

groundwater recharge or directly to the neighboring farming community on the Oxnard Plain. Spanning the entire 366-m river channel, the 7.6-m tall diversion dam presents an obstacle to endangered steelhead that must migrate to and from their historical spawning and rearing habitats in the upper watershed and the estuary and ocean to complete their life cycle. To improve passage of endangered steelhead and renovate and expand the existing headworks of the Freeman Diversion, the applicant's April 9, 2024 application proposes: (1) renovating the existing Denil fish ladder and diversion headworks; (2) resurfacing the diversion's grade-control structure; (3) operating the fish-passage, water diversion, and sediment-management systems; (4) capturing and relocating steelhead; (5) expanding the off-channel water-conveyance infrastructure and diversion capacity to 21.24 m³ per second; (6) maintaining facilities and property; (7) developing conservation and monitoring programs; (8) restoring and enhancing habitat; and (9) implementing adaptive-management measures. The applicant seeks a 50-year permit term to exempt incidental take of endangered steelhead associated with the foregoing activities, which are described further in the applicant's Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). Additionally, the HCP specifies the steps that the applicant will undertake to avoid, minimize, mitigate, and monitor the impacts of the proposed activities and related incidental take on endangered steelhead.

Authority

Section 9 of the ESA and Federal regulation prohibit the take of the Endangered Southern California Distinct Population Segment of Steelhead (endangered steelhead). The ESA defines "take" to mean harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct. However, under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA, we may issue permits to authorize incidental take. "Incidental take" is defined by the ESA as take that is incidental to, and not the purpose of, carrying out an otherwise lawful activity. Section 10(a)(2)(A) of the ESA requires an applicant for an incidental take permit to submit an HCP that specifies the steps the applicant will take to minimize and mitigate the impacts of the taking on the species. Regulations governing incidental take permits for threatened and endangered species are found at 50 CFR 222.307.

National Environmental Policy Act

We are withdrawing the NOI published in the **Federal Register** on November 11, 2013 (78 FR 67336) to prepare an EIS in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to analyze the impacts on the human environment resulting from the potential for issuing a HCP on a previous permit application from the applicant. We are taking this action because the proposed action for the previous permit application used as the basis for preparing the NOI has changed, and the original analysis is outdated. Additional details about the range of alternatives considered in this action are included in the November 11, 2013 NOI and are not repeated here. We solicited public input on the scope of the analysis through a public comment on the NOI from November 11, 2013 until January 13, 2014.

We will revisit and fulfill all necessary NEPA obligations once the revised permit application has been determined to meet issuance criteria.

Next Steps

We will evaluate the applicant's April 9, 2024 permit application, including the HCP, related documents, and public comments received, to determine whether the application meets the criteria for issuing a permit under 16 U.S.C. 1539(a)(2)(B). In addition, we will evaluate whether issuing a section 10(a)(1)(B) permit to the applicant would comply with section 7 of the ESA through the conduct of an intra-agency section 7 consultation. The final NEPA and permit determinations will not be made until after the end of the comment period. NMFS will publish a record of its final action in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: July 23, 2024.

Angela Somma,

Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Record of Decision for the KC-46A Fifth Main Operating Base Beddown

AGENCY: Department of the Air Force, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of availability of a record of decision.

SUMMARY: The United States Air Force signed the Record of Decision for the

KC-46A Fifth Main Operating Base (MOB 5) on July 16, 2024.

ADDRESSES: For further information contact: Mr. Austin Narranjo, AFCEC/CIE, 2261 Hughes Ave., Suite 155, JBSA Lackland, TX 78236, ph: (478) 222-9225.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Austin Narranjo, AFCEC/CIE, 2261 Hughes Ave., Suite 155, JBSA Lackland, TX 78236, phone: (478) 222-9225, or email: austin.narranjo.1@us.af.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Record of Decision reflects the Air Force decision to beddown 12 KC-46A Primary Aerospace Vehicles Authorized (PAA) at March Air Reserve Base in Riverside County, California.

The decision was based on matters discussed in the KC-46A Fifth Main Operating Base Beddown Final Environmental Impact Statement, contributions from the public and regulatory agencies, and other relevant factors. The Final Environmental Impact Statement was made available to the public on April 19, 2024 through a Notice of Availability published in the **Federal Register** (Volume 89, Number 77, page 28771) with a 30-day wait period that ended on May 19, 2024.

Authority: This Notice of Availability is published pursuant to the regulations (40 CFR part 1506.10) implementing the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321, *et seq.*) and the Air Force's Environmental Impact Analysis Process (32 CFR parts 989.21(b) and 989.24(b)(7)).

Tommy W. Lee,

Acting Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity Meeting

AGENCY: National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI or Committee), Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Announcement of an open meeting; and update to the meeting location.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the agenda, time, and instructions to access or participate in the August 6-8, 2024, virtual meeting of NACIQI, and provides information to members of the public regarding the meeting, including

requesting to make written or oral comments. The notice of this meeting is required under the Higher Education Act (HEA) of 1965, as amended.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be virtual.

DATES: The virtual NACIQI meeting will be held on August 6–8, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. This notice is an update to a previous **Federal Register** notice dated 07/02/2024, Document Citation 89 FR 54803, which indicated that the meeting would be hybrid.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

George Alan Smith, Executive Director/ Designated Federal Official (DFO), NACIQI, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20202, telephone: (202) 453–7757, or email: *George.Alan.Smith@ed.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Statutory Authority and Function: NACIQI is established under section 114 of the HEA (20 U.S.C. 1011c). NACIQI advises the Secretary of Education with respect to:

- The establishment and enforcement of the standards of accrediting agencies or associations under subpart 2, part H, Title IV of the HEA, as amended;
- The recognition of specific accrediting agencies or associations;
- The preparation and publication of the list of nationally recognized accrediting agencies and associations;
- The eligibility and certification process for institutions of higher education under Title IV of the HEA, together with recommendations for improvement in such process;
- The relationship between (1) accreditation of institutions of higher education and the certification and eligibility of such institutions, and (2) State licensing responsibilities with respect to such institutions; and
- Any other advisory function relating to accreditation and institutional eligibility that the Secretary of Education may prescribe by regulation.

Meeting Agenda

The purpose of the meeting is to conduct a review of the following applications for renewals of recognition.

Applications for Renewal of Recognition

1. WASC Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges. Scope of Recognition: The accreditation and pre-accreditation (“Candidate for Accreditation”) of community and other colleges which have as a primary mission the granting of associate degrees, but which may also award certificates and other credentials, not to exceed the bachelor degree level, where

the provision of such credentials is within the institution’s mission and, if applicable, is authorized by their governmental authorities, and the accreditation of such programs offered via distance education and correspondence education at these colleges. This recognition also extends to the Committee on Substantive Change of the Commission, for decisions on substantive changes, and the Appeals Panel. Geographic Area of Accrediting Activities: Throughout the United States.

2. American Veterinary Medical Association, Council on Education. Scope of Recognition: The accreditation and preaccreditation (“Provisional Accreditation”) in the United States of programs leading to professional degrees (D.V.M. or V.M.D.) in veterinary medicine. Geographic Area of Accrediting Activities: Throughout the United States.

3. Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and Training. Scope of Recognition: The accreditation throughout the United States of institutions of higher education that offer continuing education and vocational programs that confer certificates or occupational associate degrees, including those programs offered via distance education. Geographic Area of Accrediting Activities: Throughout the United States.

4. Council on Education for Public Health. Scope of Recognition: The accreditation of schools of public health and public health programs outside schools of public health, at the baccalaureate and graduate degree levels, including those offered via distance education. Geographic Area of Accrediting Activities: Throughout the United States.

5. National Association of Schools of Dance, Commission on Accreditation. Scope of Recognition: The accreditation throughout the United States of freestanding institutions that offer dance and dance-related programs (both degree and non-degree-granting), including those offered via distance education. Geographic Area of Accrediting Activities: Throughout the United States.

6. National Association of Schools of Music, Commission on Accreditation. Scope of Recognition: The accreditation throughout the United States of freestanding institutions that offer music and music related programs (both degree and non-degree-granting) including those offered via distance. This recognition also extends to the Commission on Community College Accreditation. Geographic Area of

Accrediting Activities: Throughout the United States.

7. National Association of Schools of Theatre, Commission on Accreditation. Scope of Recognition: The accreditation throughout the United States of freestanding institutions that offer theatre and theatre-related programs (both degree and non-degree-granting), including those offered via distance education. Geographic Area of Accrediting Activities: Throughout the United States.

8. Puerto Rico State Agency for the Approval of Public Postsecondary Vocational, Technical Institutions and Programs. Scope of Recognition: State agency for the approval of vocational education.

9. Maryland State Board of Nursing. Scope of Recognition: State agency for the approval of nursing education.

10. New York State Board of Regents (nursing education). Scope of Recognition: State approval agency for nursing education.

To ensure sufficient time for all agency reviews, including NACIQI questions and discussion, the Department requests that the agencies limit their opening statements to 10 minutes (total for one or more statements), and that the agencies avoid extended discussions about agency representatives and their backgrounds. Following the brief opening statement, the agency’s presentation should focus on the regulatory criteria, and in particular, responses to areas where the staff has recommended a finding of noncompliance or substantial compliance, or where other concerns have been raised that the agency would like to address. However, the agency should expect that questions from NACIQI members may focus on other areas.

Administration Policy Update

Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, Dr. Nasser Paydar, will provide an update on the Administration’s postsecondary education policy priorities.

Accreditor Dashboards Updates

The Committee will refer to the Accreditor Dashboards for accrediting agencies up for review. These dashboards will include information about post-completion earnings and cumulative loan debt.

Policy Discussion

In addition to its review of accrediting agencies and State approval agencies for Secretarial recognition, there will be time for Committee discussions regarding any of the categories within

NACIQI's statutory authority in its capacity as an advisory committee.

Instructions for Accessing the Meeting Registration

You may register for the meeting on your computer using the link below. After you register, you will receive a confirmation email containing personalized participation links for each day of the three-day meeting no later than 8:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time on August 6, 2024.

Registration Link

<https://cvent.me/N7blbg>.

Public Comment

Submission of requests to make an oral comment regarding a specific accrediting agency under review, or to make an oral comment or written statement regarding other issues within the scope of NACIQI's authority:

Opportunity to submit a written statement regarding a specific accrediting agency under review was solicited by a previous **Federal Register** notice published on May 3, 2023 (88 FR 27876; Document Number 2023-09362). The period for submission of such statements is now closed. Additional written statements regarding a specific accrediting agency or state approval agency under review will not be accepted at this time. However, members of the public may submit written statements regarding other issues within the scope of NACIQI's authority for consideration by NACIQI in the manner described below.

Members of the public may make oral comments regarding a specific accrediting agency under review and/or other agenda topics. Oral comments may not exceed three minutes. Oral comments about an agency's recognition when a compliance report has been required by the Senior Department Official or the Secretary must relate to the criteria for recognition cited in the Senior Department Official's letter that requested the report, or in the Secretary's appeal decision, if any. Oral comments about an agency seeking expansion of scope must be directed to the agency's ability to serve as a recognized accrediting agency with respect to the kinds of institutions or programs requested to be added. Oral comments about the renewal of an agency's recognition must relate to its compliance with the criteria for the Recognition of Accrediting Agencies, which are available at <http://www.ed.gov/admins/finaid/accred/index.html>.

Written statements and oral comments concerning NACIQI's work

outside of a specific accrediting agency under review must be limited to matters within the scope of NACIQI's authority, as outlined under Section 114 of the HEA (20 U.S.C. 1011c), and written comments of any kind submitted after the deadline will not be considered by the Department or provided to NACIQI for purposes of the current cycle review.

Instructions on Requesting To Make Public Comment

To request to make oral comments of three minutes or less during the August 6-8, 2024, meeting, please follow either Method One or Method Two below. To submit a written statement to NACIQI concerning its work outside a specific accrediting agency under review, please follow Method One.

Method One: Submit a request by email to the ThirdPartyComments@ed.gov mailbox. Please do not send material directly to NACIQI members. Written statements to NACIQI concerning its work outside of a specific accrediting agency under review and requests to make oral comment must be received by July 30, 2024, and include the subject line "Oral Comment Request: (agency name)," "Oral Comment Request: (subject)" or "Written Statement: (subject)." The email must include the name(s), title, organization/affiliation, mailing address, email address, and telephone number, of the person(s) submitting a written statement or requesting to speak. All individuals submitting an advance request in accordance with this notice will be afforded an opportunity to speak. Written statements of any kind submitted after the deadline will not be considered by the Department or provided to NACIQI for purposes of the current cycle review.

Method Two (Only available to those seeking to make oral comments): Submit a request by email on August 6, 2024, between 7:45 a.m. and 8:45 a.m. Eastern Standard Time to the ThirdPartyComments@ed.gov mailbox. The email must include the subject on which the requestor wishes to comment, in addition to his or her name, title, organization/affiliation, mailing address, email address, and telephone number. If you intend to make your comments by dialing into the meeting rather than using a computer, please be sure to include that information in your email request. A total of up to fifteen minutes for each agenda item will be allotted for oral commenters who register on August 6, 2024, between 7:45 a.m. and 8:45 a.m. Eastern Standard Time. Individuals will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis. If selected,

each commenter may not exceed three minutes.

Access to Records of the Meeting: The Department will post the official report of the meeting on the NACIQI website <https://sites.ed.gov/naciqi/archive-of-meetings/> within 90 days after the meeting. In addition, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 1009(b), the public may request to inspect records of the meeting at 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, DC, by emailing aslrecordsmanager@ed.gov or by calling (202) 453-7415 to schedule an appointment. Senior Department Official's (as defined in 34 CFR 602.3) decisions, pursuant to 34 CFR 602.36, associated with all NACIQI meetings can be found at the following website: <https://surveys.ope.ed.gov/erecognition/#/public-documents>.

Reasonable Accommodations: The dial-in information and weblink access to the meeting are accessible to individuals with disabilities. If you will need an auxiliary aid or service to participate in the meeting (e.g., interpreting service, assistive listening device, or materials in an alternate format), notify the contact person listed in this notice at least two weeks before the scheduled meeting date. Although we will attempt to meet a request received after that date, we may not be able to make available the requested auxiliary aid or service because of insufficient time to arrange it.

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Authority: Section 114 of the HEA of 1964, as amended (20 U.S.C. 1011c).

Antoinette Flores,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, Planning and Innovation, Office of Postsecondary Education.

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