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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Agricultural Marketing Service

[Document No. AMS-ST-16-0046]

#### Plant Variety Protection Board; Open Meeting

**AGENCY:** Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is announcing a meeting of the Plant Variety Protection Board (Board). The meeting is being held to discuss a variety of topics including, but not limited to, work and outreach plans, subcommittee activities, and proposals for procedure changes. The meeting is open to the public. This notice sets forth the schedule and location for the meeting.

**DATES:** Wednesday, July 27, 2016, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The Board meeting will be held at the United States Department of Agriculture, Room 3543, South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Maria Pratt, Program Analyst, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), AMS, Science and Technology Programs, 1400 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20250. Telephone: (202) 720-1104; Fax: (202) 260-8976, or Email: [maria.pratt@ams.usda.gov](mailto:maria.pratt@ams.usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the provisions of section 10(a) of the FACA (5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), this notice informs the public that the Plant Variety Protection Office (PVPO) is having a Board meeting earlier than the 15 day requirement of the FACA. The Plant Variety Protection Act (PVPA) (7 U.S.C. 2321 *et seq.*) provides legal protection in the form of intellectual property rights to developers of new

varieties of plants, which are reproduced sexually by seed or are tuber-propagated. A Certificate of Plant Variety Protection (PVP) is awarded to an owner of a crop variety after an examination shows that it is new, distinct from other varieties, genetically uniform and stable through successive generations. The term of protection is 20 years for most crops and 25 years for trees, shrubs, and vines. The PVPA also provides for a statutory Board (7 U.S.C. 2327). The PVPA Board is composed of 14 individuals who are experts in various areas of development and represent the seed industry sector, academia and government. The duties of the Board are to: (1) Advise the Secretary concerning the adoption of rules and regulations to facilitate the proper administration of the PVPA; (2) provide advisory counsel to the Secretary on appeals concerning decisions on applications by the PVP Office and on requests for emergency public-interest compulsory licenses; and (3) advise the Secretary on any other matters under the Regulations and Rules of Practice and on all questions under Section 44 of the PVPA, "Public Interest in Wide Usage" (7 U.S.C. 2404).

The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the PVPO 2016 achievements, the electronic application system, the report of the subcommittee to evaluate molecular techniques for PVP distinctness characterization, and PVPO strategic planning.

**Agenda Items:** The agenda will include, welcome and introductions, discussions on program activities that encourage the development of new plant varieties and also address appeals to the Secretary. There will be presentations on 2016 accomplishments, the electronic PVP application system, the use of molecular markers for PVP applications, and PVPO strategic planning. The meeting will be open to the public. Those wishing to participate are encouraged to pre-register by July 20, 2016 by contacting Maria Pratt, Program Analyst; Telephone: (202) 720-1104; Email: [maria.pratt@ams.usda.gov](mailto:maria.pratt@ams.usda.gov).

**Meeting Accommodation:** If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this public meeting, please notify Maria Pratt at: Email: [maria.pratt@ams.usda.gov](mailto:maria.pratt@ams.usda.gov) or (202) 720-1104. Determinations for reasonable accommodation will be made on a case-

by-case basis. Minutes of the meeting will be available for public review at the internet Web site <http://www.ams.usda.gov/PVPO>.

Dated: June 10, 2016.

**Elanor Starmer,**  
Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Hood and Willamette Resource Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Hood and Willamette Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet in Salem, Oregon. The committee is authorized under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act (the Act) and operates in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The purpose of the committee is to improve collaborative relationships and to provide advice and recommendations to the Forest Service concerning projects and funding consistent with Title II of the Act. RAC information can be found at the following Web site: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/willamette/workingtogether/advisorycommittees/?cid=STELPRDB5048434>.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on July 6, 2016, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

All RAC meetings are subject to cancellation. For status of meeting prior to attendance, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Bureau of Land Management, Salem District, 1717 Fabry Rd. SE., Salem, Oregon.

Written comments may be submitted as described under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. All comments, including names and addresses when provided, are placed in the record and are available for public inspection and copying. The public may inspect comments received at the Willamette National Forest Supervisor's Office. Please call ahead to facilitate entry into the building.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Jennifer Lippert, RAC Coordinator, by phone at 541-225-6440 or via email at [jlippert@fs.fed.us](mailto:jlippert@fs.fed.us).

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

The purpose of the meeting is to:

1. Familiarize RAC members with each other;
2. Review Secure Rural School rules and regulations pertaining to the Title II process; and
3. Make decisions on proposals submitted for FY2015 Title II funds.

The meeting is open to the public. The agenda will include review of proposals and recommended funding levels and voting on final funding recommendations.

**Meeting Accommodations:** If you are a person requiring reasonable accommodation, please make requests in advance for sign language interpreting, assistive listening devices, or other reasonable accommodation. For access to the facility or proceedings, please contact the person listed in the section titled **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. All reasonable accommodation requests are managed on a case by case basis.

Dated: May 6, 2016.

**Tracy Beck,**

*Forest Supervisor.*

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**COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS****Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the West Virginia Advisory Committee**

**AGENCY:** Commission on Civil Rights.

**ACTION:** Announcement of monthly planning meetings.

**SUMMARY:** 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 meetings of the West Virginia Advisory Committee to the Commission (WV Advisory Committee) will convene by conference call at 12:00 p.m. (EDT) on each of the following Tuesdays: June 28, July 26, and August 23, 2016. The purpose of each meeting is to discuss project planning of the Mental Health Project and topics for the

Committee's future civil rights review. Members will also nominate and select additional Committee officers at one of the meetings.

Interested members of the public may listen to the discussion by calling the following toll-free conference call-in number: 1-888-481-2844 and conference call ID: 6047709. Please be advised that before placing them into the conference call, the conference call operator will ask callers to provide their names, their organizational affiliations (if any), and email addresses (so that callers may be notified of future meetings). Callers can expect to incur charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, and the Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls they initiate over land-line connections to the toll-free conference call-in number.

Persons with hearing impairments may also follow the discussion by first calling the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-977-8339 and providing the operator with the toll-free conference call-in number: 1-888-481-2844 and conference call ID: 6047709.

Members of the public are invited to make statements to the WV Advisory Committee during the scheduled open comment period. In addition, members of the public are invited to submit written comments; the comments must be received in the regional office approximately 30 days after each scheduled meeting. Written comments may be mailed to the Eastern Regional Office, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 1331 Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite 1150, Washington, DC 20425, faxed to (202) 376-7548, or emailed to Evelyn Bohor at [ero@usccr.gov](mailto:ero@usccr.gov). Persons who desire additional information may contact the Eastern Regional Office at (202) 376-7533.

Records and documents discussed during the meeting will be available for public viewing as they become available at <http://facadatabase.gov/committee/meetings.aspx?cid=281>; click the "Meeting Details" and "Documents" links. Records generated from this meeting may also be inspected and reproduced at the Eastern Regional Office, as they become available, both before and after the meetings. Persons interested in the work of this advisory committee are advised to go to the Commission's Web site, [www.usccr.gov](http://www.usccr.gov), or to contact the Eastern Regional Office at the above phone numbers, email or street address.

**Agenda**

- I. Welcome and Introductions
  - Rollcall
  - Planning Meeting

—Discuss Mental Health Project and Other Topics for Civil Right Project II. Other Business  
Adjournment

**DATES:** The following Tuesdays: June 28, July 26, and August 23, 2016.

Time: Each meeting starts at 12:00 p.m. (EDT).

Public Call-In Information:

Conference call-in number: 1-888-481-2844 and conference call ID: 6047709.

TDD: Dial Federal Relay Service at 1-800-977-8339 and give the operator the above toll-free conference call-in number and conference call ID.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ivy L. Davis, at [ero@usccr.gov](mailto:ero@usccr.gov) or by phone at 202-376-7533.

Dated: June 10, 2016.

**David Mussatt,**

*Chief, Regional Programs Unit.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****Bureau of the Census****Request for Nominations of Members To Serve on the National Advisory Committee on Racial, Ethnic, and Other Populations**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of the Census, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of request for nominations.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of the Census (Census Bureau) is requesting nominations of individuals and organizations to the National Advisory Committee on Racial, Ethnic, and Other Populations. The Census Bureau will consider nominations received in response to this notice, as well as from other sources. The **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice provides committee and membership criteria.

**DATES:** Please submit nominations by July 15, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Please submit nominations by Email to the [census.national.advisory.committee@census.gov](mailto:census.national.advisory.committee@census.gov) (subject line "2016 NAC Nominations"), or by letter submission to Kimberly L. Leonard, Committee Liaison Officer, 2016 NAC Nominations, Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau, Room 8H179, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Washington, DC 20233. Nominations also may be submitted via fax at 301-763-8609.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tara Dunlop, Branch Chief for Advisory