

including suggestions for reducing this burden to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (VIR), 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

Advance payments may be authorized under Federal contracts and subcontracts. Advance payments are the least preferred method of contract financing and require special determinations by the agency head or designee. Specific financial information about the contractor is required before determinations by the agency head or designee. Specific financial information about the contractor is required before such payments can be authorized (see FAR Subpart 32.4 and 52.232-12). The information is used to determine if advance payments should be provided to the contractor.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 500.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 500.

Hours Per Response: 1.

Total Burden Hours: 500.

Obtaining Copies of Proposals:

Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (VIR), Room 4035, 1800 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0073, Advance Payments, in all correspondence.

Dated: June 27, 2005

Julia B. Wise,

Director, Contract Policy Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report (DEIS/ DEIR) for Proposed Future Permit Actions Under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act for the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan and Associated Facilities Along Portions of the Santa Clara River and Its Side Drainages, and Development of a Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (CCAA) for the San Fernando Valley Spineflower, in Los Angeles County, California, With the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Revised Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The project proponent and landowner, The Newhall Land and Farming Company (Newhall Land), has requested a long-term Clean Water Act Section 404 permit from the Corps of Engineers for facilities associated with the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan. The action is necessary to facilitate buildout of the Specific Plan. The effect will be to authorize the construction of bridges, flood control structures, and to grade and fill certain side drainages for roads and buildings. The reason for this revised notice of intent (NOI) is because the project proponent's proposed action has been expanded to include development of a voluntary CCAA between Newhall Land and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to specify spineflower preserve locations, manage spineflower habitat, and to authorize future take of spineflower, in the event it becomes federally listed under the federal Endangered Species Act as threatened or endangered, involving three properties: Newhall Ranch, Valencia Commerce Center, and Entrada. The Corps of Engineers intends to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) to evaluate the potential effects of the proposed action on the environment. To eliminate duplication of paperwork, the Corps of Engineers intends to coordinate the DEIS with the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) being prepared by the California Department of Fish and Game. The joint document will meet the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) as well as enable the Corps to analyze the project pursuant to the 404(b)(1) Guidelines and assess potential impacts on various public interest factors.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions about the proposed action and Draft EIS/EIR can be answered by Dr. Aaron O. Allen, Corps Project Manager, at (805) 585-2148. Comments shall be addressed to: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, Ventura Field Office, ATTN: File Number 2003-01264-AOA, 2151 Alessandro Drive, Suite 110, Ventura, CA 93001. Alternatively, comments can be e-mailed to: Aaron.O.Allen@usace.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. *Project Site and Background Information.* The Newhall Ranch site is located in northern Los Angeles County and encompasses approximately 12,000 acres. The Santa Clara River and State Route 126 traverse the northern portion of the Specific Plan area.

The river extends approximately 5.5 miles east to west across the site. On March 27, 2003, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved the Specific Plan, which establishes the general plan and zoning designations necessary to develop the site with residential, commercial, and mixed uses over the next 20 to 30 years. The Newhall Ranch Specific Plan also includes a Water Reclamation Plant at the western edge of the project area. Individual projects, such as residential, commercial, and industrial developments, roadways, and other public facilities would be developed over time in accordance with the development boundaries and guidelines in the approved Specific Plan. Many of these developments would require work in and adjacent to the Santa Clara River and its side drainages ("waters of the United States").

Newhall Land would develop most of the above facilities. However, other entities could construct some of these facilities using the approvals or set of approvals issued to Newhall Land. The proposed Section 404 permit would also include routine maintenance activities to be carried out by Los Angeles County Department of Public Works using the Section 404 permit issued to Newhall Land. Any party utilizing a Section 404 permit issued to Newhall Land would be bound by the same conditions in the Section 404 permit.

The CCAA area includes Newhall Ranch and two other areas adjacent to Newhall Ranch, the Valencia Commerce Center and Entrada areas. The Valencia Commerce Center is a partially built out commercial/industrial center located east of Newhall Ranch and north of State Route 126. Entrada is a proposed residential development located east of

Newhall Ranch and south of Magic Mountain Parkway.

Under the Specific Plan, Newhall Land and Farming has applied to Los Angeles County for tentative tract (subdivision) maps for portions of the Specific Plan area, Valencia Commerce Center, and Entrada. Los Angeles County is currently processing those applications, including the preparation of project-level Environmental Impact Reports for these areas.

2. *Proposed Action.* Newhall Land has identified various activities associated with the Newhall Ranch Project that would require Corps permitting. Many of the proposed activities would require a 404 permit because the activities would affect the riverbed or banks within the jurisdictional limits of the Corps in San Martinez Grande, Chiquito, Potrero, and Long canyons, and smaller drainages with peak flows of less than 2,000 cubic feet per second, as well as the Santa Clara River. These activities are listed and described in further detail below:

- Bank protection to protect land development projects along watercourses (including buried soil cement, ungrouted riprap, and gunite lining);
- Drainage facilities such as storm drains or outlets and partially lined open channels;
- Grade control structures;
- Bridges and drainage crossings;
- Utility crossings;
- Trails;
- Building pads;
- Activities associated with construction of a Water Reclamation Plant (WRP) adjacent to the Santa Clara River and required bank protection;
- Water quality control facilities (sedimentation control, flood debris, and water quality basins);
- Ongoing maintenance activities by the LACDPW; and
- Temporary haul routes for grading equipment.

In addition to construction of the permitted facilities identified above, the proposed action includes development of a CCAA between Newhall Land and the USFWS. The CCAA would serve to protect populations of San Fernando Valley spineflower, a species identified as a candidate for listing under the federal Endangered Species Act, which occur on the Newhall Ranch, Valencia Commerce Center, and Entrada sites. The CCAA would involve spineflower preserves and management and also authorize the take of certain spineflower plants at all three locations.

3. *Scope of Analysis.* The DEIS will be a project-level document which addresses a number of interrelated

actions over a specific geographic area that (1) would occur as logical parts in the chain of contemplated actions, and (2) would be implemented under the same authorizing statutory or regulatory authorities. The information in the EIS will be sufficient for the Corps to make a decision regarding the issuance of a long-term Section 404 permit for the Newhall Ranch Specific Plan. The EIS will also allow the USFWS to make a decision on the CCAA.

The document will be a joint Federal and state document. The California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act for the same project regarding a state streambed alteration agreement, state endangered species permit for Newhall Ranch, and a Spineflower Conservation Plan and state endangered species permit for the Newhall Ranch, Valencia Commerce Center and Entrada areas. The Corps and CDFG will work cooperatively to prepare a joint DEIS/DEIR document, and to coordinate the public noticing and hearing processes under Federal and state laws.

The impact analysis will follow the directives in 33 CFR Part 325 Appendix B, which requires that it be limited to the impacts of the specific activities requiring a 404 permit and only those portions of the project outside of "waters of the United States" over which the Corps has sufficient control and responsibility to warrant Federal review. However, due to the varied location and extent of waters of the United States, threatened and endangered species and critical habitat, and historic and prehistoric cultural sites within the project area, there exists sufficient cumulative Federal responsibility and control to expand the geographic scope of analysis to include the entire Newhall Ranch Specific Plan site. This extension of the scope of environmental analysis will address indirect and cumulative impacts of the regulated activities, as well as connected actions pursuant to NEPA guidelines (40 CFR part 1508(a)(1)). In upland areas, the Corps will evaluate impacts to the environment and identify feasible and reasonable mitigation measures and the appropriate state or local agencies with authority to implement these measures if they are outside the authority of the Corps. In evaluating impacts to areas and resources outside the Corps' jurisdiction, the Corps will consider the information and conclusions from the Final Program EIR for the Specific Plan prepared by Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning.

However, the Corps will exercise its independent expertise and judgment in addressing indirect and cumulative impacts to upland areas due to issuance of the proposed Section 404 permit.

4. *Significant Issues.* There are several potential environmental issues that will be addressed in the DEIS/DEIR. Additional issues may be identified during the scoping process. Issues initially identified as potentially significant include:

- (a) Surface Water Hydrology, Erosion and Sedimentation;
- (b) Groundwater;
- (c) Water Quality;
- (d) Biological Resources;
- (e) Jurisdictional Streams and Wetlands;
- (f) Air Quality;
- (g) Traffic;
- (h) Noise;
- (i) Cultural Resources;
- (j) Paleontological Resources;
- (k) Agriculture and Soils;
- (l) Geology and Geologic Hazards;
- (m) Land Use;
- (n) Visual Resources;
- (o) Parks, Recreation, and Trails;
- (p) Public Safety;
- (q) Public Services;
- (r) Hazards and Hazardous Materials;
- (s) Socioeconomics/Environmental Justice;

(t) Significant, Irreversible Environmental Changes.

5. *Alternatives.* Alternatives initially being considered for the proposed improvement project include the following:

(a) Numerous alternate locations and configurations of various proposed facilities such as buried bank stabilization, bridges, and grade control structures, along each of the major side drainages including Chiquito Canyon, Potrero Canyon, San Martinez Grande, and Long Canyon, as well as the Santa Clara River, ranging from no impact to the proposed action and configurations of various proposed San Fernando Valley Spineflower Preserve areas;

(b) Under the No Federal Action alternative, the proposed Section 404 permit would not be issued, so no discharges of fill material within Corps jurisdictional waters would be authorized. This alternative will be analyzed in the DEIS/DEIR to satisfy NEPA requirements to evaluate the impacts of "No Federal Action" alternative.

6. *Scoping Process.* A previous NOI was published in the **Federal Register** on January 29, 2004 (69 FR 4295–4296). Public scoping meetings to receive input on the scope of the DEIS/EIR were previously conducted on February 4, 2000 in Santa Clarita and February 19,

2004 in Castaic, California. An additional public scoping meeting will be held on August 24, 2005, at 6:30 pm, at the Castaic Middle School Multipurpose Room located at 28900 West Hillcrest Parkway, Castaic, CA.

Participation in the scoping is encouraged by Federal, state, and local agencies, and other interested private citizens and organizations. The Corps will be the federal lead agency and the USFWS will be a cooperating agency for this DEIS/EIR. Other environmental review and consultation requirements, not discussed above, include a USFWS Section 7 Biological Opinion, State Historic Preservation Office consultation, and a 401 certification and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit from the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board.

7. *Availability of the Draft EIS/EIR.* The joint lead agencies expect the Draft EIS/EIR to be made available to the public in late 2005. Written comments on the DEIS/DEIR will be received once that document is released. A public hearing will be held during the public comment period for the Draft EIS/EIR.

Dated: July 11, 2005.

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Deputy District Engineer for Project Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Information Management Case Services Team, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before August 18, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Carolyn Lovett, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or faxed to (202) 395-6974.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires

that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Information Management Case Services Team, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

Dated: July 12, 2005.

Angela C. Arrington,

Leader, Information Management Case Services Team, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Institute of Education Sciences

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: FRSS on Public School

Principal's Perceptions of Their School Facilities: Fall 2005.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 1,200.

Burden Hours: 300.

Abstract: The Quick Response Information System consists of two survey system components—Fast Response Survey System (FRSS) for schools, districts, libraries and the Postsecondary Education Quick Information System (PEQIS) for postsecondary institutions. This survey will go to 1200 public elementary and secondary school principals. It will provide current information about principals' satisfaction with various environmental factors in their schools, the extent to which they perceive those factors as interfering with the ability of the school to deliver instruction, the use of portable buildings and whether the school is overcrowded.

Requests for copies of the information collection submission for OMB review may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 2816. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Potomac Center, 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20202-4700. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address OCIO_RIMG@ed.gov or faxed to 202-245-6623. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Kathy Axt at her e-mail address Kathy.Axt@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

Institute of Education Sciences

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: National Assessment of Educational Progress 2006 Wave 3 U.S. History, Civics, Economics and Math Background, and School Questionnaires.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Individuals or household; State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour

Burden: Responses—66,450. Burden Hours—16,831.

Abstract: This submittal applies to the questionnaires for students on U.S. History, Civics, and Economics; for Teachers on U.S. History, Civics, Economics and Mathematics; and School Questionnaires including U.S. History, Civics, Economics, and Charter School Questions.

Requests for copies of the information collection submission for OMB review may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 2813. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Potomac Center, 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20202-4700. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address OCIO_RIMG@ed.gov or faxed to 202-245-6623. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.