

opportunities for protected classes under the Federal housing civil rights laws.

The views, suggestions, and information provided at the July 22, 2009, informal meeting will inform HUD as it considers changes to improve HUD's guidance to grantees and enhance HUD's regulatory oversight.

Dated: July 6, 2009.

John Trasviña,

Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Alaska Native Claims Selection

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of decision approving lands for conveyance.

SUMMARY: As required by 43 CFR 2650.7(d), notice is hereby given that an appealable decision approving the reserved mineral estate in certain lands for conveyance pursuant to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act and Sec. 12(b)(3) of the Act of January 2, 1976, will be issued to Cook Inlet Region, Inc. The lands are in the vicinity of Hicks and Pinochle Creeks, Alaska, and are located in:

Seward Meridian, Alaska

T. 20 N., R. 9 E.,

Secs. 16, 19, and 20;

Secs. 21, 22, and 23;

Secs. 25 to 30, inclusive;

Sec. 35.

Containing 2,995.91 acres.

Notice of the decision will also be published four times in the Anchorage Daily News.

DATES: The time limits for filing an appeal are:

1. Any party claiming a property interest which is adversely affected by the decision shall have until August 12, 2009 to file an appeal.

2. Parties receiving service of the decision by certified mail shall have 30 days from the date of receipt to file an appeal.

Parties who do not file an appeal in accordance with the requirements of 43 CFR part 4, subpart E, shall be deemed to have waived their rights.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the decision may be obtained from: Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, 222

West Seventh Avenue, #13, Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7504.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Bureau of Land Management by phone at 907-271-5960, or by e-mail at ak.blm.conveyance@ak.blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunication device (TTD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8330, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to contact the Bureau of Land Management.

Christy Favorite,

Land Law Examiner, Land Transfer Adjudication II Branch.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Call for Nominations to the National Geospatial Advisory Committee

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Call for Nominations, National Geospatial Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Interior is seeking nominations to serve on the National Geospatial Advisory Committee (NGAC). The NGAC is a Federal Advisory Committee established under the authority of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). The Committee provides advice and recommendations to the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC), through the FGDC Chair (the Secretary of the Interior or designee), related to management of Federal geospatial programs, the development of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI), and the implementation of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-16 and Executive Order 12906. The Committee reviews and comments upon geospatial policy and management issues and provides a forum to convey views representative of non-Federal stakeholders in the geospatial community.

DATES: Nominations to participate on this Committee must be received by August 21, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Send nominations electronically to ngacnominations@fgdc.gov, or by mail to John Mahoney, U.S. Geological Survey, U.S. Department of the Interior, 909 First Avenue, Suite 800, Seattle, WA 98104.

Nominations should include:

1. Contact information for the nominee (name, title, organization,

mailing address, e-mail address, phone number).

2. A statement summarizing the nominee's qualifications and interest in Committee membership and describing the nominee's ability to represent a stakeholder group.

3. A biographical sketch, resume, or vita.

4. One letter of reference and a list of two additional references with contact information.

Additional information and instructions about the nomination process are posted on the NGAC Web page at <http://www.fgdc.gov/ngac>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Mahoney, USGS (206-220-4621).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee conducts its operations in accordance with the provisions of the FACA. It reports to the Secretary of the Interior through the Chair of the FGDC Steering Committee and functions solely as an advisory body. The Committee provides recommendations and advice to the Department and the FGDC on policy and management issues related to the effective operation of Federal geospatial programs.

The NGAC includes 25-30 members, selected to generally achieve a balanced representation of the viewpoints of the various partners involved in national geospatial activities. NGAC members are appointed for staggered terms, and approximately one-half of the seats on the committee will be appointed during this round of appointments.

Nominations will be reviewed by the FGDC. Additional information may be requested from nominees. Final selection and appointment of committee members will be made by the Secretary of the Interior.

The Committee meets approximately 3-4 times per year. Committee members will serve without compensation. Travel and per diem costs will be provided for Committee members by USGS. The USGS will provide necessary support services to the Committee. Committee meetings will be open to the public. Notice of committee meetings will be published in the **Federal Register** at least 15 days before the date of the meeting. The public will have an opportunity to provide input at these meetings.

In accordance with FACA, a copy of the Committee's charter will be filed with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration. The current version of the NGAC charter is available at <http://www.fgdc.gov/ngac>.

Dated: July 5, 2009.

Ivan DeLoatch,

Staff Director, Federal Geographic Data Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Solar Millennium, LLC, Amargosa Farm Road Solar Energy Project, Nye County, NV

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Field Office, Southern Nevada District, Pahrump Field Office intends to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) for the Amargosa Farm Road Solar Energy Project, located on public lands in Nye County, Nevada and by this notice is announcing the beginning of the scoping process and soliciting input on the identification of issues.

DATES: This notice initiates public scoping. Scoping comments shall be submitted on or before August 12, 2009.

The BLM will announce public scoping meetings to identify relevant issues through local news media, newsletters, and the BLM Web site (<http://www.blm.gov/nv/st/en/fo/lvfo.html>) at least 15 days prior to each meeting. We will provide additional opportunities for public participation upon publication of the Draft RMP/EIS, including a 90-day public comment period.

ADDRESSES: Comments related to the project may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- *E-mail:* solar_millennium@blm.gov.
- *Fax:* (702) 515-5064 (attention: Gregory Helseth).

- *Mail:* Bureau of Land Management, Southern Nevada District Office, Pahrump Field Office, *Attn:* Gregory Helseth, Project Manager, 4701 North Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89130-2301.

Documents pertinent to this project may be examined at the Pahrump Field Office. Additional opportunities for public participation will be provided on publication of the draft EIS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information and/or to have your

name added to the mailing list, call Gregory Helseth, (702) 515-5173, or *e-mail:* gregory_helseth@blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Solar Millennium, LLC, has submitted a right-of-way application to BLM to construct two concentrated solar thermal parabolic trough power plant facilities on public lands, approximately 80 miles northwest of Las Vegas, in Nye County, Nevada. The Project site would consist of approximately 4,350 acres of public land located in Amargosa Valley, south of Highway 95. Each facility is expected to operate for approximately 30 years. Each plant would utilize solar thermal parabolic trough technology, consisting of a 242 megawatt (MW) power block equipped with thermal storage tanks capable of producing additional energy for 3.5 hours after sundown, and a solar field composed of parabolic trough mirrors.

The solar field would be highly modular and would consist of "loops," each containing 4 curved glass mirror collectors. A loop is 22m wide and 400m long (72.18' wide and 1312.33' long). The solar field would consist of approximately 400 loops. The orientation of the collectors would be north-south, and the collectors would track the sun from east to west during the day. The collector would focus the sun's direct beam radiation on a receiver tube. The row of collectors would have a hydraulic drive unit with sensors to track the sun's path throughout the day. The solar energy would heat a transfer fluid which cycles through a series of heat exchangers to generate steam, which drives a steam turbine to ultimately generate electricity. The electric output of the Project would be generated entirely by solar energy. No electricity would be generated by the use of fossil fuel in these facilities.

The proposed Project facilities would include the solar fields, power blocks, buildings, parking area, laydown area, stormwater retention pond, and evaporating ponds. A single overhead 230 kilovolt (kV) transmission line would connect the facilities to the nearby Valley Electric Valley substation, located on Anvil Road. Additional elements of the Project would include access roads and optional water pipeline. The proposed Project may require the rerouting of a road and an existing low voltage distribution power line. The EIS will analyze the site-specific impacts of the Project on air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, water resources, geological resources, paleontological resources, public health, socioeconomics, soils, traffic and transportation, and visual

resources. It will analyze the geologic hazards, hazardous materials handling, land use and airspace, noise, waste management, worker safety, and fire protection potentially associated with the Project. It will also analyze facility design engineering, efficiency, and reliability; transmission system engineering; and transmission line safety and nuisance. Native American Tribal consultations will be conducted in accordance with policy, and Tribal concerns will be given due consideration. The EIS will include the consideration of any impacts on Indian trust assets.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. Federal, State, and local agencies, as well as individuals or organizations that may be interested in or affected by the BLM's decision on this project are invited to participate in the scoping process and, if eligible, may requested or be requested by the BLM to participate as a cooperating agency.

(Authority: 43 CFR Part 2800)

Patrick Putnam,

Field Manager, Pahrump Field Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Mendota Pool Bypass and Reach 2B Improvements Project Under the San Joaquin River Restoration Program, Fresno and Madera Counties, CA

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) and Notice of Scoping Meetings.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) and the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) are proposing to prepare a joint EIS/EIR, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), to evaluate effects of the proposed Mendota Pool Bypass and Reach 2B Channel Improvements Project (Proposed Action) under the San