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Dated: November 1, 2006.

Frank L. Davis,

General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Housing-Deputy Federal Housing Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group (TAMWG) affords stakeholders the opportunity to give policy, management, and technical input concerning Trinity River (California) restoration efforts to the Trinity Management Council. Primary objectives of the meeting will include: Integrated Assessment Plan, Trinity River Restoration Program (TRRP) budget process, flow scheduling for 2007, riparian land ownership, non-TRRP restoration activity in the Trinity basin, Klamath Basin (Oregon and California) initiatives, juvenile fish health, 2006 fish return information, and updates and reports on ongoing activities. Completion of the agenda is dependent on the amount of time each item takes. The meeting could end early if the agenda has been completed. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group will meet from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, December 12, 2006.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Weaverville Victorian Inn, 1709 Main St., 299 West, Weaverville, California 96093. For more information,

please contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1655 Heindon Road, Arcata, California 95521. For background information and questions regarding the Trinity River Restoration Program, please contact Douglas Schleusner, Executive Director, Trinity River Restoration Program, P.O. Box 1300, 1313 South Main Street, Weaverville, California 96093.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Randy A. Brown of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Arcata Fish and Wildlife Office, telephone: (707) 822-7201. Randy A. Brown is the working group's Designated Federal Officer. For questions regarding the Trinity River Restoration Program, please contact Douglas Schleusner, Executive Director, telephone: (530) 623-1800.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.), this notice announces a meeting of the Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group (TAMWG).

Dated: October 30, 2006.

Randy A. Brown,

Designated Federal Officer, Arcata Fish and Wildlife Office, Arcata, CA.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Environmental Assessment for Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge in Anson and Richmond Counties, North Carolina.

SUMMARY: The Fish and Wildlife Service, Southeast Region, intends to gather information necessary to prepare a comprehensive conservation plan and environmental assessment pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and its implementing regulations. The National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, requires the Service to develop a comprehensive conservation plan for each national wildlife refuge. The purpose in developing a comprehensive conservation plan is to provide refuge managers with a 15-year strategy for achieving refuge purposes and contributing toward the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System, consistent with sound principles of fish

and wildlife management, conservation, legal mandates, and Service policies. In addition to outlining broad management direction on conserving wildlife and their habitats, plans identify wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities available to the public, including opportunities for hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, wildlife photography, and environmental education and interpretation.

The purpose of this notice is to achieve the following:

- (1) Advise other agencies and the public of our intentions, and
- (2) Obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues to include in the environmental document.

DATES: To ensure consideration, written comments must be received no later than December 7, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Address comments, questions, and requests for further information to: Jeff Bricken, Refuge Manager, Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge, 5770 U.S. Highway 52 North, Wadesboro, North Carolina 28170; Telephone: 704/694-4424; Fax: 704/694-6570. You may find additional information concerning the refuge at its Internet site: <http://www.fws.gov/peedee/index.html>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The comprehensive conservation planning process will consider many elements, including wildlife and habitat management, public recreational activities, and cultural resource protection. Public input to the planning process is essential. A public scoping meeting will be held. Please contact the refuge manager in the **ADDRESSES** section regarding the public scoping meeting. All comments received from individuals become part of the official public record. Requests for such comments will be handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act and the Council on Environmental Quality's NEPA regulations [40 CFR 1506.6(f)].

Congress established Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge in 1963 as a migratory bird refuge. Located along the Pee Dee River in North Carolina, it comprises 8,443 acres of bottomland hardwoods, mixed-pine hardwoods, upland pines, croplands, old fields, and moist-soil units. Management of the refuge includes cooperative farming that enhances wildlife food and cover, impoundment management for waterfowl and wading birds, timber management, field border and old field management, prescribed burning, deer heard management, and regional partnerships.

Authority: This notice is published under the authority of the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, Public Law 105–57.

Dated: October 4, 2006.

Cynthia K. Dohner,

Acting Regional Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement for Issuance of an Incidental Take Permit Associated With a Habitat Conservation Plan for Pacific Gas & Electric Company's Operation, Maintenance, and Minor New Construction Activities in the San Francisco Bay Area, California

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), we, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) are issuing this notice to advise the public that we intend to gather information necessary to prepare, in coordination with the California Department of Fish and Game (DFG), and Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E), a joint Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) on the PG&E San Francisco Bay Area Operations, Maintenance, and Construction Program (Plan). The Plan is being prepared under Section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Federal Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, (Act). PG&E intends to request a permit to cover 66 species federally listed as threatened or endangered and 23 unlisted species that may become listed during the term of the permit. The permit is needed to authorize take of listed species that could occur as a result of implementation activities covered under the Plan.

The Service provides this notice to: (1) Describe the proposed action and possible alternatives; (2) advise other Federal and State agencies, affected Tribes, and the public of our intent to prepare an EIS/EIR; (3) announce the initiation of a public scoping period; and (4) obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues and alternatives to be included in the EIS/EIR.

DATE: Written comments should be received on or before December 7, 2006. Three public meetings will be held on:

1. Tuesday, November 14, 2006 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Petaluma, CA.
2. Wednesday, November 15, 2006 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Santa Clara, CA.
3. Wednesday, November 15, 2006 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Walnut Creek, CA.

ADDRESSES: The public meetings will be held at the following locations:

1. Tuesday, November 14, 2006, at the Petaluma Community Center, 320 North McDowell Boulevard, Petaluma, CA 94954.
2. Wednesday, November 15, 2006, at the Santa Clara City Hall-Council Chambers, 1500 Warburton Avenue, Santa Clara, CA 95050.
3. Wednesday November 15, 2006, at the Walnut Creek Public Library-Ygnacio Valley, 2661 Oak Grove Road, Walnut Creek, CA 94598.

Information, written comments, or questions related to the preparation of the EIS/EIR and NEPA process should be submitted to Lori Rinek, Chief, Conservation Planning and Recovery Division, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office, 2800 Cottage Way, W–2605, Sacramento, California 95825; FAX 916–414–6713.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sheila Larsen, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, or Lori Rinek, Division Chief, Conservation Planning and Recovery Division, at the Sacramento Fish and Wildlife Office at 916–414–6600.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Reasonable Accommodation

Persons needing reasonable accommodations in order to attend and participate in the public meeting should contact Lori Rinek at 916–414–6600 as soon as possible. In order to allow sufficient time to process requests, please call no later than one week before the public meeting. Information regarding this proposed action is available in alternative formats upon request.

Background

Section 9 of the Act and Federal regulations prohibit the “take” of a fish and wildlife species listed as endangered or threatened. Under the Act, the following activities are defined as take: harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture or collect listed animal species, or attempt to engage in such conduct (16 U.S.C. 1538). However, under section 10(a) of the Act, we may issue permits to authorize “incidental take” of listed species. “Incidental take” is defined by the Act as take that is incidental to, and

not the purpose of, carrying out an otherwise lawful activity. Regulations governing permits for threatened species and endangered species, respectively, are at 50 CFR 17.32 and 50 CFR 17.22.

Take of listed plant species is not prohibited under the Act and cannot be authorized under a section 10 permit. However, plant species may be included on a permit in recognition of conservation benefits provided for them under the Plan. All species included on the permit would receive assurances under the Service’s “No Surprises” regulation 50 CFR 17.22(b)(5) and 17.32(b)(5).

Currently, PG&E intends to request a permit for 89 species under the Plan: 66 listed and 23 unlisted species (covered species). These include the endangered California freshwater shrimp (*Syncares pacifica*), Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*), longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), mission blue butterfly (*Icaricia icarioides missionensis*), callippe silverspot butterfly (*Speyeria callippe callippe*), Behren’s silverspot butterfly (*Speyeria zerene behrensii*), Myrtle’s silverspot butterfly (*Speyeria zerene myrtleae*), Lange’s metalmark butterfly (*Apodemia mormo langei*), San Bruno elfin butterfly (*Incisalia mossii bayensis*), San Francisco garter snake (*Thamnophis sirtalis tetrataenia*), California clapper rail (*Rallus longirostris obsoletus*), California least tern (*Sterna antillarum browni*), salt marsh harvest mouse (*Reithrodontomys raviventris*), San Joaquin kit fox (*Vulpes macrotis mutica*), San Mateo thornmint (*Acanthomintha duttonii*), Sonoma alopecurus (*Alopecurus aequalis* var. *sonomensis*), marsh sandwort (*Arenaria paludicola*), Clara Hunt’s milk-vetch (*Astragalus clarianus*), Baker’s stickyseed = Sonoma sunshine (*Blennosperma bakeri*), white sedge (*Carex albida*), Tiburon paintbrush = Tiburon Indian paintbrush (*Castilleja affinis* spp. *neglecta*), Coyote ceanothus (*Ceanothus ferrisiae*), robust spineflower (*Chorizanthe robusta* ssp. *robusta*), fountain thistle (*Cirsium fontinale* var. *fontinale*), Presidio clarkia (*Clarkia franciscana*), Vine Hill clarkia (*Clarkia imbricata*), soft bird’s-beak (*Cordylanthus mollis* ssp. *mollis*), palmate-bracted bird’s-beak (*Cordylanthus palmatus*), Pennell’s bird’s-beak (*Cordylanthus tenuis* ssp. *capillaris*), Baker’s larkspur (*Delphinium bakeri*), yellow larkspur (*Delphinium luteum*), Santa Clara Valley dudleya (*Dudleya setchellii*), San Mateo woolly sunflower (*Eriophyllum latilobum*), Loch Lomond coyote-thistle (*Eryngium constancei*), Contra Costa