

Purpose and Requirements

This document is Volume IV of the Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for the Reuse of the Mare Island Dredged Material Disposal Ponds as a Confined Upland Dredged Material Disposal Facility Project (proposed action). The Final EIS/EIR has been prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines.

The Draft EIS/EIR (Volumes I, II, and III) was circulated for public and agency review in July 2005. The comments received on the Draft EIS/EIR and responses (Volume IV) together with the Draft EIS/EIR constitute the Final EIS/EIR for the proposed action. The Final EIS/EIR is an informational document prepared by the federal lead agency, the Corps, and the state lead agency, the City of Vallejo, which must be considered by decision-makers before approving or denying the proposed action.

NEPA Compliance

The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) NEPA regulations require the lead agency or agencies respond to comments on the Draft EIS and prepare a Final EIS, which must include and respond to all substantive comments received on the Draft EIS (40 C.F. R. 1502.9(b) and 1603.4(b)). The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is the federal lead agency.

CEQA Compliance

Section 15132 of the CEQA Guidelines requires that a final EIR consist of the following elements.

- Draft environmental impact report (DEIR) or a revision of the DEIR.
- Comments and recommendations received on the DEIR, either verbatim or in summary.
- List of persons, organizations, and public agencies commenting on the DEIR.

- Responses of the lead agency to significant environmental concerns raised in the review and consultation process.
- Any other information added by the lead agency.

The City of Vallejo (City) is the state lead agency.

Format and Organization of Final EIS/EIR

This Final EIS/EIR comprises five volumes, which contain the information required by CEQ NEPA regulations and CEQA Guidelines, as outlined above. Pursuant to Corps regulations, minor text revisions to the Draft EIS/EIR, made for clarification or in response to comments, are identified in a reprinting of Volume I in its entirety. Additions to Volume I are shown with underline and deletions are shown in ~~strikethrough~~.

The contents of Volume IV are listed below.

- Chapter 1, Introduction, includes a description of the Draft EIS/EIR public review process and provides a list of persons involved in the preparation of responses to comments.
- Chapter 2, Comments Received on Draft EIS/EIR, contains comments received on the July 2005 Draft EIS/EIR, including both written comment letters and verbal comments received at the August 125, 2005, Vallejo Planning Commission public meeting.
- Chapter 3, Responses to Comments, contains responses to the comments received on the July 2005 Draft EIS/EIR.
- Chapter 4, Additional Information, presents additional information cited in various responses to comments.
- Chapter 5, EIS/EIR Appendices, describes changes to the appendices.

When certified by Vallejo's City Council and the Corps, the Final EIS/EIR will consist of the following components, as required by CEQA and NEPA.

- Volume I: Environmental Analysis. This is a reprint of the July 2005 Draft EIS/EIR with minor text revisions made for clarification or in response to comments. October 2005.
- Volume II: Appendices A, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L. July 2005.
- Volume III: Appendix B (Operations, Maintenance, and Monitoring Plan). July 2005.
- Volume IV: Comments and Responses on Draft EIS/EIR. This includes comments received on the July 2005 Draft EIS/EIR (Volumes I, II, III) and responses to those comments. October 2005.

- Volume V: Comment Letter from Morrison/Foerster. This volume includes the Morrison/Foerster comment letter in its entirety. It was too voluminous to include in Volume IV.

Copies of the Final EIS/EIR (Volumes I, II, III, IV, V) are on file at the following locations.

- City of Vallejo Planning Division, 555 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo, CA
- JFK Library, 505 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo, CA

The Final EIS/EIR (Volumes I, II, III, IV) is also posted on the website at <http://www.mareisland.org>.

Public Review of Draft EIS/EIR

Public Notice

Upon completion of the Draft EIS/EIR, the lead agencies both filed a notice of availability and distributed the document to interested agencies, organizations, and individuals for review and comment. The public review period was July 22, 2005, to September 6, 2005.

The City filed a notice of completion with the State Clearinghouse and issued a notice of availability (NOA) consistent with CEQA Guidelines Sections 15085 and 15087. The City NOA provided notice of the public review period, where to send comments, and the date/time of the public meeting. A Notice of Completion and copies of the Draft EIS/EIR were submitted to the State Clearinghouse for circulation to responsible and trustee agencies. The City NOA, as well as the State Clearinghouse's letter indicating it received the document are included at the end of this chapter. The City also ran a notice in the Vallejo Times Herald newspaper.

The Corps submitted a NOA with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) consistent with the CEQ Guidelines. The EPA filed a notice in the Federal Register on July 22, 2005. The Corps NOA and the Federal Register notice are included at the end of this chapter.

Public Meeting on Draft EIS/EIR

A public meeting was noticed in both the City and Corps Notice of Availability (both notices are included at the end of this chapter). The meeting was held on August 15, 2005, at the City of Vallejo's Planning Commission Meeting at the City's Council Chambers. Members of the public were invited to voice their comments. Oral comments were transcribed in meeting minutes and are now

part of the public record. These comments are addressed in this document along with written comments received by the City and the Corps.

Comments Received on Draft EIS/EIR

A list of public agencies, organizations, and individuals who submitted comments on the Draft EIS/EIR is included in Chapter 2, Table 2-1. The City and Corps and its consultants have responded to all written and verbal comments received on the Draft EIS/EIR in Chapter 3.

Revisions to Draft EIS/EIR

In response to comments received on the Draft EIS/EIR, minor revisions have been made to the document. These changes do not result in any new significant environmental impacts or substantially increase the severity of an environmental impact. Therefore, pursuant to Section 15088.5 of CEQA Guidelines and 40 C.F.R. 1502.9, the Draft EIS/EIR does not require recirculation prior to certification. Revisions to the environmental analysis are shown in Volume I, which has been reprinted. Revisions to the appendices are shown in an errata (Volume IV, Chapter 5).

Preparation of Final EIS/EIR

The Final EIS/EIR was prepared by the City and Corps and the consultants listed below. All work reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the state and federal lead agencies.

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NOTICE OF COMPLETION AND AVAILABILITY

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT/ ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

DATE: July 22, 2005

TO: Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Persons

SUBJECT: **NOTICE OF COMPLETION AND AVAILABILITY OF A REVISED DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT - REUSE OF THE MARE ISLAND DREDGED MATERIAL DISPOSAL PONDS AS A CONFINED UPLAND DREDGED MATERIAL DISPOSAL FACILITY (SCH# 2003122039)**

The City of Vallejo (City) and the United States Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) have released a joint Revised Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIS/EIR) for the Proposed Reuse of the Mare Island Dredged Material Disposal Ponds as a Confined Upland Dredged Material Disposal Facility. The original Draft EIS/EIR was published and circulated for public review and comments in February 2004. Since that time, significant new and more detailed information has been added to the project description and it has been determined that a revised Draft EIS/EIR would be prepared.

The Draft EIS/EIR evaluates the potential impacts on the environment that may result from reusing seven of the ten existing dredge disposal ponds located on Mare Island as a confined upland disposal facility for storing dredged material generated by public and private dredging projects throughout the San Francisco Bay Area. The City is the lead agency for this project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and the Corps is the lead agency for the project under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). WESTON Solutions Inc. (WESTON) is the project proponent.

The document is a program Draft EIS/EIR intended to provide the environmental information necessary to make an informed decision on the commercial use of the Mare Island disposal ponds for long term-storage of dredged material. The document examines the potential impacts generated by the proposed project in the following resource categories: land use; geology, soils, and seismicity; water and sediment quality; biological resources; visual resources/aesthetics; air quality; noise; cultural resources; recreation; traffic; public services and utilities; population, housing and employment; cumulative effects; and growth-inducing effects. The proposed project would not generate any unavoidable adverse impacts.

Three project alternatives and a no action alternative are analyzed in the Draft EIS/EIR: Alternative 1—Seven-Pond, Raised-Levee Alternative; Alternative 2—Seven-Pond, Highest Levee Alternative; Alternative 3—Six-Pond, Highest Levee Alternative.

REVIEW PERIOD: Interested parties have an opportunity to review and comment on the document during a 45-day review period between **July 22, 2005, and September 6, 2005**. Written comments should be submitted to Jerry Haag, City of Vallejo, 555 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo, CA 94590, or Robert Lawrence, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 333 Market Street, San Francisco, 94105-2097.

REVIEWING LOCATIONS: Copies of the Draft EIS/EIR are available at the following locations:

- City of Vallejo Planning Division, 555 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo, CA.
- JFK Library, 505 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo, CA.
- State Clearinghouse, 1400 Tenth Street, Sacramento, CA.

The Draft EIS/EIR is also posted on the website at <http://www.mareisland.org>.

PUBLIC MEETING: **Monday, August 15, 2005, 7:00 p.m.**, City of Vallejo, City Council Chambers, 555 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo, CA.

STATE LEAD AGENCY: City of Vallejo, Development Services Department, Planning Division
555 Santa Clara Street - P.O. Box 3068, Vallejo, CA 94590

FEDERAL LEAD AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Branch
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September 2, 2005

Jerry Haag
City of Vallejo Development Services, Planning Division
Vallejo City Hall
555 Santa Clara Street
Vallejo, CA 94590

Subject: Reuse of the Mare Island Dredged Material Disposal Ponds as a Confined Upland Dredged
Material Disposal Facility
SCH#: 2003122039

Dear Jerry Haag:

The State Clearinghouse submitted the above named Draft EIR to selected state agencies for review. The review period closed on September 1, 2005, and no state agencies submitted comments by that date. This letter acknowledges that you have complied with the State Clearinghouse review requirements for draft environmental documents, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

Please call the State Clearinghouse at (916) 445-0613 if you have any questions regarding the environmental review process. If you have a question about the above-named project, please refer to the ten-digit State Clearinghouse number when contacting this office.

Sincerely,

Terry Roberts
Director, State Clearinghouse

**Document Details Report
State Clearinghouse Data Base**

SCH# 2003122039
Project Title Reuse of the Mare Island Dredged Material Disposal Ponds as a Confined Upland Dredged Material
Lead Agency Disposal Facility
 Vallejo, City of

Type EIR Draft EIR
Description WESTON Solutions, Inc. and the City of Vallejo propose to use seven existing disposal ponds on Mare Island for the disposal of material dredged from projects throughout the Bay Area. The ponds would be operated as a commercial facility available for the disposal of dredged material by various public and private projects.

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Project Location

County Solano
City Vallejo
Region

Cross Streets
Parcel No.
Township

Range

Section

Base

Proximity to:

Highways 37
Airports
Railways California Northern R.R.
Waterways San Pablo Bay, Mare Island Strait, Carquinez Strait
Schools Mare Island
Land Use Mare Island is a former naval shipyard. Although now largely vacant, a variety of active land uses exist on the island including industrial, office and educational activities. The project area is defined as the area encompassing approximately 440 acres at the western and southwestern edges of Mare Island, including 281 acres of ponds and 275 acres of jurisdictional wetlands. The project area includes Dredge Ponds 2S, 2M, 2N, 4S, 4M, and 4N, located west of Cedar Avenue/Azuar Drive; Pond 7, situated at the relatively flat southern edge of Mare Island; Piers 34 and 35, located at the relatively flat southeastern section of Mare Island; and pipeline alignments and roads connecting the piers to the ponds. The wetlands and dredge areas are zoned RC, Resource Conservation, and have a General Plan land use designation of "Open Space - Wetlands."

Project Issues Aesthetic/Visual; Air Quality; Archaeologic-Historic; Cumulative Effects; Economics/Jobs; Flood Plain/Flooding; Geologic/Seismic; Growth Inducing; Landuse; Noise; Population/Housing Balance; Public Services; Recreation/Parks; Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading; Toxic/Hazardous; Traffic/Circulation; Vegetation; Water Quality; Water Supply; Wetland/Riparian; Wildlife

Reviewing Agencies Resources Agency; Regional Water Quality Control Board, Region 2; Department of Parks and Recreation; Native American Heritage Commission; Integrated Waste Management Board; Department of Health Services; Department of Fish and Game, Marine Region; Department of Fish and Game, Region 3; Department of Water Resources; California Highway Patrol; Caltrans, District 4; San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission; Department of Toxic Substances Control; State Lands Commission

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Date Received 07/19/2005 **Start of Review** 07/19/2005 **End of Review** 09/01/2005

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Regulatory Branch
333 Market Street
San Francisco, CA 94105-2197

NUMBER: 25148N: Reuse of Mare Island Dredged Material Disposal Ponds

DATE: July 22, 2005

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF RE-CIRCULATED DRAFT EIS/EIR FOR
PUBLIC COMMENT;**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING ON RE-CIRCULATED DRAFT EIS/EIR

PERMIT MANAGER: Robert Lawrence: PHONE: (415) 977-8020; E-mail: robert.l.lawrence@usace.army.mil

1. INTRODUCTION: The United States Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and the City of Vallejo (City) have released the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIS/EIR) for the Proposed Reuse of the Mare Island Dredged Material Disposal Ponds as a Confined Upland Dredged Material Disposal Facility (proposed action). The joint Draft EIS/EIR is a revised document that is being re-circulated. In February 2004, the Corps and City circulated a Draft EIS/EIR for the reuse of the Mare Island dredged material disposal ponds on Mare Island in the City of Vallejo, Solano County, California. As a result of the comments received, the additional information required to respond to those comments and changes to the project description, the Draft EIS/EIR is being re-circulated for public review and comment. The updated draft is being considered as a new document and incorporates responses (unidentified) to comments on the original draft. The Final EIS/EIR will contain responses only to the comments received on the re-circulated document (document). A public meeting will be held on Monday, August 15, 2005, from 7 to 9 p.m., at the City Council Chambers in Vallejo, California, located at 555 Santa Clara Street in the City of Vallejo, to solicit additional comments on the Draft EIS/EIR. Information on the project, as well as the entire text of the Draft EIS/EIR, can be found on the Internet at <http://www.mareisland.org>. The document is also available at the City of Vallejo Planning Department.

On behalf of the City, WESTON Solutions Inc. (WESTON), Suite 212, 1575 Treat Blvd., Walnut Creek, CA 94598, (contact: Peggy Lobnitz, [818] 382-1800) has applied for a Department of the Army permit to deposit up to 9.3 million cubic yards of regionally-dredged material into seven dredge disposal ponds covering an area of approximately 275 acres on the western side of Mare Island. This individual permit is being processed pursuant to the provisions of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344) to place dredge or fill material into waters of the United States and Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act (33 U.S.C. 403) to conduct work in navigable waters.

2. PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project includes WESTON's commercial operation of seven dredged disposal ponds through a 20-year sublease from the City under the City's long-term lease of the area from the State Lands Commission.

The project area, where the proposed action would be implemented on Mare Island, includes Ponds 2S, 2M, 2N, 4S, 4M, 4N on the western side; Pond 7 on the southwestern side; Piers 34 and 35 and the shoreline areas on the southside; San Pablo Bay; and pipeline alignments and roads connecting the piers to the ponds (see attached sheets 1 through 3).

The Draft EIS/EIR document includes information on the operations of the facility and analyzes the no-action and three other action alternatives that vary

in number of ponds used and heights of the levees. The three other alternatives are: Alternative 1: Seven-Pond, Raised-Levee; Alternative 2: Seven-Pond, Highest Levee Alternative; and Alternative 3: Six-Pond, Highest Levee Alternative. The environmental consequences of each alternative are discussed in the Draft EIS/EIR.

An estimated 12.33 acres out of a total of 275 acres of waters of the United States within the existing ponds will be impacted by levee-raising activities. The mitigation proposal for the project consists of the following two components: (1) creating approximately 16 acres of new pickleweed marsh and associated upland transition habitat in a degraded upland area located south of Pond 2S; and (2) restoration of approximately 255 acres of higher value pickleweed and seasonal wetland habitat on Mare Island in approximately 20 years. After each disposal event of clean dredged material, the facility will be managed to allow for limited ponding during the rainy season. This is to replace the limited ponding that occurs at the present time. The 16 acres of proposed wetland creation will be implemented at the start of the project to compensate for concurrent and future levee raising impacts that will occur during the 20-year project.

Individual dredging projects that select the proposed facility as a disposal site are not the subject of this Draft EIS/EIR or permit application and would require separate review and authorization by the Department of the Army. If alternative future uses for the ponds are proposed, separate environmental assessments and permit evaluations will have to be conducted for those uses.

3. SITE DESCRIPTION: Mare Island is located on the western edge of the City of Vallejo in Solano County, California, about 30 miles northeast of the City of San Francisco. Mare Island, which is 3.5 miles long and 1 mile wide, was home to the Mare Island Naval Shipyard from 1854 to 1996, when the

base was closed pursuant to the Defense Base Realignment and Closure Act (BRAC) of 1990.

The western side of Mare Island is composed of wetlands, dredge material disposal ponds, and submerged lands. The shoreline provides habitat for fish spawning in the salt marshes that extend the length of the western side of the island and are contiguous with marshes in the San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge.

During the winter (rainy season), the ponds provide limited aquatic habitat for Pacific Flyway waterfowl. As the ponds dry out, seasonal annual wetland vegetation provides cover to small mammals for a few months. The ponds have been managed for the last 12 years to eliminate suitable habitat for the state and federal endangered salt marsh harvest mouse, per a 1988 Memorandum of Understanding between the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Pond management involves extensive annual disking after the pond bottoms have dried enough to support a tractor.

4. PURPOSE AND NEED: The purpose of the proposed action is to provide an upland disposal site for dredged material and to generate City revenues lost because of the base closure. The need for the action is to (1) support the Long Term Management Strategy goals for disposal of dredged materials in the San Francisco Bay region at an upland site to minimize dredged materials going into the Bay or the ocean, and for beneficial reuse of dredged material, (2) support the regional need for an upland disposal site to store dredged materials that are unsuitable for aquatic disposal, (3) support the BRAC commitments between the City and the federal government to provide economic return to the City, (4) beneficially reuse surplus government property, and (5) implement the base reuse plan.

According to WESTON, several million cubic yards of dredged material are removed annually from the

San Francisco and San Pablo Bay area to maintain or deepen marina basins, ports and existing channels. The dredged sediment must then be disposed in an appropriate location. Historically, sediment has been placed in three designated disposal areas of the Bay, the San Francisco Deep Ocean Disposal Site, or in one of the few upland disposal locations. However, due to the fishing community's concern for the decrease of catch in the bay, the public's concern about potentially high levels of sediment contaminants, and the possible loss of aquatic habitat functions, a review of disposal options revealed that there is currently a preference for land disposal options. Locations for upland placement of dredged material in the Bay Area are limited. This project would help to resolve the need for upland dredge disposal sites in the San Francisco and San Pablo Bay area.

5. STATE APPROVALS: The project proponents state that they have notified the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Francisco Bay Region, to determine the need for State water quality certification. If the State Water Resources Control Board determines that this project is consistent with the California Water Quality Control Plan, requirements adopted by the Regional Board and Sections 301, 302, 303, 306 and 307 of the Clean Water Act, the State will issue a Certificate of Conformance with Water Quality Standards to the project proponent. Those parties concerned with any water quality problems that may be associated with this project should write to the Executive Officer, California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region, 1515 Clay Street, Suite 1400, Oakland, California, 94612.

Elements of the project are also within the jurisdiction of the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC). The applicant plans to obtain a BCDC permit.

6. COMPLIANCE WITH VARIOUS FEDERAL LAWS: National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA): The Corps will assess the environmental impacts of the proposed action in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Public Law 91-190), The Council on Environmental Quality's Regulations, 40 CFR 1500-1508, and Corps' Regulations 33 CFR 230 and 325. The final NEPA analysis will address the direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts that result from regulated activities within the jurisdiction of the Corps and other non-regulated activities the Corps determines to be within its purview of Federal control and responsibility to justify an expanded scope of analysis for NEPA purposes. The final NEPA analysis will be incorporated in the decision documentation that provides the rationale for issuing or denying a Department of Army permit for the project.

Endangered Species Act of 1973: Stephanie Myers review this section. The following listed threatened or endangered species are known to occur on site or in the project vicinity. The Corps will be consulting with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service concerning the project effects on these species.

Salt Marsh Harvest Mouse (*Reithrodontomys raviventris*): The salt marsh harvest mouse (SMHM) is a federal and state endangered species. Historically, populations of SMHM were present in the disposal ponds. Following implementation of pickleweed control within the ponds, as specified by the 1988 Memorandum of Understanding between the Navy and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, there has been no available habitat and no documented occurrences of SMHM within the ponds. Populations of SMHM are known to occur within the tidally influenced wetlands to the west of the disposal ponds as well as within the SMHM Refuge to the south of the six contiguous disposal

ponds. This species would be expected to utilize the outer slopes of the pond levees as high tide and storm refuge.

California Clapper Rail (*Rallus longirostris obsoletus*): The California clapper rail is a state and federal endangered species. California clapper rails are known to use the western tidal wetlands of Mare Island.

Western Snowy Plover (*Charadrius alexandrinus nivosus*): The western snowy plover is a federal threatened species with critical habitat. Western snowy plover were identified as a transient species on Mare Island tidal flats.

California brown pelican (*Pelecanus occidentalis californicus*): The California brown pelican is a federally and state-listed endangered and fully protected species. California brown pelicans was identified as a transient species in the action area during the summer and fall months.

Delta smelt (*Hypomesus transpacificus*): The Delta smelt is a threatened species of fish that spawns in the Napa River system. The Napa River system is not included in the designated critical habitat, which includes all of Suisun Bay and Grizzly Bay. This species is dependent on the salinity/freshwater-mixing zone, which moves up and down the estuary. When the zone is within the Suisun Bay, smelt disperse throughout shallow-water and marsh habitat and may remain there after the mixing zone moves upstream out of Suisun Bay. Delta smelt are not ordinarily found in Carquinez Strait or San Pablo Bay, but do appear there during unusually wet winters or unusually heavy rainfall events in average winters.

Chinook Salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*): The National Marine Fisheries Service recognizes two Evolutionary Significant Units (ESU) of Chinook spawning in the Sacramento and San Joaquin River

system. Based on timing of the spawning runs, the Sacramento winter-run, Central Valley fall-/late fall-run, and the Central Valley spring-run may be present in the Mare Island/Carquinez Strait anytime from late August to the end of May. Juveniles may be present in the project vicinity anytime from September through the end of May. All waters of San Pablo Bay, which includes the Mare Island area, are included within the critical habitat designated for the Sacramento winter-run and Central Valley spring-run Chinook.

Steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*): The National Marine Fisheries Service recognizes two Evolutionary Significant Units of steelhead in the San Pablo Bay, the Central California Coast and the Central Valley steelhead. Central California Coast steelhead spawn in the Napa River and in streams that enter the San Pablo Bay, Suisun Bay and San Francisco Bay. Central Valley steelhead spawn in the Sacramento/San Joaquin River system. Adults could be in the vicinity of Mare Island anytime between August and May, and juveniles from December through May.

Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1966: The project occurs within designated Essential Fish Habitat for the Pacific Groundfish, Coastal Pelagics, and Pacific Salmon Fisheries and other species. The Corps will coordinate with the National Marine Fisheries Service concerning project effects on Essential Fish Habitat.

National Historic Preservation Act of 1966: Mare Island Naval Shipyard was designated a National Historic Landmark by the Secretary of the Interior in 1975. National Historic Landmark (NHL) status is the highest honorary designation that may be conferred upon a historic property. Mare Island's historical status therefore is equivalent to that of the Presidio of San Francisco,

the Empire State Building, New Orleans's "French Quarter," and other well-known historic properties.

The Mare Island NHL, as originally defined, consists of four distinct clusters of the earliest buildings on the shipyard, including the historic housing, the Marine barracks, the Naval Hospital, and the Naval Ammunition Depot. Loss of historic integrity in any of these areas could lead to removal of Landmark designation. Therefore, preservation of the historic character of the district as a whole must be considered in any planning effort. Loss of a large number of contributing resources, even if scattered throughout the district, could affect the integrity of the Landmark.

The Mare Island Historic District encompasses a contiguous area of approximately 980 acres (65% of the island) and includes numerous resources not included in the NHL designation. In 1997, the Mare Island Historic District was listed in the National Register. The project area includes resources within the ammunition depot that were developed after 1931 and are contributing elements of the National Register historic district but are not part of the NHL. The Corps will consult with the State Historic Preservation Officer pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act to take into account any project effects.

7. COMPLIANCE WITH THE 404(b)(1) GUIDELINES: Projects resulting in dredged or fill material discharges into waters of the United States must comply with the Guidelines promulgated by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency under Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344(b)). An evaluation pursuant to the Guidelines indicates the project is not dependent on a location in or proximate to waters of the United States to achieve the basic project purpose. This conclusion raises the (rebuttable) presumption of the availability of a less environmentally damaging practicable alternative to the project that does not require the discharge of dredged or fill material into special

aquatic sites. The project proponents have submitted an analysis of project alternatives to be reviewed for compliance with the Guidelines. The alternatives are discussed in the Draft EIS/EIR, and the Section 404(b)(1) analysis is included in Appendix F of the Draft EIS/EIR.

8. PUBLIC INTEREST EVALUATION: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts, of the proposed activity and its intended use on the public interest. Evaluation of the probable impacts that the proposed activity may have on the public interest requires a careful weighing of all those factors that become relevant in each particular case. The benefits that reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. The decision whether to authorize a proposal, and if so the conditions under which it will be allowed to occur, are therefore determined by the outcome of the general balancing process. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. All factors that may be relevant to the proposal must be considered including the cumulative effects thereof. Among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shore erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

9. CONSIDERATION OF COMMENTS: The Corps is soliciting comments from the public, Federal, State and local agencies and officials, Native Americans, and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps to determine whether to issue, modify,

condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of a final EIS/EIR pursuant to the NEPA. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

10. SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS: Interested parties have an opportunity to review and comment on the document during a **45-day review period between July 22, 2005 and September 6, 2005** (45 days). Submit comments of the Draft EIS/EIR by **September 6, 2005** to:

Jerry Haag, City of Vallejo
Development Services, Planning Division
555 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo, CA, 94590
(707) 648-4326

Robert Lawrence, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers,
San Francisco District, Regulatory Branch
333 Market Street, San Francisco, CA, 94105
(415) 977-8020.

The Draft EIS/EIR, as well as information on the project, can be found on the Internet at <http://www.mareisland.org>.

Copies of the Draft EIS/EIR are also available at the following locations.

- City of Vallejo Planning Division,
555 Santa Clara Street, Vallejo, CA, 94590
- JFK Library, 505 Santa Clara Street,
Vallejo, CA, 94590
- State Clearinghouse, 1400 Tenth Street,
Sacramento, CA, 95814

and publicly owned and operated facilities. This is not an exhaustive list; it is only intended to provide a framework to consider potential nominees.

Nomination of a Member: Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified individuals for membership to the WGPE. Name, occupation, position, address, and telephone number should identify all nominees. To be considered, all nominations must include a current resume providing the nominee's background, experience, and qualifications, in addition to a statement (not to exceed two (2) paragraphs) about their particular expertise and interest in the public education requirements of the Lead and Copper Rule. Please note that the Agency will not formally acknowledge or respond to nominations.

Dated: July 18, 2005.

Cynthia C. Dougherty,

Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-6665-5]

Environmental Impacts Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7167 or <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/>.

Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements

Filed 07/11/2005 through 07/15/2005 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 20050290, Final EIS, NOA, AK, Pribilof Islands Setting for the Annual Subsistence Harvest of Northern Fur Seals, To Determine and Publish the Take Ranges, Pribilof Islands, AK, Wait Period Ends: 08/22/2005, Contact: James W. Balsiger 301-713-3318.

EIS No. 20050291, Final EIS, AFS, CO, Gold Camp Road Plan, Develop a Feasible Plan to Manage the Operation of Tunnel #3 and the 8.5 mile Road Segment, Pike National Forest, Pikes Peak Ranger District, Colorado Springs, El Paso County, CO, Wait Period Ends: 08/22/2005, Contact: Frank Landis 719-477-4203.

EIS No. 20050292, Draft EIS, USA, HI, Makua Military Reservation (MMR) Project, Proposed Military Training Activities, 25th Infantry Division (Light) and U.S. Army, HI, Comment

Period Ends: 09/21/2005, Contact: Gary Shirakata 808-438-0772.

EIS No. 20050293, Draft EIS, WPA, AZ, Wellton-Mohawk Generating Facility Project, Construction and Operation a Natural Gas-Fired, Combined-Cycle, Electric Generating Stations, Approval for Right-of-Way, Yuma County, AZ, Comment Period Ends: 09/06/2005, Contact: Mark J. Wieringa 720-962-7448.

EIS No. 20050294, Revised Draft EIS, COE, CA, Mare Island Reuse of Dredged Material Disposal Ponds as a Confirmed Updated Dredged Material Disposal Facility, Issuing Section 404 Permit Clean Water Act and Section 10 Permit Rivers and Harbor Act, San Francisco Bay Area, City of Vallejo, Solano County, CA, Error: Revised Draft EIS 09/06/2005, Contact: Robert J. Lawrence 415-977-8020.

EIS No. 20050295, Draft EIS, AFS, CA, Bald Mountain Project, Proposes to Harvest Trees Using Group and Individual Trees Selection Methods, Feather River Ranger District, Plumas National Forest, Plumas and Butte Counties, CA, Comment Period Ends: 09/06/2005, Contact: Katherine Worn 530-534-6500.

EIS No. 20050296, Final EIS, TVA, TN, 500-kV Transmission Lin in Middle Tennessee Construction and Operation, Cumberland Fossil Plant to either the Montgomery 500-kV Substation, Montgomery County, or the Davidson 500-kV Substation, Davidson County, Stewart, Houston, Montgomery, Dickerson, Cheatham and Davidson Counties, TN, Wait Period Ends: 08/22/2005, Contact: Charles P. Nicholson 865-632-3582.

EIS No. 20050297, Draft EIS, SFW, WY, Bison and Elk Management Plan, Implementation, National Elk Refuge/Grand Teton National Park/John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway, Teton County, WY, Comment Period Ends: 09/30/2005, Contact: Laurie Shannon 303-236-4317.

EIS No. 20050298, Draft EIS, AFS, UT, West Bear Vegetation Management Project, Timber Harvesting, Prescribed Burning, Roads Construction, Township 1 North, Range 9 East, Salt Lake Principle Meridian, Evanston Ranger District, Wasatch-Cache National Forest, Summit County, UT, Comment Period Ends: 09/06/2005, Contact: Larry Johnson 307-789-3194.

EIS No. 20050299, Draft EIS, SFW, CA, San Diego Bay National Wildlife Refuge Comprehensive Conservation Plan, Implementation, Sweetwater Marsh and South San Diego Bay Units, San Diego County, CA, Comment Period Ends: 09/19/2005,

Contact: Victoria Touchstone 760-431-9440 Ex. 349.

EIS No. 20050300, Draft Supplemental EIS, NOA, 00, Reef Fish (Amendment 25) and Coastal Migatory Pelagic (CMP) (Amendment 17) Fishery Management Plans (FMP) for Extending the Charter Vessel/Headboat Permit Moratorium, Gulf of Mexico, Comment Period Ends: 09/06/2005, Contact: Andy Strelcheck 727-824-5305.

Dated: July 19, 2005.

Robert W. Hargrove,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-6665-6]

Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under section 309 of the Clean Air Act and section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at 202-564-7167. An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in the **Federal Register** dated April 1, 2005 (70 FR 16815).

Draft EISs

EIS No. 20040548, ERP No. D-BLM-J65432-CO, Roan Plateau Resource Management Plan Amendment, Including Former Naval Oil Shale Reserves 1 and 2, Garfield and Rio Blanco Counties, CO.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns with potential adverse impacts from increased access to the top of the plateau, to Colorado Cutthroat from sedimentation from new roads, fragmentation of critical winter habitat for mule deer, and reduction of areas with wilderness characteristics, and recommended that the Final EIS include mitigation measures identified in the analysis to reduce these impacts. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20050104, ERP No. D-NPS-K61161-CA, Golden Gate National Recreation Area (GGNRA) Fire Management Plan, Implementation, Muir Woods National Monument, Fort Point National Historic Site, San

Mateo, San Francisco and Marin Counties, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding smoke management, use of herbicides, and the protection of air quality, water quality, and wetlands. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20050111, ERP No. D-AFS-K65280-CA, Power Fire Restoration Project, To Reduce Long-Term Fuel Loading for the Purpose of Reducing Future Severity and Resistance to Control, Amador Ranger District, Eldorado National Forest, Amador County, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns with the very high risk of cumulative watershed effects and potential effects on water quality, aquatic resources, and air quality, and requested additional information be provided on Clean Air Act conformity requirements, mitigation measures to reduce priority pollutants and consultation with tribal governments. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20050133, ERP No. D-AFS-F65056-OH, Wayne National Forest, Proposed Revised Land and Resource Management Plan, Implementation, Several Counties, OH.

Summary: EPA supports the proposed alternative, which should improve watershed condition and wildlife habitat as well as meet other multiple use objectives. However, EPA requested additional information on the management of early successional and grassland habitat which could have impacts to declining populations of interior forest birds. The Final EIS should consider additional monitoring to determine invertebrate viability and trends of other important populations. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20050151, ERP No. D-AFS-K61162-CA, Ansel Adams and John Muir Wildernesses, Trail and Commercial Pack Sock Management, Implementation, Inyo, Mono, Madera, and Fresno Counties, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns with the minimal water quality and ecological improvement predicted with implementing the action alternatives. The Final EIS should include additional management actions, a detailed monitoring and enforcement strategy, especially for special use permits, to improve degraded trails and water quality in meadows, wetlands, and streams. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20050160, ERP No. D-AFS-L65483-ID, Three Basins Timber Sale Project, Proposal to Treat 760 Acres of Mature Forest, Implementation,

Caribou-Targhee National Forest, Montpellier Ranger District, Bearlake and Caribou Counties, ID.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns with identified air impacts from prescribed burning, potential impacts on water quality near 303(d) listed streams, and exceeding Forest Service guidelines. EPA requested that the FEIS estimate PM10 and PM2.5 emissions, clarify the location of 303(d) listed streams relative to project actions, and explain the basis for deviating from the Forest Plan guideline for Visual Quality Objectives. Rating EC1.

EIS No. 20050176, ERP No. D-FAA-L51017-AK, Juneau International Airport, Proposed Development Activities to Enhance Operations Safety, Facilitate Aircraft Alignment, U.S. Army COE Section 404 Permit, City and Borough of Juneau, AK.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental objections because at the loss of high quality estuarine wetlands and related impacts to 303(d) listed streams and wetland functions, and requested a compensatory mitigation option be developed for unavoidable impacts. Rating EO2.

EIS No. 20050177, ERP No. D-AFS-K65282-AZ, Coconino National Forest Project, Re-authorize Grazing on the Pickett Lake and Padre Canyon Allotments, Implementation, Mormon Lake Range District, Coconino County, AZ.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns with impacts to wetlands and requested a commitment in the Record of Decision to require fencing of additional wetlands for the 10 year permit. The Final EIS should disclose locations of grazing impaired soils related to grazing areas and the potential for additional impacts. Rating EC2.

EIS No. 20050199, ERP No. D-DOD-D11037-DC, Armed Forces Retirement Home (AFRH-W), Proposed Master Plan for Campus Located 3700 North Capitol Street, NW., AFRH Trust Fund, Washington, DC.

Summary: EPA expressed concerns related to project impacts to ponds, wetlands, and terrestrial/aquatic biota. Rating EC2.

Final EISs

EIS No. 20050201, ERP No. F-AFS-G65093-NM, San Diego Range Allotment Project, Proposes to Revise Grazing Program, Santa Fe National Forest, Jemez Ranger District,

Township 17-19 North, Range 1-3 East, Sandoval County, NM.

Summary: No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

EIS No. 20050217, ERP No. F-AFS-G65094-NM, Ojo Caliente Proposed Transmission Line, Propose to Authorize, Construct, Operate and Maintain a New 115kV Transmission Line and Substation, Carson National Forest and BLM Taos Field Office, Taos and Rio Arriba Counties, NM.

Summary: No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

EIS No. 20050245, ERP No. F-COE-K36140-CA, Prado Basin Water Supply Feasibility Study, To Increase Conservation of Surplus Water at Prado Dam and Flood Control Basin, Orange County Water District, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties, CA.

Summary: No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

EIS No. 20050257, ERP No. F-AFS-J65440-MT, Northeast Yaak Project, Proposed Harvest to Reduce Fuels in Old Growth, Implementation, Kootenai National Forest, Three Rivers Ranger District, Lincoln County, MT.

Summary: EPA supports the proposed action to improve old growth and grizzly bear habitats, reduce road impacts to streams and fisheries, noting the importance of adequate funding to implement restoration work. However, EPA has environmental concerns about the proposed opening of Vinal Lake Road 746 because of increased motorized access and potential adverse impacts to wildlife habitat by reducing connectivity.

EIS No. 20050273, ERP No. F-AFS-L65280-ID, Porcupine East, 9 Allotment Grazing Analysis Project, Authorizing Livestock Grazing, Caribou-Targhee National Forest, Dubois Ranger District, Centennial Mountains, Clark County, ID.

Summary: EPA continues to have concerns potential impacts to impaired streams in the project; and supports features of the Preferred alternative that minimize impacts to water quality. However, EPA recommends that once TMDLs are finalized that permits be modified when needed to meet load allocation targets.

EIS No. 20050244, ERP No. FS-NPS-K65325-CA, Merced Wild and Scenic River Revised Comprehensive Management Plan, Amend and Supplement Information, Yosemite National Park, El Portal Administrative Site, Tuolumne,

Merced, Mono, Mariposa, and Madera Counties, CA.

Summary: No formal letter was sent to the preparing agency.

Dated: July 19, 2005.

Robert W. Hargrove,

Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

[Document Identifier: OS-0990-0292]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Secretary (OS), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of a proposed collection for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

Type of Information Collection Request: Regular Clearance.

Title of Information Collection: Burn Bed Enumeration.

Form/OMB No.: OS-0990-0292.

Use: The Office for Public Health Emergency Preparedness (OPHEP) will collect information on available burn beds, medical material for care of burn patients, and staffing levels to ensure the ability to manage a mass casualty event involving burns. No current system exists.

Frequency: Reporting, weekly, other (twelve additional days).

Affected Public: Federal, business or other for profit, not for profit institutions.

Annual Number of Respondents: 132.

Total Annual Responses: 8,448.

Average Burden per Response: 15 minutes.

Total Annual Hours: 2,112.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access the HHS Web site address at <http://www.hhs.gov/oirm/infocollect/pending/> or e-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and OS document identifier, to naomi.cook@hhs.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (202) 690-6162.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be received within 30 days of this notice directly to the Desk Officer at the address below:

OMB Desk Officer: John Kraemer, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, Attention: (OMB #0990-0292), New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: July 13, 2005.

Robert E. Polson,

Office of the Secretary, Paperwork Reduction Act Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics: Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announces the following advisory committee meeting.

Name: National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS), Workgroup on the National Health Information Infrastructure (NHII).

Time and Date: 1 p.m.-5 p.m., July 27, 2005; 9 a.m.-12 p.m., July 28, 2005.

Place: Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue SW., Room 800, Washington, DC 20201.

Status: Open.

Purpose: The Workgroup will meet to discuss their draft letter to the Secretary on personal health record systems, the group's work plan and next steps.

Contact Person for More Information: Substantive program information as well as summaries of meetings and a roster of committee members may be obtained from Mary Jo Deering, Lead Staff Person for the NCVHS Workgroup on the National Health Information Infrastructure, Director for Informatics Dissemination, NCI Center for Bioinformatics, National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health, USDHHS, 6116 Executive Blvd.—#400, Rockville, MD 20852, Phone: (301) 594-1273, Fax: (301) 480-3441, E-mail: deeringm@mail.nih.gov or Marjorie S. Greenberg, Executive Secretary, NCVHS, National Center for Health Statistics, Centers

for Disease Control and Prevention, 3311 Toledo Road, Room 2402, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782, telephone (301) 458-4245. Information also is available on the NCVHS home page of the HHS Web site: <http://www.ncvhs.hhs.gov/>, where an agenda for the meeting will be posted when available.

Should you require reasonable accommodation, please contact the CDC Office of Equal Employment Opportunity on (301) 458-4EEO (4336) as soon as possible.

Dated: July 10, 2005.

James Scanlon,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Science and Data Policy Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics: Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announces the following advisory committee meeting.

Name: National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS), Subcommittee on Standards and Security (SSS).

Time and Date: July 26, 2005, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; July 27, 2005, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Place: Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 800, Washington, DC 20201.

Status: Open.

Purpose: The morning of the 26th will be devoted to updates on e-prescribing standards and standards harmonization efforts, and updates from the Department of Health and Human Services on regulations and other initiatives related to e-prescribing. The afternoon will focus on secondary uses of clinical data. The Subcommittee will use the morning of the 27th to develop a work plan for future hearings.

Contact Person for More Information: Substantive program information as well as summaries of meetings and a roster of Committee members may be obtained from Maria Friedman, Health Insurance Specialist, Security and Standards Group, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, MS: C5-24-04, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244-1850, telephone: (410) 786-6333 or Marjorie S. Greenberg, Executive Secretary, NCVHS, National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Room 1100, Presidential Building, 3311 Toledo Road, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782, telephone: (301) 458-4245. Information also is available on the NCVHS home page of the HHS Web site: <http://www.ncvhs.hhs.gov/> where an agenda for the meeting will be posted when available.

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