

fossalis), the endangered San Diego button celery (*Eryngium aristulatum* var. *parishii*), the endangered San Diego mesa mint (*Pogogyne abramsii*), the endangered California Orcutt grass (*Orcuttia californica*), and the endangered Otay mesa mint (*Pogogyne nudiscula*).

Conservation Alternative

An expanded conservation alternative that would conserve additional vernal pool resources and provide increased opportunities for restoration and enhancement of vernal pool habitat will also be considered in the draft EIS.

Environmental Review and Next Steps

The Service will conduct an environmental review to analyze the proposed action, along with other alternatives evaluated and the associated impacts of each. The draft EIS will be the basis for the impact evaluation for each covered species and the range of alternatives to be addressed. The draft EIS is expected to provide biological descriptions of the affected species and habitats, as well as the effects of the alternatives on other resources, such as vegetation, wetlands, wildlife, geology and soils, air quality, water resources, water quality, cultural resources, land use, recreation, water use, local economy, and environmental justice.

Following completion of the environmental review, the Service will publish a notice of availability and a request for comment on the draft EIS and the City's permit application, which will include the proposed HCP. The draft EIS and proposed HCP are expected to be completed and available to the public in late summer 2012.

Public Comments

We request data, comments, new information, or suggestions from the public, other concerned governmental agencies, the scientific community, Tribes, industry, or any other interested party on this notice. We will consider these comments in developing a draft EIS and in the development of a HCP and ITP. We particularly seek comments on the following:

1. Biological information concerning the species;
2. Relevant data concerning the species;
3. Additional information concerning the range, distribution, population size, and population trends of the species;
4. Current or planned activities in the planning area and their possible impacts on the species;
5. The presence of archeological sites, buildings and structures, historic

events, sacred and traditional areas, and other historic preservation concerns, which are required to be considered in project planning by the National Historic Preservation Act; and

6. Identification of any other alternatives to the proposed action that should be analyzed in the draft EIS.

7. Identification of any other environmental issues that should be considered in the draft EIS.

You may submit your comments and materials by one of the methods listed in the **ADDRESSES** section.

Comments can also be submitted to the City in response to their notice of EIR preparation under CEQA at DSDEAS@sandiego.gov, and comments will also be included as an appendix to the draft EIR/EIS.

Comments and materials we receive, as well as supporting documentation we use in preparing the draft EIS, will be available for public inspection by appointment, during normal business hours, at our office (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

Public Availability of Comments

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 comments, 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.

Authority

We provide this notice under section 10 of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and by NEPA Regulations (40 CFR 1501.7, 40 CFR 1506.6, and 1508.22).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

U.S. Geological Survey

Announcement of National Geospatial Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: U.S. Geological Survey, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Geospatial Advisory Committee (NGAC) will meet on January 12, 2012, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. EST. The meeting will be held via Web conference and teleconference.

The NGAC, which is composed of representatives from governmental, private sector, non-profit, and academic organizations, has been established to advise the Chair of the Federal Geographic Data Committee on management of Federal geospatial programs, the development of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure, and the implementation of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-16. Topics to be addressed at the meeting include:

- Recent FGDC Activities.
- Innovative Strategies for Geospatial Programs and Partnerships White Paper.
- Geospatial Workforce Development White Paper.
- Geospatial Platform Activities.

Members of the public who wish to attend the meeting must register in advance. Please register by contacting Arista Maher at the Federal Geographic Data Committee (703) 648-6283, amaher@fgdc.gov. Meeting registrations are due by January 6, 2012. Meeting information (Web conference and teleconference instructions) will be provided to registrants prior to the meeting. While the meeting will be open to the public, attendance may be limited due to Web conference and teleconference capacity.

The meeting will include an opportunity for public comment. Attendees wishing to provide public comment should register by January 6. Please register by contacting Arista Maher at the Federal Geographic Data Committee (703) 648-6283, amaher@fgdc.gov. Comments may also be submitted to the NGAC in writing.

DATES: The meeting will be held on January 12, 2012, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. EST.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Mahoney, U.S. Geological Survey (206) 220-4621).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Meetings of the National Geospatial Advisory Committee are open to the public. Additional information about the NGAC and the meeting are available at www.fgdc.gov/ngac.

Dated: December 14, 2011.

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Executive Director, Federal Geographic Data Committee.

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