

10:30 a.m. Staff Reports, Ships, Wayne Boykin, Operations, Marc Hayman, Collections, Tom Mulhern, National Maritime Museum Association, Kathy Lohan  
 11:30 a.m. Public Comments and Questions  
 11:45 a.m. Election of Officers  
 12:00 p.m. Agenda items/Date for next meeting

**Michael R. Bell,**

*Acting Superintendent.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### **Adoption of Proposed Leasing Regulations/Guidelines for the El Portal Administrative Site Yosemite National Park, Mariposa County, CA; Request for Public Comment**

**SUMMARY:** The National Park Service is responsible for the management and administration of the El Portal Administrative Site. To facilitate these activities the Superintendent of Yosemite National Park, acting on behalf of the Secretary of the Interior, has been authorized to issue leases for lands within the Administrative Site subject to terms, conditions, and guidelines as are appropriate to assure the proper administration, protection, and development of the site. The adoption proposed will establish the qualifications of persons and corporations who may be eligible to acquire a lease, the process used to establish lease fees, and the circumstances under which the Superintendent of Yosemite National Park may acquire unexpired leases.

#### **Background**

Sections 47-1 through 47-6 of Title 16, United States Code, govern the Superintendent's management and administration of the El Portal Administrative Site ("Site"). Section 47-1 states that in order "to preserve the extraordinary natural qualities of Yosemite National Park", the Superintendent is authorized to manage the Site such that "utilities, facilities, and services required in the operation and administration of Yosemite National Park may be located on such site outside the Park." To effectuate this goal, the Superintendent has been authorized under Section 47-2 to issue leases directly or through a Contract Lease Manager subject to such terms, conditions, and guidelines as are appropriate to assure proper

administration, protection, and development of the Site and the Park.

Before leases can be issued, however, the Superintendent must prepare suitable guidance regarding the issuance and management of leases. Section 47-5 states: "Such regulations shall establish the qualifications of natural persons and corporations who may be eligible to acquire a lease and a sublease, the process to be used in establishing fees for such leases and subleases, and they shall set forth the circumstances under which the Secretary may elect to acquire any unexpired lease or sublease." Thus established is a guiding framework for the residential and commercial leasing of government-owned lands and structures within the Site. Also provided thereby is program funding, by establishing a Fair Rental Value for leased property, and means to determine an appropriate Permit Fee for permitted property within the El Portal Administrative Site. Funds collected will be used as directed in 16 U.S.C. 47-3.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Office of Special Park Uses, P.O. Box 700, El Portal, California 95318, (209) 379-9238.

*Reference:* Public Law 85-922 of September 2, 1958, Public Law 90-409 of July 21, 1968 and Public Law 99-542 of October 27, 1986, as codified in Title 16, United States Code, Sections 47-1 through 47-6.

*Comments:* Written comments must be postmarked not later than April 25, 2000. Requests for a copy of the proposed leasing program, or written comments, should be addressed to: Superintendent, Yosemite National Park, c/o Office of Special Park Uses, P.O. Box 700, El Portal, California 95318.

Please confine written comments to issues or concerns pertinent to the proposal and explain the reasons for any recommended changes. Where possible, reference the specific section or paragraph subject to comment. If individuals submitting comments request that their name or/and address be withheld from public disclosure, it will be honored to the extent allowable by law. Such requests must be stated prominently at the beginning of the comments. There also may be circumstances wherein the NPS will withhold a respondent's identity as allowable by law. As always: NPS will make available to public inspection all submissions from organizations or businesses and from persons identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations and

businesses; and, anonymous comments may not be considered. The public may inspect comments received on this proposal in the Office of Special Park Uses, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on business days.

Dated: February 17, 2000.

**James R. Shevock,**

*Acting Regional Director, Pacific West Region.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Bureau of Justice Assistance

#### **Agency Information Collection Activities: New Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Justice Assistance, Justice.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection under review; New collection; survey of best practices for hiring and retention of female and minority law enforcement officers.

The Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with emergency review procedures of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. OMB approval has been requested by March 3, 2000. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. If granted, the emergency approval is only valid for 180 days. Comments should be directed to OMB, Office of Information Regulation Affairs, Attention: Department of Justice Desk Officer, Washington, DC 20530.

During the first 60 days of this same review period, a regular review of this information collection is also being undertaken. All comments and suggestions, or questions regarding additional information, to include obtaining a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, should be directed to Richard H. Ward, III, Deputy Director, Bureau of Justice Assistance, 810 7th Street, Washington DC 20531, or facsimile at (202) 305-1367.

Request written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the