

Funding for the proposed restoration is being provided by the Poseidon Resources Carlsbad Desalination Project, in order to implement their Marine Life Mitigation Plan (MLMP), which is required to fulfill part of their mitigation requirement for the desalination project. On November 15, 2007, the California Coastal Commission approved a Coastal Development Permit (CDP No. E-06-013) for the Poseidon desalination facility in Carlsbad, San Diego County. As part of that approval, the Commission required Poseidon to implement a Marine Life Mitigation Plan (MLMP).

In early 2010, Poseidon submitted an initial proposal to the California Coastal Commission identifying possible mitigation sites. The submittal compared about a dozen potential sites in the Southern California Bight and concluded that the Otay River floodplain portion of the San Diego Bay NWR was most suited to provide the type and amount of mitigation the MLMP required. California Coastal Commission staff and members of its Scientific Advisory Panel reviewed Poseidon's analysis and concurred that the Otay River floodplain site was most likely to meet the MLMP requirements and objectives. Final site selection required approval by both the California Coastal Commission and the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (Control Board).

On February 9, 2011, the California Coastal Commission unanimously approved the Otay River floodplain site, and the site was approved by the Control Board on March 9, 2011. The MLMP requirements and objectives are consistent with the goals and objectives set forth in our CCP for the Otay River floodplain.

Prior to implementation of the restoration project, the California Coastal Commission must approve a Coastal Development Permit (CDP) for the proposed restoration. In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act, the CDP process is exempt from the requirement of preparing an environmental impact report. The Commission's staff report and findings related to the CDP application for the project will be the environmental analysis document prepared under the Commission's certified regulatory program. The Commission will allow sufficient opportunity during the CDP process for public review and comment.

Proposed Project

We propose to convert approximately 67 acres of disturbed uplands within the western portion of the Otay River floodplain to functional estuarine

habitats, including subtidal wetlands and intertidal salt marsh and mudflat habitat. Upland buffers to be provided around portions of the restored wetlands would be planted with native upland and wetland/upland transitional vegetation. The major goals of the project are to protect, manage, enhance, and restore open water coastal wetlands and native upland to benefit native fish, wildlife, and plant species supported within the South San Diego Bay Unit of the San Diego Bay NWR and to provide habitat for migratory shorebirds and other salt marsh-dependent species.

The project site, which is located within the City of San Diego to the west of Interstate 5 between Main Street to the north and Palm Avenue to the south, is included entirely within an area managed by the Service as a National Wildlife Refuge. The eastern portion of the site is owned by the Service in fee title, while the western portion is leased to the Service by the State Lands Commission.

In order to restore estuarine habitat in the Otay River floodplain, we have initially estimated that approximately 75 acres would need to be graded to provide both the wetland and upland components of the proposed restoration. To achieve elevations appropriate for supporting the desired estuarine habitat types, excavation of 3 to 11 feet of soil over an area of approximately 65 acres would be required, generating an estimated 750,000 to 1 million cubic yards of material, some of which will be used on site, while the remainder will be transported off site to an approved disposal site. The proposed wetlands would be tidally connected to San Diego Bay via the existing Otay River channel. Additional grading to deepen and potentially widen the Otay River channel from the western edge of the project site out to the mouth of the river may also be needed, pending hydraulic modeling.

Public Comment

We are furnishing this notice in accordance with section 1501.7 of the NEPA implementing regulations, to obtain suggestions and information from other agencies and the public on the scope of issues to be addressed in the EIS. The Service is currently developing a range of restoration alternatives to be analyzed in the draft EIS, and we invite written comments from interested parties to ensure identification of the full range of alternatives, issues, and concerns. Information gathered through this scoping process will assist us in developing a range of alternatives. A detailed description of the proposed action and alternatives will be included

in the EIS. The EIS will also address the direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts of the alternatives on environmental resources and identify appropriate mitigation measures for adverse environmental effects.

Written comments we receive become part of the public record associated with this action. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

In addition to providing written comments, the public is encouraged to attend a public scoping meeting to provide us with suggestions and information on the scope of issues and alternatives to consider when drafting the EIS. A public scoping meeting will be held in San Diego County, California, in the fall of 2011. We will mail a separate announcement to the public with the exact date, time, and location of the public scoping meeting. Requests to be contacted about the scoping meeting should be directed to Brian Collins (see **ADDRESSES**). We will accept both oral and written comments at the scoping meeting.

NEPA Compliance

We will conduct environmental review in accordance with the requirements of NEPA, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), its implementing regulations (40 CFR parts 1500–1508), other applicable regulations, and our procedures for compliance with those regulations. We anticipate that a draft EIS will be available for public review in the spring of 2012.

Alexandra Pitts,

Regional Director, Pacific Southwest Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Filing of Plats of Survey; South Dakota

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of filing of plats of survey.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will file the plat of survey of the lands described below in the BLM Montana State Office, Billings, Montana, on December 14, 2011.

DATES: Protests of the survey must be filed before December 14, 2011 to be considered.

ADDRESSES: Protests of the survey should be sent to the Branch of Cadastral Survey, Bureau of Land Management, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59101-4669.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marvin Montoya, Cadastral Surveyor, Branch of Cadastral Survey, Bureau of Land Management, 5001 Southgate Drive, Billings, Montana 59101-4669, telephone (406) 896-5124 or (406) 896-5009, Marvin-Montoya@blm.gov. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-(800) 877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FIRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This survey was executed at the request of the Sisseton Agency, through the Acting Regional Director, Great Plains Region, Bureau of Indian Affairs and was necessary to determine trust and tribal lands.

The lands we surveyed are:

5th Principal Meridian, South Dakota

T. 124 N., R. 53 W.

The plat, in two sheets, representing the dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines, a portion of the subdivision of section 15, and the adjusted 1981 meanders of Pickerel Lake, through former Lot 10, section 15, and the survey of five metes and bounds parcels situated in former Lot 10, section 15, Township 124 North, Range 53 West, Fifth Principal Meridian, South Dakota, was accepted October 28, 2011. We will place a copy of the plat, in two sheets, and related field notes we described in the open files. They will be available to the public as a matter of information. If the BLM receives a protest against this survey, as shown on this plat, in two sheets, prior to the date of the official filing, we will stay the filing pending our consideration of the protest. We will not officially file this plat, in two sheets, until the day after we have accepted or dismissed all

protests and they have become final, including decisions or appeals.

Authority: 43 U.S.C. Chap. 3.

James D. Claflin,
Chief Cadastral Surveyor, Division of Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Filing of Plats of Survey, New Mexico

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of filing of Plats of Survey.

SUMMARY: The plats of survey described below are scheduled to be officially filed in the New Mexico State Office, Bureau of Land Management, Santa Fe, New Mexico, thirty (30) calendar days from the date of this publication.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

New Mexico Principal Meridian, New Mexico (NM)

The plat, representing the dependent resurvey and survey, in Township 23 North, Range 13 West, of the New Mexico Principal Meridian, accepted September 30, 2011, for Group 963 NM.

The plat, in three sheets, representing the dependent resurvey and survey, in Township 24 North, Range 11 West, of the New Mexico Principal Meridian, accepted September 30, 2011, for Group 963 NM.

The plat, representing the dependent resurvey and survey, in Township 25 North, Range 11 West, of the New Mexico Principal Meridian, accepted September 30, 2011, for Group 963 NM.

The plat, representing the dependent resurvey and survey, in Township 24 North, Range 12 West, of the New Mexico Principal Meridian, accepted September 30, 2011, for Group 963 NM.

The plat, in six sheets, representing the dependent resurvey and survey, in Township 24 North, Range 13 West, of the New Mexico Principal Meridian, accepted September 30, 2011, for Group 963 NM.

The plat, in two sheets, representing the dependent resurvey and survey, in Township 23 North, Range 12 West, of the New Mexico Principal Meridian, accepted September 30, 2011, for Group 963 NM.

The plat, representing the dependent resurvey and survey, in Township 24

North, Range 12 West, of the New Mexico Principal Meridian, accepted September 30, 2011, Supplemental Plat NM.

The plat, representing the dependent resurvey and survey, in Township 24 North, Range 12 West, of the New Mexico Principal Meridian, accepted October 26, 2011, Supplemental Plat NM.

The plat, representing the dependent resurvey and survey, in Township 8 North, Range 2 East, of the New Mexico Principal Meridian accepted September 30, 2011, for Group 1110 NM.

The plat, representing the dependent resurvey and survey, in Township 7 North, Range 3 East, of the New Mexico Principal Meridian accepted September 30, 2011, for Group 1109 NM.

The plat, representing the dependent resurvey and survey, in Township 10 North, Range 3 East, of the New Mexico Principal Meridian accepted August 12, 2011, for Group 1106.

Sixth Principal Meridian, Kansas (KS)

The plat, representing the dependent resurvey and survey in Township 33 South, Range 41 West, of the Sixth Principal Meridian, accepted August 4, 2011, for Group 37 KS.

The plat, representing the dependent resurvey and survey in Township 33 South, Range 42 West, of the Sixth Principal Meridian, accepted August 8, 2011, for Group 36 KS.

Indian Meridian, Oklahoma (OK)

The plat, in two sheets, representing the dependent resurvey and survey in Township 21 North, Range 9 East, of the Indian Meridian, accepted October 26, 2011, for Group 200 OK.

The plat, in six sheets, representing the dependent resurvey and survey in Township 12 North, Range 21 East, of the Indian Meridian, accepted September 30, 2011, for Group 66 OK.

The plat, in four sheets, representing the dependent resurvey and survey in Township 11 North, Range 21 East, of the Indian Meridian, accepted September 30, 2011, for Group 66 OK.

The plat, in four sheets, representing the dependent resurvey and survey in Township 12 North, Range 20 East, of the Indian Meridian, accepted September 30, 2011, for Group 67 OK.

The plat, representing the dependent resurvey and survey in Township 12 North, Range 16 West, of the Indian Meridian, accepted October 28, 2011, for Group 206 OK.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

These plats will be available for inspection in the New Mexico State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 301 Dinosaur Trail, Santa Fe, New