

- *OMB Control Number:* 1405–0228.
  - *Type of Request:* Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.
  - *Originating Office:* Bureau of Consular Affairs, Passport Services, Office of Legal Affairs, CA/PPT/S/L/LA.
    - *Form Number:* No form.
    - *Respondents:* Individuals requesting they be granted a special validation, in accordance with 22 CFR 51.64, to use a U.S. passport to travel to, in, or through a country or area as to which U.S. passports have been declared invalid for such travel pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 211a and Executive Order 11295 (August 5, 1966) and in accordance with 22 CFR 51.63(a).
      - *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 250.
      - *Estimated Number of Responses:* 250.
      - *Average Time per Response:* 45 minutes.
      - *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 187.5 hours.
      - *Frequency:* Each time the individual wishes to travel to the restricted country or area.
      - *Obligation to Respond:* Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit.
- We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:
- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.
  - Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
  - Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
  - Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

#### Abstract of Proposed Collection

The Secretary of State may exercise authority, under 22 U.S.C. 211a, Executive Order 11295 (August 5, 1966), and 22 CFR 51.63, to invalidate all U.S. passports for travel to a country or area if he determines that any of three conditions exist: The country is at war with the United States; armed hostilities are in progress in the country or area; or there is imminent danger to the public health or physical safety of U.S. travelers in the country or area. The

regulations of the Department of State provide that an individual's passport may be considered for validation for travel to, in, or through a country or area despite such restriction if the individual's travel is determined to fall within one of several categories established by the regulations. 22 CFR 51.64. Without the requisite validation, use of a U.S. passport for travel to, in, or through a restricted country or area may justify revocation of the passport for misuse under 22 CFR 51.62(a)(2) and subject the traveler to felony prosecution under 18 U.S.C. 1544 for misuse of a passport or other applicable laws.

The categories of persons specified in 22 CFR 51.64(b) as being eligible for consideration for passport validation are as follows:

- (a) An applicant who is a professional reporter and journalist whose trip is for the purpose of collecting and making available to the public information about the restricted country or area;
- (b) An applicant who is a representative of the American Red Cross or the International Committee of the Red Cross on an officially sponsored Red Cross mission;
- (c) An applicant whose trip to the restricted country or area is justified by compelling humanitarian considerations; or
- (d) An applicant whose trip to the restricted country or area is otherwise in the national interest.

The proposed information collection solicits data necessary for the Passport Services Directorate to determine whether an applicant is eligible to receive a special validation in his or her U.S. passport book permitting the applicant to make one round-trip to a restricted country or area. The information requested consists of the applicant's name; a copy of the front and back of the applicant's valid government-issued photo identification card with the applicant's date of birth and signature; current contact information, including telephone number and mailing address; and a statement explaining the reason that the applicant thinks his or her trip is in the national interest, supported by documentary evidence. Failure to provide the requested information may result in denial of a special validation to use a U.S. passport to travel to, in, or through a restricted country or area.

Effective September 1, 2017, upon determining that there is imminent danger to the public health or physical safety of U.S. travelers in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), the Secretary of State imposed a passport restriction with respect to

travel to the DPRK. The estimated number of recipients represents the Department of State's estimate of the annual number of special validations requests individuals will submit who wish to use their U.S. passport to travel to the DPRK, based on the current number of requests following the implementation of the Secretary of State's passport restriction. At this time, there are no other countries or areas that are the subject of passport restrictions pursuant to 22 CFR 51.63.

#### Methodology

Instructions for individuals seeking to apply for a special validation to use a U.S. passport to travel to, in, or through a restricted country or area is posted on a Web page maintained by the Department ([travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov)). The Web page directs applicants to submit the requested information via email to the Passport Services Directorate ([PPTSpecialValidations@state.gov](mailto:PPTSpecialValidations@state.gov)) or by mail to Special Validations, U.S. Department of State, CA/PPT/L/LA, 44132 Mercure Circle, P.O. Box 1227, Sterling, VA 20166–1227.

Information collected in this manner will be used to facilitate the granting of special validations to U.S. nationals who are eligible. The primary purpose of soliciting the information is to establish whether an applicant is within one of the categories specified in the regulations of the Department of State codified at 22 CFR 51.64(b) and therefore eligible to be issued a U.S. passport containing a special validation enabling him or her to make one round-trip to a restricted country or area, and to facilitate the application for a passport of such applicants.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Notice of Release From Federal Surplus Property and Grant Assurance Obligations at Ocotillo Airport, Ocotillo Wells, California

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of Request to Release Airport Land.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) proposes to rule and invites public comment on the

application for a release of approximately 0.25 acres of airport property and granting of an access easement at the Ocotillo Airport (Airport), Ocotillo Wells, California from all conditions contained in the Surplus Property Deed and Grant Assurances because the parcel of land is not needed for airport purposes. The land requested to be released is located at the eastern perimeter of the airport. The proposed access easement is through one of the Airport's Runway Protection Zones (RPZ). Both the subject parcel and easement areas are currently used as open space buffer zones. The subject parcel abuts state park land which is intended to be used for primary access of the subject parcel. The access easement will only be provided if state parks changes the land use surrounding the Airport.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before December 26, 2017.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Comments on the request may be mailed or delivered to the FAA at the following address: Lemuel del Castillo, Federal Aviation Administration, Los Angeles Airports District Office, Federal Register Comment, 15000 Aviation Boulevard Room 3000, Lawndale, CA 90261. In addition, one copy of the comment submitted to the FAA must be mailed or delivered to Mr. Peter Drinkwater, Director of Airports, County of San Diego—DPW, 1960 Joe Crosson Dr., El Cajon, CA 92020

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the Wendell H. Ford Aviation Investment and Reform Act for the 21st Century (AIR 21), Public Law 106-181 (Apr. 5, 2000; 114 Stat. 61), this notice must be published in the **Federal Register** 30 days before the Secretary may waive any condition imposed on a federally obligated airport by surplus property conveyance deeds or grant agreements.

The following is a brief overview of the request:

The County of San Diego, Department of Public Works, requested a release from Federal surplus property and grant assurance obligations for approximately 0.25 acres of airport land to allow for its sale and granting of an access easement. The property was originally acquired pursuant to the Surplus Property Act of 1944 and was deeded to the County of San Diego on August 17, 1956. The property is located in the rural community of Ocotillo Wells, in San Diego County, California, approximately 90 miles outside of downtown San Diego. The subject parcel and access easement are unimproved and located outside a berm surrounding the dry lake

bed in which the airport's two runways are located. The access easement would provide an entrance to the subject parcel. This area is located along the eastern perimeter of the Airport, through one of the Airport's Runway Protection Zones (RPZ). Both areas are currently used as open space buffer zones, with a portion of the Access Easement used as RPZ. The future use and highest and best use would be expected to be the same as the current use. There are no basic utilities available in the area. The subject parcel abuts state park land which is intended to be used for primary access to the subject parcel. The access easement will only be provided if state parks changes the land use and access to the surrounding the Airport.

The sale price of the parcel will be based on an appraisal at fair market value. The sales proceeds that the County of San Diego will receive will provide improvements at the Airport, including a transient aircraft parking ramp and an informational kiosk. The sale of the property will not interfere with the airport or its operation, thereby serving the interests of civil aviation.

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**David F. Cushing,**

*Manager, Los Angeles Airports District Office, Western-Pacific Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee; Meeting

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee (ARAC) meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public of a meeting of the ARAC.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on December 14, 2017, starting at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Arrange oral presentations by December 6, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will take place at the Federal Aviation Administration, 600 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20591.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lakisha Pearson, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20591, telephone (202) 267-4191; fax (202) 267-5075; email [9-awa-arac@faa.gov](mailto:9-awa-arac@faa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2), we are giving notice of a meeting of the ARAC taking place on December 14, 2017, at the Federal Aviation Administration, 600 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20591.

The Draft Agenda includes:

1. Status Report from the FAA
2. Status Updates:
  - a. Active Working Groups
  - b. Transport Airplane and Engine (TAE) Subcommittee
3. Recommendation Reports
4. Any Other Business

The Agenda will be published on the FAA Meeting Web page ([https://www.faa.gov/regulations\\_policies/rulemaking/npm/](https://www.faa.gov/regulations_policies/rulemaking/npm/)) once it is finalized. Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to the space available.

Please confirm your attendance with the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section no later than December 1, 2017. Please provide the following information: Full legal name, country of citizenship, and name of your industry association, or applicable affiliation. If you are attending as a public citizen, please indicate so.

For persons participating by telephone, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section by email or phone for the teleconference call-in number and passcode. Callers are responsible for paying long-distance charges.

The public must arrange by December 6, 2017, to present oral statements at the meeting. The public may present written statements to the Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee by providing 25 copies to the Designated Federal Officer, or by bringing the copies to the meeting.

If you are in need of assistance or require a reasonable accommodation for this meeting, please contact the person listed under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Sign and oral interpretation, as well as a listening device, can be made available if requested 10 calendar days before the meeting.

Issued in Washington, DC, on November 17, 2017.

**Dale Bouffiau,**

*Alternate Designated Federal Officer, Aviation Rulemaking Advisory Committee.*

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