

remedied, a mortgagee applying for a new Origination Approval Agreement must obtain an independent review of the terminated office's operations as well as its mortgage production, specifically including the FHA-insured mortgages cited in its termination notice. This independent analysis shall identify the underlying cause for the mortgagee's high default and claim rate. The review must be conducted and issued by an independent Certified

Public Accountant (CPA) qualified to perform audits under Government Auditing Standards as provided by the Government Accountability Office. The mortgagee must also submit a written corrective action plan to address each of the issues identified in the CPA's report, along with evidence that the plan has been implemented. The application for a new Agreement should be in the form of a letter, accompanied by the CPA's report and corrective action plan. The

request should be sent to the Director, Office of Lender Activities and Program Compliance, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Room B133-P3214, Washington, DC 20410-8000 or by courier to 490 L'Enfant Plaza, East, SW., Suite 3214, Washington, DC 20024-8000.

*Action:* The following mortgagees have had their Agreements terminated by HUD:

Mortgagee name	Mortgagee branch address	HUD office jurisdictions	Termination effective date	Homeownership centers
Alethes LLC .....	8601 RR 2222 BLDG 1, AUSTIN, TX 78730 .....	Ft Worth .....	.....	Denver.
Rocky Mountain .....	7075 S. ALTON WAY, CENTENNIAL, CO 80112 .....	Denver .....	.....	Denver.

Dated: November 20, 2007.

**Brian D. Montgomery,**

*Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Central Utah Project Completion Act**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) and Public Scoping Meeting on the Hobbler Creek Habitat Restoration, Utah County, Utah, as part of the June Sucker Recovery Implementation Program.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), as amended, the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations at 40 CFR 1501.7, and authorities under the Endangered Species Act (15 U.S.C. 1536, *et seq.*), the Department is initiating an environmental impact analysis, with public involvement, for the Hobbler Creek Habitat Restoration Project. The plan would relocate a portion of Hobbler Creek onto state-owned land, restore more natural stream sinuosity, and improve instream habitat conditions to benefit the June sucker (*Chasmistes liorus*), an endangered fish.

The June sucker exists naturally only in Utah Lake and spawns only in the Provo River, a Utah Lake tributary. Hobbler Creek, also a tributary to Utah Lake, is believed to be an historic spawning stream for the June sucker that has been dredged, straightened and otherwise degraded in a manner that renders it no longer suitable for June sucker spawning. Restoration of at least

one additional Utah Lake tributary as spawning habitat for the June sucker is a recovery action in the approved Recovery Plan for the species. The Department is acting as Lead Agency for NEPA compliance in its capacity as a participating partner in the June Sucker Recovery Implementation Program.

**DATES:** A public scoping meeting is scheduled in the local geographic area of the project to receive input from affected parties and the general public regarding anticipated environmental issues associated with the project. The scoping meeting will be held Wednesday, December 5, 2007, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at: Springville Junior High School, School Cafeteria, 165 South 700 East, Springville, Utah 84663.

Public notice of this meeting will also be announced in local media. The details for submitting scoping comments will also be announced.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** Additional information on matters related to this notice can be obtained by contacting Mr. Ralph G. Swanson, 302 East 1860 South Provo, Utah 84606-6154, telephone (801) 379-1254, or by e-mail at *rswanson@uc.usbr.gov*.

Dated: November 27, 2007.

**Reed R. Murray,**

*Program Director, Central Utah Project Completion Act Office, Upper Colorado Region.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Geological Survey**

**Climate Change Science Program; Meeting**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Geological Survey.

*Committee Name:* USGS-CCSP Committee for Synthesis and

Assessment Product 3.4: Abrupt Climate Change.

**ACTION:** Notice of Meeting by Teleconference.

**SUMMARY:** The USGS-CCSP Committee for Synthesis and Assessment Product (SAP) 3.4: Abrupt Climate Change will hold a teleconference on December 21, 2007 from 12 p.m.-4 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

*Agenda:* The purpose of the teleconference is to discuss the results of the peer review process for SAP 3.4. The first draft of the SAP was peer reviewed by 24 scientists with expertise tied to the subject matter of the report. Comments from the peer reviewers were collated and distributed to the chapter lead authors of the report. The chapter authors have prepared proposed responses to the peer review comments and distributed them to the full Committee for deliberation at the December 21 teleconference. The teleconference is open to the public. Pre-registration is required to attend. Contact the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) at the address below by December 17 to pre-register and to receive a copy of the peer review comments and proposed responses. The teleconference will take place in a conference room at the USGS in Reston, VA (full address below). In order to participate in the teleconference, members of the public will need to attend in person at the USGS in Reston, VA. Prepared statements may be presented orally to the Committee during the teleconference between 12 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. Public statements will be limited to 3 minutes per person. For scheduling reasons, intent to make a public statement must be established at the time of pre-registration. A written copy of the oral statement must be left with the Committee's DFO as a matter of public record. Additional short

public comments/questions during the teleconference will be allowed only if time permits. Special instructions pertaining to security at USGS and directions to the conference room will be provided to those who pre-register. Please check the Synthesis and Assessment Product 3.4 Web page ([http://www.usgs.gov/global\\_change/sap\\_3.4/default.asp](http://www.usgs.gov/global_change/sap_3.4/default.asp)) for any last minute changes to the teleconference date, location or agenda. The teleconference may close early if all business is completed.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND TO PRE-REGISTER CONTACT:** John McGeehin (DFO), U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, M.S. 926A, Reston, VA 20192, (703) 648-5349, [mcgeehin@usgs.gov](mailto:mcgeehin@usgs.gov).

**Dr. William Werkheiser,**

*Acting Associate Director for Geology, U.S. Geological Survey.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### Proposed Finding Against Acknowledgment of the Juaneño Band of Mission Indians, Acjachemen (Petitioner #84A)

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Proposed Finding.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to 25 CFR 83.10(h), the Department of the Interior (Department) gives notice that the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs (AS-IA) proposes to determine that the Juaneño Band of Mission Indians, Acjachemen Nation (JBA, Petitioner #84A), c/o Anthony Rivera, Jr., 31411-A La Matanza Street, San Juan Capistrano, California 92675, is not an Indian tribe within the meaning of Federal law.

This notice is based on a determination that the petitioner does not satisfy all seven of the criteria set forth in Part 83 of Title 25 of the Code of Federal Regulations (25 CFR part 83), specifically criteria 83.7(a), 83.7(b), 83.7(c), and 83.7(e), and therefore, does not meet the requirements for a government-to-government relationship with the United States.

**DATES:** Comments on this proposed finding (PF) are due on or before June 2, 2008. Publication of this notice of the PF in the **Federal Register** initiates a 180-day comment period during which the petitioner and interested and

informed parties may submit arguments and evidence to support or rebut the evidence relied upon in the PF. Interested or informed parties must provide a copy of their comments to the petitioner. The regulations, 25 CFR 83.10(k), provide petitioners a minimum of 60 days to respond to any submissions on the PFs received from interested and informed parties during the comment period.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and requests for a copy of the summary evaluation of the evidence should be addressed to the Office of the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Attention: Office of Federal Acknowledgment, 1951 Constitution Avenue, NW., Mail Stop 34B-SIB, Washington, DC 20240.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** R. Lee Fleming, Director, Office of Federal Acknowledgment, (202) 513-7650.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department publishes this notice in the exercise of authority that the Secretary of the Interior delegated to the AS-IA by 209 DM 8. The JBA petitioner is located in the town of San Juan Capistrano, Orange County, California, approximately 40 miles south of Los Angeles and 20 miles south of the town of Santa Ana.

A group known as the Juaneño Band of Mission Indians (JBM) submitted a letter of intent to petition for Federal Acknowledgment as an Indian tribe to the AS-IA. The Department received the letter of intent on August 17, 1982. The Department designated the JBM as Petitioner #84. The JBM submitted its first documentation that included a narrative entitled "Petition for Federal Recognition of the Juaneño Band of Mission Indians in Compliance with CFR Part 83," as well as photocopies of documents discussed in the JBM petitioner's narrative. The Department received this material on February 2, 1988. The group claimed to descend from the historical Indian tribe of San Juan Capistrano (SJC) Mission, formed from residents of a pre-contact network of politically autonomous villages prior to Spanish colonization who spoke a Uto-Aztecan language.

The Department conducted an initial technical assistance (TA) review of the petition and sent an obvious deficiency (OD) letter dated January 25, 1990, to the JBM. The JBM responded to the first OD letter on September 24, 1993, when it submitted additional materials and requested to be placed on the "Ready, Waiting for Active Consideration" ("Ready") list. The Department placed JBM on the "Ready" list on September 24, 1993.

An election in 1993 resulted in a dispute within the JBM. A group of members led by Sonia Johnston challenged the results of the election and the leadership of the chairman David Belardes. On December 17, 1994, the Johnston-led group held an election and elected Sonia Johnston chairperson. Belardes and Johnston simultaneously claimed to be the chairperson of the JBM. The Department removed the JBM from the "Ready" list on May 19, 1995, pending revision of the JBM membership list, because of the petitioner's stated intent to substantially revise its membership roll, making it not ready for evaluation. Following the submission of the revised membership list, the JBM, in a letter signed by Davis Belardes, requested the Department to place it on the "Ready for Active Consideration" list, and the Department determined that the Belardes-led group was ready for evaluation on February 12, 1996.

On February 17, 1996, another group submitted a letter of intent to petition, signed by Sonia Johnston. Both groups claimed to be the legitimate successor of the JBM, both claimed the JBM petition narrative and research materials, and both used similar names (the Johnston-led group used the name "The Juaneño Band of Mission Indians," while the Belardes-led group used "The Juaneño Band of Mission Indians, Acjachemen Nation"). The Department designated the Belardes-led group Petitioner #84A (JBA), and the Johnston-led group Petitioner #84B (JBB). The Department placed the JBB petitioner on the "Ready" list on May 23, 1996.

Another election within the JBA on April 19, 1997, resulted in the election of Jean Frieze as chairperson. David Belardes, however, disputed the election results. Both Jean Frieze and David Belardes claimed to be the legitimate leader of the JBA. On September 22, 1997, David Belardes requested "interested party" status if Jean Frieze were to form a "new" group. At the same time, he requested "interested party" status to the JBB petitioner. Neither the Belardes-led group nor the Frieze-led group submitted a separate letter of intent to petition. The Department determined that the disagreement over leadership was an internal issue. The Department takes no part in the internal disputes of petitioning groups.

In 1998, 1999, and 2000, the JBA submitted additional documents including ones related to the disputed April 19, 1997, election and subsequent formation of a separate Belardes-led group. The JBA petitioner under the new leadership of Anthony Rivera, Jr.,