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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Notice of Utah's Resource Advisory Council Conference Call

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Department of Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Utah's Resource Advisory Council (RAC) Conference Call.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and The Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Utah Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The Utah Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will conduct a conference call on August 21, 2008, from 10 a.m.–noon.

ADDRESSES: On August 21, the RAC will conduct a business meeting via conference call. There will be a limited number of telephone call-in lines available; however, the public may participate on the call at any of Utah's Bureau of Land Management field offices or at the Utah State Office, 440 West 200 South, Salt Lake City, Utah, in the Monument Conference Room (5th floor).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Sherry Foot, Special Programs Coordinator, Utah State Office, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 45155, Salt Lake City, Utah 84145-0155; phone (801) 539-4195.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 15-member Council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in Utah. On August 21 (10 a.m.–noon), the Resource Advisory Council will provide feedback on the draft plan amendment and NEPA documents for the Five-Mile Pass area. RAC member, Ashley Korenblat, will provide an update on the Search and Rescue support letter. A half-hour public comment period is scheduled to

begin from 11:15 a.m.–11:45 a.m. Written comments may be sent to the Bureau of Land Management addressed as listed above. The Resource Advisory Council and members of the public may call the toll free conference call number at (888) 576-2912. To join the call, enter access code 395323 followed by the # sign. All meetings are open to the public; however, transportation, lodging, and meals are the responsibility of the participating public.

Dated: July 8, 2008.

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INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION, UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

United States Section; Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Improvements to the USIBWC Tijuana River Flood Control Project in San Diego County, CA

AGENCY: United States Section, International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC).

ACTION: Notice of Availability for the Record of Decision (ROD).

SUMMARY: This notice is provided in accordance with 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) parts 1500–1508 of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and USIBWC procedures for implementing NEPA. The USIBWC anticipates the need to improve maintenance practices or functionality of the Tijuana River Flood Control Project (Tijuana River FCP) located in southern San Diego County, California. Measures under consideration include changes in vegetation management within the floodway, water quality improvements, and support to local or regional initiatives for multipurpose use of the project for wildlife habitat development and other environmental improvements. Identified measures were incorporated into a Multipurpose Project Management (MPM) Alternative for long-term improvement of the Tijuana River FCP.

A Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) was prepared to evaluate potential consequences of changes associated with the MPM Alternative relative to the continuation of current operation and maintenance (O&M) activities (No Action Alternative). The USIBWC will apply this programmatic evaluation as a guideline for the environmental impacts

assessment of future individual projects considered possible at a conceptual level, but not currently anticipated for implementation. Following the programmatic evaluation of potential impacts, the MPM Alternative was adopted as the preferred option for long-term improvements to the Tijuana River FCP. In implementing this alternative, the USIBWC will continue to improve functionality of the Tijuana River FCP to meet its mandate for flood control while supporting regional initiatives for improvement of water quality and environmental conditions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Daniel Borunda, Environmental Protection Specialist, Environmental Management Division, USIBWC, 4171 North Mesa Street, C-100, El Paso, Texas 79902 or e-mail: danielborunda@ibwc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The USIBWC operates and maintains the Tijuana River FCP located in southern San Diego County, California. The flood control project, constructed in 1978, provides flood protection in urban, suburban, and agricultural areas in the United States. It consists of a two-levee system that runs along a modified stream channel 2.3 miles long, extending from the international border to the start of the natural Tijuana River channel. The floodway between the levees encompasses approximately 400 acres. The Tijuana River FCP is located upstream of natural resources conservation areas managed by the County of San Diego, State of California, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. These conservation areas are of great regional value as they contain a diversified plant and animal species assemblage that includes many protected animal and plant species.

The USIBWC anticipates a need for improvements in O&M practices of the Tijuana River FCP. Potential changes would include measures to support local and/or regional initiatives to improve environmental conditions and/or water quality, incorporated into the MPM Alternative. Most improvements are conceptual-level measures considered feasible but not currently envisioned for implementation. Known or anticipated improvements are typically associated with utilization of the flood control project in support of local or regional initiatives for multipurpose use of the Tijuana River FCP for wildlife habitat development and other improvements in environmental conditions.

A PEIS was prepared to assess potential consequences of implementing new maintenance practices and