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letter all the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by mail to: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or email: OAC@usda.gov. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

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Cikena Reid,

Committee Management Officer, USDA.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

[Docket No. NRCS-2022-0008]

Determination of the Primary Purpose of Florida's Save Our Indian River Lagoon (SOIRL) Program

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: USDA is providing public notice that the Secretary of Agriculture has determined that cost share payments made by the Florida's SOIRL Program are primarily for the purpose of conserving soil and water resources or protecting and restoring the environment. NRCS was assigned technical and administrative responsibility for reviewing Florida's SOIRL Program and for making appropriate recommendations for the Secretary's determination of primary purpose. The Secretary's determination permits recipients of cost share payments to exclude such payments from gross income to the extent allowed by the Internal Revenue Service.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ronnie Mauer; telephone: (202) 720-9733; or email: Ronnie.Mauer@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Under Section 126(a)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code, gross income does not include the "excludable portion" of payments received under any program of a State, or a political subdivision of a State, under which payments are made to individuals primarily for the purpose of protecting or restoring the environment. In general, a cost share payment for selected

conservation practices is exempt from Federal taxation if it meets three tests:

- (1) It was for a capital expense;
- (2) It does not substantially increase the operator's annual income from the property for which it is made; and
- (3) The Secretary of Agriculture certified that the payment was made primarily for conserving soil and water resources, protecting, or restoring the environment, improving forests, or providing habitat for wildlife.

The Secretary of Agriculture evaluates a conservation program on the basis of criteria specified in 7 CFR part 14 and makes a "primary purpose" determination for the payments made under the conservation program. The objective of the determination made under part 14 is to provide maximum conservation, environmental, forestry improvement, and wildlife benefits to the general public from the operation of applicable programs. Final determinations are made on the basis of program, category of practices, or individual practices.

NRCS was assigned technical and administrative responsibility for reviewing Florida's SOIRL Program and for making appropriate recommendations for the Secretary's determination of primary purpose.

Following a primary purpose determination by the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of the Treasury determines if the payments made under the conservation program substantially increases the annual income derived from the property benefited by the payments.

Environmental Review

From this Federal action, approving tax deferral will not result in impacts to the environment, therefore, no further National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation will be prepared.

Determination

As provided for by section 126 of the Internal Revenue Code, the Secretary examined the authorizing legislation, regulations, and operating procedures regarding the Brevard County, Florida SOIRL Program. In accordance with the criteria specified in 7 CFR part 14, the Secretary has determined the primary purpose of cost share payments made under the Florida SOIRL Program is conserving soil and water resources or protecting and restoring the environment. The Indian River Lagoon is considered a public recreational facility pursuant to the Florida statutes, sections 163.3164(38), 163.3221(13), and 189.012(5).

In accordance with section 212.055(2), Florida statutes, pertaining to discretionary sales surtaxes for improvements to public facilities, the SOIRL Program Project Plan and the half cent sales surtax was adopted by the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners in Ordinance 2016–15, as amended by Ordinance 2016–24, and enacted by voter referendum on November 8, 2016, to restore water resources and estuarine wildlife habitats of the Indian River Lagoon. The sales surtax is collected and distributed pursuant to section 212.055, interlocal agreements with municipalities, and applicable State laws. All projects authorized by the SOIRL Program Project Plan are permitted, constructed, and implemented in accordance with State and Federal requirements, where applicable.

A “Record of Decision” for the Brevard County, Florida SOIRL Program to review claims regarding reimbursement to abandon septic and connect to sewer lines, upgrade existing septic systems to advanced septic systems, repair leaking sewer laterals, connect package plants to central sewer or upgrade the treatment level at private package plants has been prepared and is available upon request from the Acting Director, Financial Assistance Programs Division, Natural Resources Conservation, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Room 4529 South Building, Washington, DC 20250.

The Secretary’s determination is in accordance with section 126 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended (26 U.S.C. 126), and permits recipients of cost share payments to exclude those payments from gross income to the extent allowed by the Internal Revenue Service.

Louis Aspey,
Associate Chief, Natural Resources
Conservation Service.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Notice of Public Meeting of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

AGENCY: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Announcement of virtual business meeting.

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, that the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Advisory Committee (Committee) to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will hold a series of virtual business meetings via Zoom at 8:30 a.m. ChST on the second Friday of the month (5:30 p.m. ET on the second Thursday of the month) to discuss civil rights concerns in the territory.

DATES: The meetings will take place on:

- Friday, January 13, 2023, from 8:30 a.m.–10:00am ChST (Thursday, January 12, 2023, from 5:30 p.m.–7:00 p.m. ET)
- Friday, February 10, 2023, from 8:30 a.m.–10:00am ChST (Thursday, February 9, 2023, from 5:30 p.m.–7:00 p.m. ET)
- Friday, March 10, 2023, from 8:30 a.m.–10:00am ChST (Thursday, March 9, 2023, from 5:30 p.m.–7:00 p.m. ET)
- Friday, April 14, 2023, from 8:30 a.m.–10:00am ChST (Thursday, April 13, 2023, from 5:30 p.m.–7:00 p.m. ET)
- Friday, May 12, 2023, from 8:30 a.m.–10:00am ChST (Thursday, May 11, 2023, from 5:30 p.m.–7:00 p.m. ET)
- Friday, June 9, 2023, from 8:30 a.m.–10:00am ChST (Thursday, June 8, 2023, from 5:30 p.m.–7:00 p.m. ET)

Registration Link (Audio/Visual):

<https://tinyurl.com/5n7tzcy5>.

Telephone (Audio Only): Dial (833)

435–1820 USA Toll Free; Access Code: 160 707 9890

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kayla Fajota, DFO, at kfajota@usccr.gov or (434) 515–2395.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Committee meetings are available to the public through the Zoom link above. Any interested member of the public may listen to the meeting. An open comment period will be provided to allow members of the public to make a statement as time allows. If joining via phone, callers can expect to incur regular charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, according to their wireless plan. The Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Individuals who are deaf, deafblind, and hard of hearing may also follow the proceedings by first calling the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877–8339 and providing the Service with the conference details found through registering at the web link above. To request additional accommodations, please email kfajota@usccr.gov at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting.

Members of the public are also entitled to submit written comments; the comments must be received in the

regional office within 30 days following the meeting. Written comments may be emailed to Liliana Schiller at lschiller@usccr.gov. Persons who desire additional information may contact the Regional Programs Coordination Unit at (312) 353–8311.

Records generated from this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Regional Programs Coordination Unit Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Records of the meeting will be available via www.facadatabase.gov under the Commission on Civil Rights, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Advisory Committee link. Persons interested in the work of this Committee are directed to the Commission’s website, <http://www.usccr.gov>, or may contact the Regional Programs Coordination Unit at the above phone number.

Agenda

- I. Welcome & Roll Call
- II. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes
- III. Discussion: Civil Rights Concerns
- IV. Public Comment
- V. Next Steps
- VI. Adjournment

Dated: November 1, 2022.

David Mussatt,

Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit.

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ACTION: Announcement of virtual business meeting.

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, that the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Advisory Committee (Committee) to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will hold a virtual business meeting via Zoom at 3:00 p.m. ChST on Tuesday, December 6, 2022, (12:00 a.m. ET on Tuesday, December 6, 2022) to discuss civil rights concerns in the territory.

DATES: The meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 6, 2022, from 3:00 p.m.–4:30 p.m. ChST (Tuesday, December 6, 2022, from 12:00 a.m.–1:30 a.m. ET).