetings will be sent to individuals, agencies, and organizations on the CALFED mailing list and will be published in local newspapers prior to the meeting dates.

- September 16, 1997, Redding, California.
- September 23, 1997, Sacramento, California.
- October 2, 1997, Los Angeles, California.

In addition, the CALFED Bay-Delta Program will hold public meetings or workshops to discuss the development of the HCP and the Programmatic EIS/EIR. These meetings will occur in advance of the Program's issuing a draft Programmatic EIS/EIR for the CALFED Bay-Delta Program.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the proposal to prepare an HCP for the CALFED Bay-Delta Program should be sent to Ms. Sharon Gross, CALFED Bay-Delta Program, 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1155, Sacramento, California 95814.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Sharon Gross at the above address or call at the CALFED Bay-Delta Program Office at (916) 657-2666.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

The Federal Ecosystem Directorate (FED) and the Governor's Water Policy Council of the State of California (Council), are jointly known as CALFED. The CALFED Bay-Delta Program is a joint effort among State and Federal agencies with management and regulatory responsibilities in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Bay-Delta system of California. The Federal co-lead agencies include the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Reclamation, National Marine Fisheries Service, and the National Resources Conservation Service. The U.S. Forest Service, Western Area Power Administration, Bureau of Land

Management, and the U.S. Geological Survey are participating as cooperating Federal agencies. The State of California Resources Agency is the lead agency under CEQA. Responsible State agencies include California Department of Fish and Game, California Department of Water Resources and the State Water Resources Control Board. The mission of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program is to develop a long-term comprehensive plan that will restore ecological health and improve water management for beneficial uses of the Bay-Delta system. The Program addresses four primary resource areas; ecosystem quality, water quality, water supply reliability, and system vulnerability.

B. Proposed Action

1. The CALFED agencies will develop a HCP and certain nonfederal CALFED agencies intend to apply for an incidental take permit, pursuant to section 10 of the FESA as part of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. The CALFED agencies will seek incidental take coverage and assurances (for the nonfederal agencies) for state and federally listed species, as well as currently unlisted species should they become listed in the future. In addition, the Federal agencies will consult pursuant to Section 7, and will coordinate that process with the HCP planning process. The level of assurances provided will depend on the specific actions covered by the HCP, the level of detail provided in the HCP, and on the unique circumstances of each species; assurances must be consistent with the requirements of the State and Federal Endangered Species Acts and other applicable laws.

2. The Programmatic EIS/EIR for the CALFED Bay-Delta Program will include an evaluation of the environmental impacts associated with the HCP and Program alternatives for the purpose of the Services' and DFG's determination on whether to issue an incidental take permit.

3. The HCP will include, among other things, an adaptive management plan and monitoring requirements.

C. HCP Options

The CALFED agencies are considering several options for the structure of an HCP.

1. *Standard HCP*: Develop a comprehensive HCP that would address all reasonable and foreseeable activities and associated impacts under consideration for the program. Assurances to appropriate entities would be commensurate with the level of specificity and detail provided in the HCP.

2. *Phased HCP with Conditioned Permit*: Develop an initial HCP for the Bay-Delta Program which addresses all known actions; supplemental HCPs (and appropriate CEQA and NEPA compliance) would be developed in the future as unknown/undefined program components became defined. Upon determination by the Services that issuance criteria have been met, an incidental take permit for the whole Bay-Delta Program would be issued; the permit would be conditioned to become effective in stages corresponding to approval of supplemental HCPs. Assurances to appropriate entities would become effective in stages.

3. *Phased HCP with Permit Amendments*: Develop an initial HCP for the Bay-Delta Program which covers all known actions; subsequent supplemental HCPs (and appropriate CEQA and NEPA compliance) would be developed in the future as unknown/undefined program components became defined. An incidental take permit, covering only those actions included in the initial HCP, would be issued upon approval of the initial HCP. Permit amendments would be processed as supplemental HCP's were approved. Assurances would be provided to appropriate entities only for that portion of the overall Program as covered by each permit or amended permit.

D. Scope of Comments

1. The CALFED agencies are seeking comments on the HCP options outlined above and are seeking comments on additional ideas for HCP options not discussed above.

2. The CALFED agencies are seeking comments on assurances provided in conjunction with an HCP, pursuant to the Department of the Interior's No Surprises Policy, which would be given to non-Federal participants.

Note: If special assistance is required, contact Ms. Pauline Nevins at least one week prior to each public meeting to enable CALFED to secure the needed services. If a request cannot be honored, the requestor will be notified. A telephone device for the hearing impaired (TDD) is available from TDD phones at 1-800-735-2929; from voice phones at 1-800-735-2922.

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Roger Patterson,

Regional Director, Mid-Pacific Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

Notice of Proposed Information Collection

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Interior.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) is announcing its intention to request approval for the collection of information for the permanent program performance standards—surface mining activities at 30 CFR part 816.

DATES: Comments on the proposed information collection must be received by October 27, 1997, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to John A. Trelease, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 1951 Constitution Ave., NW, Room 210-SIB, Washington, DC 20240. Comments may also be submitted electronically to jtrelas@osmre.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request a copy of the information collection request, explanatory information and related form, contact John A. Trelease, at (202) 208-2783.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR 1320, which implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). This notice identifies information collections that OSM will be submitting to OMB for extension. These collections are contained in 30 CFR 816.

OSM has revised burden estimates, where appropriate, to reflect current reporting levels or adjustments based on reestimates of burden or respondents. OSM will request a 3-year term of approval for this information collection activity.

Comments are invited on: (1) The need for the collection of information for the performance of the functions of the agency; (2) the accuracy of the agency's burden estimates; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the information collection burden on respondents, such