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The agenda will include the following: Various IRS issues.

Note: Last minute changes to the agenda are possible and could prevent effective advance notice.

Dated: May 9, 2003.

Tersheia D. Carter,

Acting Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Open Meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (TAP) Multilingual Initiative Issue (MLI) Committee Will Be Conducted (Via Teleconference)

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: An open meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (TAP) Multilingual Initiative Issue (MLI) Committee will be conducted (via teleconference).

DATES: The meeting will be held Thursday, June 19, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Inez E. De Jesus at 1-888-912-1227, or 954-423-7977.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988) that an open meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel Multilingual Initiative Issue Committee will be held Thursday, June 19, 2003 from 1 p.m. e.s.t. to 2 p.m. e.s.t. via a telephone conference call. The Taxpayer Advocacy Panel is soliciting public comments, ideas and suggestions on improving customer service at the Internal Revenue Service. Individual comments will be limited to 5 minutes. If you would like to have the TAP consider a written statement, please call 1-888-912-1227 or 954-423-7977, or write Inez E. De Jesus, TAP Office, 1000 South Pine Island Rd., Suite 340, Plantation, FL 33324. Due to limited conference lines, notification of intent to participate in the telephone conference call meeting must be made with Inez E. De Jesus. Ms. De Jesus can be reached at 1-888-912-1227 or 954-423-7977.

The agenda will include the following: Various IRS issues.

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Dated: May 12, 2003.

Tersheia D. Carter,

Acting Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.

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AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: An open meeting of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (TAP) Multilingual Initiative Issue (MLI) Committee will be conducted (via teleconference).

DATES: The meeting will be held Friday, June 13, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Inez E. De Jesus at 1-888-912-1227, or 954-423-7977.

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Dated: May 12, 2003.

Tersheia D. Carter,

Acting Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.

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UTAH RECLAMATION MITIGATION AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Notice of Availability of the Final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Rehabilitation or Replacement of Diversion Dams on the Duchesne and Strawberry Rivers in Utah

AGENCY: Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission (Mitigation Commission).

ACTION: Notice of availability of the Final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for the rehabilitation or replacement of diversion dams on the Duchesne and Strawberry Rivers in Utah.

SUMMARY: The Central Utah Project Completion Act (Pub. L. 102-575) authorized Federal funds to rehabilitate diversion dams on the Duchesne and Strawberry Rivers in Utah. The project is needed to reduce adverse effects on fish and wildlife resources.

The Final Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared as a Programmatic document. It discusses potential environmental impacts associated with reconstructing and operating an unspecified diversion dam on the Duchesne or Strawberry River. The new diversion dam could serve single or multiple diversion rights. Potential environmental impacts addressed in the document are those impacts that would be expected regardless of which diversion dam is rehabilitated. Potential impacts to wetlands, threatened and endangered species and cultural resources are generally site specific and/or require special permits. Potential impacts to these environmental disciplines would be addressed in a Supplemental Environmental Assessment (SEA), if needed.

After considering the public comments received during scoping and agency consultation, and the analyses in the EA of environmental effects, it is my decision to select Alternative 3 for implementation, excepting the combination of the Farm Creek, Jasper-Pike and New Tabby diversions. With Alternative 3, several of the existing diversions on the Duchesne River and several of the existing diversions on the Strawberry River would be combined and new diversion dams that would serve multiple diversion rights would be constructed. This would involve transferring points of diversion from the downstream diversion(s) to the upstream diversion that would be constructed. Diversions would be combined only when the involved water rights would not be adversely affected.

However, not every diversion structure can be potentially combined with one or more of the other diversions. The combination of the Farm Creek, Jasper-Pike and New Tabby diversions as described under Alternative 3 is not approved to be combined into a single diversion because cumulative depletions of stream flows in the intervening approximately 1.4 miles of Duchesne River channel between the Farm Creek and Jasper-Pike diversions would cause a substantial adverse impact that would not be compensated for by the elimination of one or two of the diversions from the river. Alternative 3 was formulated to include consolidation of diversions that appeared feasible and reasonable based on physical and logistical considerations. At this time, potential legal, social, and institutional constraints have only been considered at a cursory level. Further examination of consolidation options could preclude some projects from being implemented. In those instances wherein Alternative 3 is determined not to be feasible, and in the case of the Farm Creek, Jasper-Pike and New Tabby diversions, Alternative 2 is selected for implementation. Alternative 2 involves the rehabilitation or construction of a new diversion facility on the Duchesne or Strawberry River at or in very close proximity to the location of the existing diversions.

The Final Environmental Assessment is a programmatic analysis. Potential environmental impacts addressed in the EA are those impacts that would be expected regardless of the diversion dam that is rehabilitated. Potential impacts to wetlands, threatened and endangered species and cultural resources generally are site specific and/or require special permits. As a subsequent decision to rehabilitate or reconstruct a particular diversion structure is made, the site-specific impacts will be assessed using a site-specific environmental evaluation checklist. If no additional impacts beyond those assessed in this EA are identified, the checklist will be approved as a decision document, and no further NEPA analysis will be conducted.

If any item on the checklist has not been satisfied, or if a project is expected to create impacts not described in the EA, to create impacts greater in magnitude or duration than described in the EA or would require mitigation measures that are not described in the EA to keep impacts below significant levels, a Supplemental EA (SEA) to address site specific impacts would be prepared for each diversion dam concurrent with the preparation of the

final engineering or design report for a specific structure.

The EA was developed with the public in accordance with the Commission's National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) rule (43 CFR part 10010.20). The Final EA and Decision Notice were sent to 28 agencies and individuals on May 2, 2003.

The EA is related to other potential future actions, specifically the detailed design and implementation of diversion dam replacements or rehabilitation. The programmatic perspective has been considered in the document. Future construction projects may require separate or supplemental NEPA compliance.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments and/or requests for further information to Mark Holden, Projects Manager, Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission, 102 West 500 South, Suite 315, Salt Lake City, UT, 84101.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Holden, Projects Manager, 801-524-3146 mholden@uc.usbr.gov.

Dated: May 2, 2003.

Michael C. Weland,
Utah Reclamation Mitigation and Conservation Commission Executive Director.
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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Research Advisory Committee On Gulf War Illnesses; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses will meet on June 16-17, 2003, at the Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Room 230, Washington, DC. The meeting on June 16 will convene at 8:30 a.m. and adjourn at 5 p.m. The meeting on June 17 will convene at 8:30 a.m. and adjourn at 3:30 p.m. Both meetings will be open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice and make recommendations to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on proposed research studies, research plans and research strategies relating to the health consequences of military service in the Southwest Asia theater of operations during the Persian Gulf War.

On June 16, the Committee will hear research presentations from representatives of the Midwest Research

Institute, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratories and Lovelace Respiratory Research Institute. The Committee will also receive an update on VA research from the VA's Chief Research and Development Officer. On June 17, the Committee will hear presentations on and discuss new research and reports. The Committee plans to discuss and develop recommendations and a work plan. Time will be available for public comment on both days.

Members of the public may submit written statements for the Committee's review to Ms. Laura O'Shea, Committee Manager, Department of Veterans Affairs (008A1), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Any member of the public wishing further information should contact Ms. Laura O'Shea at (202) 273-5031.

Dated: May 7, 2003.

By Direction of the Secretary.

E. Philip Rigg,

Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

VA Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Task Force; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92-463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that a meeting of the VA Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (VR&E) Task Force will be held on Thursday, May 29, 2003, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Friday, May 30, 2003, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., in Room 230, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. The meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Task Force is to conduct an independent review of the VR&E Program within the Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA). The Task Force will provide recommendations to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on improving the Department's ability to provide comprehensive services and assistance to veterans with service-connected disabilities and employment handicaps in becoming employable, and obtaining and maintaining suitable employment. The Task Force will also assess independent living services provided by VBA.

Both sessions of the May 29-30 meeting will focus on briefings for Task Force members by providers of vocational rehabilitation services and those who oversee VA's delivery of