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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains documents other than rules or proposed rules that are applicable to the public. Notices of hearings and investigations, committee meetings, agency decisions and rulings, delegations of authority, filing of petitions and applications and agency statements of organization and functions are examples of documents appearing in this section.

AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

Board of Directors Meeting

Time: Tuesday, September 30, 2008, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Place: African Development Foundation, Conference Room, 1400 I Street, NW., Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20005.

Date: Tuesday, September 30, 2008.

Status:

1. Open session, Tuesday, September 30, 2008, 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.; and
2. Closed session, Tuesday, September 30, 2008, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Due to security requirements and limited seating, all individuals wishing to attend the open session of the meeting must notify Doris Martin, General Counsel, at (202) 673-3916 or Michele M. Rivard at mrivard@usadf.gov of your request to attend by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, September 23, 2008.

Lloyd O. Pierson,
President.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

White Tanks No. 4 Flood Retarding Structure Rehabilitation Plan, Maricopa County, AZ

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of a Finding of No Significant Impact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969; the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR part 1500); and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

Regulations (7 CFR part 650); the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, gives notice that an environmental impact statement is not being prepared for the White Tanks No. 4 Flood Retarding Structure (FRS) Rehabilitation Plan, Maricopa County, Arizona.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David McKay, State Conservationist, USDA-NRCS, 230 North First Avenue, Suite 509, Phoenix, Arizona 85003, telephone (602) 280-8801.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The environmental assessment of this federally assisted action indicates that the project will not cause significant local, regional, or national impacts on the environment. Based on evidence presented, David McKay, State Conservationist, has determined that the preparation and review of an environmental impact statement are not needed for this project.

The project proposes to rehabilitate the White Tanks No. 4 FRS to meet NRCS and State of Arizona safety and performance standards.

The Notice of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been forwarded to the Environmental Protection Agency and to various Federal, State, and local agencies and interested parties. Copies of the FONSI are available to fill single copy requests at the above address. Basic data developed during the environmental assessment are on file and may be reviewed by contacting Don Paulus, Assistant State Conservationist for Programs, at the above address.

No administrative action on implementation of the proposal will be taken until 30 days after the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

(This activity is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under No. 10.904, Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention, and is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials.)

Dated: August 28, 2008.

David McKay,

State Conservationist.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HOPE FOR HOMEOWNERS PROGRAM

[Docket No. FR-5249-N-01]

Organization and Functions of the Board of Directors

AGENCY: Board of Directors of the HOPE for Homeowners Program.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Board of Directors (Board) of the HOPE for Homeowners Program (Program) was established by statute to oversee the Program. Through this notice, the Board is publishing the bylaws that it has adopted regarding the Board's organization, staffing, and operational procedures.

DATES: *Effective Date:* August 15, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Camille E. Acevedo, Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 10282, Washington, DC 20410-0500, telephone 202-708-1793 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons with hearing- or speech-impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Title IV of Division A of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-289, 122 Stat. 2654, approved July 30, 2008) (Act) amended Title II of the National Housing Act (NHA) to add a new section 257. This section established the Program as a temporary Federal Housing Administration (FHA) program that offers voluntary participation on the part of homeowners and existing loan holders (or servicers acting on their behalf) to insure refinanced loans for distressed borrowers to support long-term sustainable homeownership, including among other things, allowing homeowners to avoid foreclosure. Under the Program, a qualified mortgage borrower may refinance his or her existing mortgage into a new mortgage loan insured by the FHA, subject to conditions and restrictions specified in the Act. The Program authorizes FHA to insure such eligible mortgages commencing no earlier than October 1, 2008, and the authority to insure expires September 30, 2011.

Section 257(t) of the NHA establishes a Board of Directors to oversee the Program. The Board is composed of the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and the Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, or the respective designee of each. Section 257(t) of the NHA requires the Board to, among other things, establish requirements and standards for the Program and prescribe regulations and guidelines as may be necessary or appropriate to implement such requirements and standards.

Section 257(t) of the NHA also provides that the Board may "prescribe, amend, and repeal such bylaws as may be necessary for carrying out the functions of the Board." Consistent with this provision, the Board has adopted bylaws regarding its organization, staffing, and operational procedures in order to facilitate the prompt implementation of the Program, and these bylaws are set forth in this notice.

The bylaws provide for appointment by the Board of an official staff consisting of an Executive Director, Counselor, Financial Officer, and Secretary, with their initial respective responsibilities set out in the organizational rules. The bylaws provide that the Board may request that any Federal Government employee be detailed to the Board without reimbursement by the Board and may arrange for the procurement of the services of outside experts and consultants as the Board considers necessary to assist it in fulfilling its duties with respect to the Program, as authorized by the Act. The Board may delegate authority to take certain actions to its official staff, officials or staff of the agencies represented on the Board, or other Federal Government employees detailed or providing services to the Board subject to such terms and conditions as the Board deems appropriate.

The bylaws further provide that records of the Board will be maintained at the main office of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, which also will serve as the principal place of business of the Board. The Board is publishing these bylaws in the **Federal Register** pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(1)(A) and (B).

Section 1 Purpose and Scope

These bylaws describe the organizational structure of the Board of Directors (Board) established to oversee the program authorized by section 257

of the National Housing Act (Act) (12 U.S.C. 1715z-22) (the Program) and the general operational procedures by which the Board will carry out its oversight functions.

Section 2 Composition of the Board; Chairperson

a. *Composition.* The Board consists of—

1. The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, or the Secretary's designee;
2. The Secretary of the Treasury, or the Secretary's designee;
3. The Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, or the Chairman's designee; and
4. The Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, or the Chairperson's designee.

b. *Chairperson of the Board.* The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, or the Secretary's designee, shall serve as the Chairperson of the Board.

Section 3 Offices

The principal offices of the Board are at 451 7th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410. The official records of the Board will be compiled and stored at this location.

Section 4 Meetings and Actions of the Board

a. *Place and frequency.* The Board meets on the call of the Chairperson of the Board in order to consider matters requiring review or action by the Board. The time and place for any such meeting shall be determined by the members of the Board.

b. *Quorum and voting.* A majority of the members of the Board constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. All decisions and determinations of the Board shall be made by a majority vote of the voting members. Votes on determinations of the Board shall be recorded in the minutes. A Board member may request that any vote be recorded according to individual Board members.

c. *Agenda of meetings.* To the extent practicable, an agenda for each meeting shall be distributed to members of the Board in advance of the date of the meeting, together with copies of materials relevant to the agenda items.

d. *Minutes.* The Secretary of the Board shall keep minutes of each Board meeting and of action taken without a meeting, a draft of which is to be distributed to each member of the Board as soon as practicable after each meeting or action. To the extent practicable, the minutes of a Board meeting shall be

corrected and approved at the next meeting of the Board.

e. *Use of conference call communications equipment.* Any member may participate in a meeting of the Board through the use of conference call, telephone, or similar communications equipment, by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can simultaneously speak and hear each other. Any member so participating in a meeting shall be deemed present for all purposes. Actions taken by the Board at meetings conducted through the use of such equipment, including the votes of each member, shall be recorded in the usual manner in the minutes of the meetings of the Board.

f. *Actions between meetings.* When, in the judgment of the Chairperson, circumstances make it desirable for the Board to consider action other than at a meeting, the relevant information and recommendations for action may be transmitted to the members by the Secretary of the Board and the voting members may communicate their votes to the Chairperson in writing (including an action signed in counterpart by each Board member), electronically, or orally (including telephone communication). Any action taken under this paragraph (f) has the same effect as an action taken at a meeting.

Section 5 Staff

a. *Executive Director.* The Executive Director of the Board advises and assists the Board in carrying out its responsibilities under the Act, provides general direction with respect to the administration of the Board's actions, directs the activities of the staff, and performs such other duties as the Board may require.

b. *Counselor.* The Counselor to the Board provides legal advice relating to the responsibilities of the Board and performs such other duties as the Board or Executive Director may require.

c. *Financial Officer.* The Financial Officer of the Board provides financial advice relating to the responsibilities of the Board and performs such other duties as the Board or Executive Director may require.

d. *Secretary.* The Secretary of the Board sends notice of all meetings, prepares minutes of all meetings, maintains a complete record of all votes and actions taken by the Board, has custody of all records of the Board, and performs such other duties as the Executive Director may require.

e. *Additional staff.* The Board may request that any Federal Government employee be detailed or provide service to the Board without reimbursement by

the Board and without interruption or loss of civil service status or privilege.

f. *Committees.* The Board may establish committees composed of members of the Board, staff of the Board, employees of any other agency of the U.S. Government who are detailed or providing services to the Board, or any combination of the foregoing.

g. *Individuals holding multiple staff positions.* An individual may hold more than one staff or committee position.

Section 6 Delegations

a. *General.* Subject to such terms and conditions as the Board deems appropriate, the Board may delegate authority to take certain actions not required by the Act to be taken by the Board to—

1. An individual member of the Board;

2. The Executive Director, the Counselor, Financial Officer, or the Secretary of the Board;

3. Any officer or employee of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Department of Treasury, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, or any other U.S. Government employee detailed or providing services to the Board; or

4. A committee composed of any of the foregoing persons.

b. *Records.* All delegations shall be made pursuant to resolutions of the Board and recorded in writing. Any action taken pursuant to delegated authority has the effect of an action taken by the Board.

Section 7 Experts and Consultants

The Board may arrange for the procurement of the services of experts or consultants as it determines appropriate to assist the Board in fulfilling its oversight duties and responsibilities.

Section 8 Review and Approval of Administrative Expenses

The Board may establish such processes for the review, approval, and monitoring of administrative expenses and other costs of the Program as the Board determines necessary and appropriate.

Section 9 Compensation

Members of the Board shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed by their respective agencies for travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence equivalent to those set forth in subchapter I of 5 U.S.C. chapter 57.

Section 10 Amendments

These rules of organization and procedures of the Board may be adopted or amended, or new rules of organization or procedure may be adopted, only by majority vote of the Board.

Dated at Washington, DC, this 15th day of August, 2008.

By order of the Board of Directors of the HOPE for Homeowners Program.

Emmanuel Yeow,

Secretary of the Board.

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BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Sunshine Act Meeting

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, September 2, 2008, 3 p.m.–4 p.m.

PLACE: Cohen Building, Room 3360, 330 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20237.

CLOSED MEETING: The members of the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) will meet in a special session to review and discuss budgetary issues relating to U.S. Government-funded non-military international broadcasting. This meeting is closed because if open it likely would either disclose matters that would be properly classified to be kept secret in the interest of foreign policy under the appropriate executive order (5 U.S.C. 552b.(c)(1)) or would disclose information the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action. (5 U.S.C. 552b.(c)(9)(B)) In addition, part of the discussion will relate solely to the internal personnel and organizational issues of the BBG or the International Broadcasting Bureau. (5 U.S.C. 552b.(c)(2) and (6))

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Persons interested in obtaining more information should contact Timi Nickerson Kenealy at (202) 203-4545.

September 2, 2008.

Timi Nickerson Kenealy,

Acting Legal Counsel.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the South Carolina Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and

regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), that a public hearing of the South Carolina Advisory Committee to the Commission (South Carolina Committee) will convene at 1 p.m. and adjourn at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, September 22, 2008, at Humphries Hall, 1301 Columbia College Drive, Columbia College, Columbia, South Carolina 29203. The purpose of the public hearing is for the South Carolina Committee to receive testimony from school officials and government education agency officials on the provision of supplemental educational services as well as parental notification of such services as required under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

Members of the public are entitled to make written comments to the South Carolina Committee. Written comments should be sent to the Southern Regional Office of the Commission and received by Tuesday, September 30, 2008. The mailing address is: Southern Regional Office, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 61 Forsyth St., SW., Suite 18T40, Atlanta, GA 30303. Persons wishing to e-mail their written comments may do so to dhorne@usccr.gov. Persons who desire additional information should contact Peter Minarik, Regional Director, Southern Regional Office, at (404) 562-7000, or by e-mail at pminarik@usccr.gov.

Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meetings and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

Records generated from these meetings may be inspected and reproduced at the Southern Regional Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Persons interested in the work of this advisory committee are advised to go to the Commission's Web site, <http://www.usccr.gov>, or to contact the Southern Regional Office at the above e-mail or street address.

The meetings will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission and FACA.

Dated in Washington, DC, August 28, 2008

Christopher Byrnes,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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