

ADDRESSES: You may mail or hand carry written comments to Clay Gregory, Regional Director, Pacific Regional Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California 95825. The public scoping meeting will be held at the Richmond Memorial Auditorium, 403 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Rydzik, (916) 978-6042.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Tribe proposes that 415± acres of land be taken into trust to restore its terminated tribal land base for its people. The 415± acres encompass nine contiguous parcels in the City of Richmond, more commonly known as the former Point Molate Naval Fuel Depot. The project site is located 2 miles northeast of the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge tollbooth, after exiting at Western Avenue off of Highway 580 while heading west.

The Tribe wishes to use the property for multiple tribal purposes, including economic development and the provision of governmental services. The City wishes to use the property for economic development purposes, promoting employment, enhancing City revenues and improving municipal services. More specifically, the Tribe and City contemplate that the site will be used for the development of gaming and related entertainment, retail and lodging facilities, tribal government facilities, police and fire services, public parks, open space, a ferry terminal, public transportation and possible housing. The eventual size and scope of these facilities may be altered based on information obtained through the EIS/EIR process, but the Tribe and City's current proposal is for approximately 150,000 square feet of gaming floor, 300,000 square feet of retail facilities, 25,000 square feet of convention and entertainment facilities, an approximately 400 room hotel and a second phase 700 room hotel, 29 cottages remodeled into hotel suites or offices, a boutique spa/hotel, a fire station, tribal governmental offices, a tribal cultural center, 220+ acres of open space or submerged lands, 40 acres of public parks, a public trail, the ferry terminal and possible limited housing units. The proposed development would also include parking facilities for approximately 3000 vehicles for patrons and employees.

The proposed action encompasses the various federal approvals which would be required to implement the Tribe's efforts to establish a restored tribal land base, including approval of the Tribe's fee-to-trust application, approval of the Tribe's gaming management contract

and approval of the Tribe's request for a reservation proclamation pursuant to a court approved stipulation in *Scotts Valley et al v. United States* case of September 6, 1991 (NO. C-86-3660-VRW), and implementing the intent and findings of the U.S. Department of Navy EIS/EIR for the base closure of the Point Molate Naval Fuel Depot. The proposed action also includes all the actions and approvals by the City necessary to permit and facilitate the land transfer and development, including approval of a proposed municipal services agreement.

Areas of environmental concern identified so far for analysis in the EIS/EIR include land resources, water resources, coastal zone planning consistency, air quality, living resources, cultural resources, Indian burial remains, socioeconomic conditions, traffic and transportation, land use, public utilities and services, noise, lighting, hazardous materials, environmental justice, soils remediation, visual resources/aesthetics, homeland security issues, Bay Trail construction, historical building restoration, and cumulative impacts. The range of issues and alternatives to be addressed in the EIS/EIR may be expanded based on comments received in response to this notice and at the public scoping meeting.

Public Comment Availability

Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the BIA address shown in the **ADDRESSES** section, during business hours 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by the law. We will not, however, consider anonymous comments. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Authority

This notice is published in accordance with section 1503.1 of the Council of Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500 through 1508) implementing the procedural requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as

amended (42 U.S.C. 4371 *et seq.*), Department of the Interior Manual (516 DM 1-6), and is in the exercise of authority delegated to the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs by 209 DM 8.1.

Dated: February 22, 2005.

Michael D. Olsen,

Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Class III gaming compacts taking effect.

SUMMARY: Notice is given that the Tribal-State Compacts between the Kaw Nation, the Kickapoo Tribe, the Peoria Tribe and the State of Oklahoma are considered to have been approved and are in effect.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 11, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George T. Skibine, Director, Office of Indian Gaming Management, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary—Policy and Economic Development, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219-4066.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under Section 11(d)(7)(D) of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA), Public Law 100-497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior must publish in the **Federal Register** notice of any Tribal-State compact that is approved, or considered to have been approved for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands. The Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his delegated authority did not approve or disapprove these compacts before the date that is 45 days after the date these compacts were submitted. Therefore, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 2710(d)(7)(C), these compacts are considered to have been approved, but only to the extent they are consistent with IGRA. These compacts authorize Indian tribes to engage in certain Class III gaming activities, provides for certain geographical exclusivity, limits the number of gaming machines at existing racetracks, and prohibits non-tribal operation of certain machines and covered games, and take effect on the date their approval is published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: March 1, 2005.

Michael D. Olsen,

*Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—
Indian Affairs.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-060-3809]

Notice of Availability for the Ruby Hill Mine Expansion—East Archimedes Project Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

COOPERATING AGENCIES: Nevada Department of Wildlife and Eureka County.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations found at 40 CFR Parts 1500-1508, notice is hereby given of the availability of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) for comment, prepared by the Battle Mountain Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The statement analyzes the environmental effects of the Proposed Action and the No Action Alternatives.

DATES: Written comments must be post-marked or otherwise delivered by 4:30 p.m. (Pacific Time Zone) by no later than 45 days after the date of publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**. Comments may also be submitted at public meetings to be held in Battle Mountain, NV and Eureka, NV. Dates of the meetings will be published in local newspapers.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Bureau of Land Management, attn: Caleb Hiner, Battle Mountain Field Office, 50 Bastian Road, Battle Mountain, Nevada 89820. Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the address listed below during regular business hours, Monday-Friday, excluding holidays. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. However, we will not consider anonymous

comments. Such requests to withhold your name or street address from public review will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives of officials of organizations or businesses, will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

A limited number of copies of the DSEIS may be obtained at the Battle Mountain BLM Field Office.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Caleb Hiner, Battle Mountain BLM at (775) 635-4052.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Proposed Action would develop the East Archimedes deposit which was defined in the original EIS (approved February 3, 1997) as a Reasonably Foreseeable Future Action. The Proposed Action would consist of an extension of the existing pit, expansion of the existing west and east waste rock disposal areas, the expansion of the existing heap leach pad, and construction of dewatering facilities. Under the Proposed Action, an estimated additional 744 acres of disturbance would occur. All disturbances proposed under the expansion falls within the footprint of the project boundary as analyzed in the original EIS.

Gerald M. Smith,

Field Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Quarterly Status Report of Water Service, Repayment, and Other Water-Related Contract Negotiations

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of contractual actions that have been proposed to the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) and were pending through December 31, 2004, and contract actions that have been completed or discontinued since the last publication of this notice on October 4, 2004. From the date of this publication, future quarterly notices during this calendar year will be limited to new, modified, discontinued, or completed contract actions. This annual notice should be used as a point of reference to identify changes in future notices. This notice is one of a variety of means

used to inform the public about proposed contractual actions for capital recovery and management of project resources and facilities consistent with section 9(f) of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939. Additional announcements of individual contract actions may be published in the **Federal Register** and in newspapers of general circulation in the areas determined by Reclamation to be affected by the proposed action.

ADDRESSES: The identity of the approving officer and other information pertaining to a specific contract proposal may be obtained by calling or writing the appropriate regional office at the address and telephone number given for each region in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sandra L. Simons, Manager, Contract Services Office, Bureau of Reclamation, PO Box 25007, Denver, Colorado 80225-0007; telephone 303-445-2902.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Consistent with section 9(f) of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939 and the rules and regulations published in 52 FR 11954, April 13, 1987 (43 CFR 426.22), Reclamation will publish notice of proposed or amendatory contract actions for any contract for the delivery of project water for authorized uses in newspapers of general circulation in the affected area at least 60 days prior to contract execution. Announcements may be in the form of news releases, legal notices, official letters, memorandums, or other forms of written material. Meetings, workshops, and/or hearings may also be used, as appropriate, to provide local publicity. The public participation procedures do not apply to proposed contracts for the sale of surplus or interim irrigation water for a term of 1 year or less. Either of the contracting parties may invite the public to observe contract proceedings. All public participation procedures will be coordinated with those involved in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act. Pursuant to the "Final Revised Public Participation Procedures" for water resource-related contract negotiations, published in 47 FR 7763, February 22, 1982, a tabulation is provided of all proposed contractual actions in each of the five Reclamation regions. When contract negotiations are completed, and prior to execution, each proposed contract form must be approved by the Secretary of the Interior, or pursuant to delegated or redelegated authority, the Commissioner of Reclamation or one of the regional directors. In some instances, congressional review and approval of a report, water rate, or other terms and