

*Reason Waived:* This waiver was granted for the SCHC's fiscal year ending March 31, 2017. The waiver was approved because of circumstances beyond the PHA's control and to prevent additional administrative burdens for the PHA and field office.

*Contact:* Becky Primeaux, Housing Voucher Management and Operations Division, Office of Public Housing and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW, Room 4216, Washington, DC 20410, telephone (202) 708-0477.

- *Regulation:* 24 CFR 905.400(i)(5)(i).

*Project/Activity:* Mississippi Regional Housing Authority No. V (MRHA) in Newton, MS.

*Nature of Requirement:* PHAs use Replacement Housing Factor (RHF) grant funds for the development of replacement housing only.

*Granted by:* Dominique Blom, General Deputy Assistant Secretary.

*Date Granted:* August 18, 2017.

*Reason Waived:* The waiver was granted to allow MRHA to use RHF grant funds for modernization. MRHA is currently under a Voluntary Compliance Agreement with HUD's Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity to make Section 504 renovations to its properties. Recent funding cuts have made these renovations difficult to fund. The RHF grants total is not enough to develop replacement units. Instead, the MRHA will use these funds to contribute to the costs of Section 504 renovations on 30 units. In accordance with 24 CFR 5.110, good cause exists, and HUD approves MRHA's request for a waiver of 24 CFR 905.400(i)(5)(i) for the use of RHF funds to pay for modernization work.

*Contact:* Susan A. Wilson, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Public Housing Investments, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW, Room 4130, Washington, DC 20140, telephone (202) 402-4500.

- *Regulation:* 24 CFR 905.400(i)(5)(i).

*Project/Activity:* The Edinburg Housing Authority (EHA) in Edinburg, TX.

*Nature of Requirement:* PHAs use Replacement Housing Factor (RHF) grant funds for the development of replacement housing only.

*Granted by:* Dominique Blom, General Deputy Assistant Secretary.

*Date Granted:* August 21, 2017.

*Reason Waived:* The waiver was granted to allow EHA to use RHF grant funds for modernization. EHA states having difficulties finding suitable development locations, which can be obtained at a reasonable price and in enough time to obtain HUD approval of a Development Proposal. EHA had similar problems developing with its First Increment RHF Funds. Most of the EHA's units are at least 40 years old, and with decreasing Capital and Operating Funds, the housing authority is in need of modernization beyond its funding sources. EHA would therefore like to use its Second Increment RHF Funds to preserve its existing inventory, rather than develop new units. In accordance with 24 CFR 5.110, good cause exists, and HUD

approves EHA's request for a waiver of 24 CFR 905.400(i)(5)(i) for the use of RHF funds to pay for modernization work.

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- *Regulation:* 24 CFR 905.400(i)(5)(i).

*Project/Activity:* Decatur Housing Authority (DHA) in Decatur, IL.

*Nature of Requirement:* PHAs use Replacement Housing Factor (RHF) grant funds for the development of replacement housing only.

*Granted by:* Dominique Blom, General Deputy Assistant Secretary.

*Date Granted:* August 22, 2017.

*Reason Waived:* The waiver was granted to allow DHA to use RHF grant funds for modernization. The DHA has indicated that due to a misunderstanding in funding allocation for units eligible for RHF grants, the DHA can no longer conduct the activities approved in its 2nd Increment RHF plan. The DHA will no longer receive its anticipated FY 2015 and 2016 2nd Increment grants (approximately \$576,000). The DHA is left with a balance of \$102,116.71 remaining in 2nd Increment RHF funds, which is not enough to construct replacement units. DHA will use the RHF funds to address the physical needs and make repairs of its existing units. This will enable DHA to increase the supply of affordable housing through increased occupancy. In accordance with 24 CFR 5.110, good cause exists, and HUD hereby approve DHA's request for a waiver of 24 CFR 905.400(i)(5)(i) for the use of RHF funds to pay for modernization work.

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- *Regulation:* 24 CFR 905.400(i)(5)(i).

*Project/Activity:* Springfield Housing Authority (SHA) in Springfield, TN.

*Nature of Requirement:* PHAs use Replacement Housing Factor (RHF) grant funds for the development of replacement housing only.

*Granted by:* Dominique Blom, General Deputy Assistant Secretary.

*Date Granted:* August 22, 2017.

*Reason Waived:* The waiver was granted to allow SHA to use RHF grant funds for modernization. SHA intended to use the RHF grants to construct a residential duplex. However, the combined funding is insufficient to construct the 2-bedroom duplex building. Rather than returning the funds, the SHA would use the RHF grants to install central heat and air in its existing units. This will assist in addressing its vacancy problem. In accordance with 24 CFR 5.110, good cause exists, and HUD hereby approve SHA's request for a waiver of 24 CFR 905.400(i)(5)(i) for the use of RHF funds to pay for modernization work.

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Housing Investments, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW, Room 4130, Washington, DC 20140, telephone (202) 402-4500.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-5858-N-08]

### Announcement of the Housing Counseling Federal Advisory Committee; Notice of Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner, Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

**ACTION:** Notice of Housing Counseling Federal Advisory Committee (HCFAC) Public Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This gives notice of a Housing Counseling Federal Advisory Committee (HCFAC) meeting and sets forth the proposed agenda. The Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, March 1, 2018. The meeting is open to the public and is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

**DATES:** The in-person meeting will be held on Thursday, March 1, 2018 starting at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time (ET) at HUD Headquarters, 451 7th Street SW, Washington, DC 20410 and via conference phone.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Virginia F. Holman, Housing Specialist, Office of Housing Counseling, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 600 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219; telephone number 804-822-4911 (this is not a toll-free number); email [virginia.f.holman@hud.gov](mailto:virginia.f.holman@hud.gov). Persons who have difficulty hearing or speaking may access this number via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339 (toll-free number). Individuals may also email [HCFACCommittee@hud.gov](mailto:HCFACCommittee@hud.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** HUD is convening the meeting of the HCFAC on Thursday, March 1, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET. The meeting will be held at HUD Headquarters, 451 7th Street SW, Washington, DC 20410 and via conference phone. This meeting notice is provided in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 10(a)(2).

### Draft Agenda—Housing Counseling Federal Advisory Committee Meeting—March 1, 2018

I. Welcome

II. Advisory Committee deliberation and

recommendations  
 III. Public Comment  
 IV. Next Steps  
 V. Adjourn

### Registration

The public is invited to attend this one-day meeting in-person or by phone. Advance registration is required to participate. To register to attend, please visit the following link: <https://pavr.wufoo.com/forms/hcfac-meeting-registration-03012018/>.

After completing the pre-registration process at the above link, in-person attendees will receive details about the meeting location and how to access the building. The meeting is also open to the public with limited phone lines available on a first-come, first-served basis. Phone attendees can call-in to the one-day meeting by using the following number in the United States: 800-231-0316 (toll-free number). An operator will ask callers to provide their names and their organizational affiliations (if applicable) prior to placing callers into the conference line to ensure they are part of the pre-registration list. Callers can expect to incur charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines and HUD will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls they initiate over land-line connections to the toll-free phone number. Persons with hearing impairments may also follow the discussion by first calling the Federal Relay Service (FRS): (800) 977-8339 (toll-free number) and providing the FRS operator with the conference call number: 800-231-0316.

### Comments

With advance registration, members of the public will have an opportunity to provide oral and written comments relative to agenda topics for the Committee's consideration. To provide oral comments, please be sure to indicate this on the registration link. The total amount of time for oral comments will be 15 minutes with each commenter limited to two minutes to ensure pertinent Committee business is completed. Written comments must be provided no later than February 19, 2018 to [HCFACCommittee@hud.gov](mailto:HCFACCommittee@hud.gov). Please note, written statements submitted will not be read during the meeting. The Committee will not respond to individual written or oral statements; but, will take all public comments into account in its deliberations.

### Meeting Records

Records and documents discussed during the meeting, as well as other

information about the work of this Committee, will be available for public viewing as they become available at: <http://www.facadatabase.gov/committee/committee.aspx?cid=2492&aid=77> by clicking on the "Committee Meetings" link. Information on the Committee is also available on HUD Exchange at <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/housing-counseling/federal-advisory-committee/>.

Dated: January 30, 2018.

**Dana Wade,**

*General Deputy Assistant, Secretary for Housing.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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### Notice of Application for a Recordable Disclaimer of Interest for Lands Underlying the Kanektok River System Including Pegati and Kagati Lakes, Alaska

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The State of Alaska (State) has filed an application with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for a Recordable Disclaimer of Interest (RDI) from the United States in those lands underlying the Kanektok River System, including Pegati and Kagati Lakes, a major drainage into Kuskokwim Bay in southwestern Alaska. The State asserts that the Kanektok River System, including Pegati and Kagati Lakes, was navigable and unreserved at the time of Alaska Statehood in 1959.

**DATES:** The BLM should receive all comments to this action on or before May 10, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by mail or email on the State of Alaska's application for an RDI or on the BLM draft "Summary Report on the Federal Interest in Lands underlying the Kanektok River System (including Pegati and Kagati Lakes)." To file comments by mail, send to: RDI Program Manager (AK-942), Division of Lands and Cadastral, BLM Alaska State Office, 222 West 7th Avenue, #13, Anchorage, AK 99513. To submit comments by email, send to [anichols@blm.gov](mailto:anichols@blm.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Angie Nichols, RDI Program Manager,

222 West 7th Avenue, #13, Anchorage, AK 99513; 907-271-3359; [anichols@blm.gov](mailto:anichols@blm.gov); or visit the BLM RDI website at <https://www.blm.gov/programs/lands-and-realty/regional-information/alaska/RDI/kuskokwim>.

People who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay System (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to leave a message or a question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On Feb. 28, 2012, the State filed an application (AA-93210) for an RDI pursuant to Section 315 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA) and the regulations contained in 43 CFR Subpart 1864 for the lands underlying the Kanektok River System, including Pegati and Kagati Lakes. The State asserts that this river system was navigable at the time of Alaska Statehood. As such, the State contends that ownership of the lands underlying this river system automatically passed from the United States to the State in 1959 at the time of Statehood under the Equal Footing Doctrine; the Submerged Lands Act of 1953; the Alaska Statehood Act; and other title navigability law. Section 315 of FLPMA authorizes the BLM to issue an RDI when it determines that a record interest of the United States in lands has terminated by law or is otherwise invalid, and a disclaimer will help remove a cloud on title to such lands.

The State's application is for an RDI for all submerged lands underlying the portion of the Kanektok River System, including Pegati and Kagati Lakes. Specifically, these are the submerged lands and bed up to, and including, the ordinary high water line of Pegati and Kagati Lakes within: Townships 3-4 south, range 63 west, Seward Meridian, Alaska and for the submerged lands and bed of the Kanektok River lying between the ordinary high water lines of the right and left banks of that river from the outlet of Pegati Lake within township 3 south, range 63 west, Seward Meridian, Alaska, downstream to the location where the river enters the Kuskokwim Bay within township 5 south, range 74 west, Seward Meridian, Alaska, USGS 1:63,360 series topographic map Goodnews C-5, 6, 8, and D-3-8. The State's application for the Kanektok River System starting at Pegati and Kagati Lakes downstream to Kuskokwim Bay flows through the following area: Townships 3-4 south, range 63 west;