

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Bureau of Land Management, 7450 Boston Boulevard, Springfield, Virginia 22153. Attn: Cadastral Survey.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This survey was requested by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The lands we surveyed are:

**Fifth Principal Meridian, Minnesota**

T. 148 N., R. 36 W.

The plat of survey represents the dependent resurvey of a portion of the subdivisional lines; and the reestablishment of a portion of the record meanders of West Four Legged Lake, Township 148 North, Range 36 West, of the Fifth Principal Meridian, in the State of Minnesota, and was accepted September 21, 2007.

We will place a copy of the plat we described in the open files. It will be available to the public as a matter of information.

If BLM receives a protest against this survey, as shown on the plat, prior to the date of the official filing, we will stay the filing pending our consideration of the protest.

We will not officially file the plat until the day after we have accepted or dismissed all protests and they have become final, including decisions on appeals.

Dated: December 13, 2007.

**Jerry L. Wahl,**

*Chief Cadastral Surveyor.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Bureau of Land Management**

[CA-360-1430-ET; CACA 46634]

**Notice of Proposed Withdrawal and Transfer of Jurisdiction, and Opportunity for Public Meeting; California**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary of the Interior proposes to withdraw approximately 472 acres of Federal lands from surface entry and mining and transfer jurisdiction to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) to be managed as part of the Sacramento River National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge). This notice segregates the lands for up to 2 years from surface entry and mining while various studies and analyses are made to support a final decision on the withdrawal application. The lands will remain open to mineral and geothermal leasing and mineral material sales.

**DATES:** Comments should be received on or before March 26, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be sent to Stephen Dyer, Realty Officer, California/Nevada Realty Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2800 Cottage Way, Suite W-1832, Sacramento, California 95825.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Karen Bierley-Hand, 916-414-6448 or at the above address.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The applicant is the FWS at the address stated above. The petition/application requests the Secretary of the Interior to withdraw, subject to valid existing rights the following described Federal lands from settlement, sale, location or entry under the general land laws, including the United States mining laws, but not the mineral leasing or mineral materials laws, and transfer jurisdiction to the FWS:

**Mount Diablo Meridian, California***Foster Island*

T. 23 N., R. 2 W.,

Sec. 11, lots 4 and 5;

Sec. 14, lots 1 to 5, inclusive;

Sec. 15, lots 1 to 5, inclusive.

The area described contains 221.89 acres in Tehama County.

*Todd Island*

A portion of Lot 40 of Rancho El Primer Canon or Rio de los Berrendos Land Grant, in Tehama County, California, and in T. 26 N., R. 2 W., MDM, more particularly described as follows: Parcels one, two, three, and four, described by metes and bounds, in a Corporation Grant Deed recorded in Book 602 at Page 620 of the Official Records of Tehama County, California on September 11, 1972. The area described contains approximately 250 acres in Tehama County. The two islands aggregate approximately 471.89 acres in Tehama County.

The FWS's petition/application has been approved by the Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, therefore, it constitutes a withdrawal proposal of the Secretary of the Interior (43 CFR 2310.1-3(e)).

The lands proposed for withdrawal consist of isolated tracts of public land within the boundary of the Sacramento River National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge). The lands would be withdrawn to protect riparian habitat along the Sacramento River, which is critically important for fish, migratory birds, plants, and river system health, and to transfer jurisdiction to the FWS, so it could manage the lands under the authority of the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (16 U.S.C. 742aa-742j-2), as

amended, and the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543), as amended.

The use of a right-of-way, interagency agreement, cooperative agreement, or surface management under 43 CFR Part 3809 regulations would not adequately constrain non-discretionary uses that could irrevocably affect the use of the lands for a wildlife refuge managed by the FWS.

There are no suitable alternative sites since the lands described herein contain the natural and biological resources of interest for protection.

For a period of 90 days from the date of publication of this notice, all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal may present their views in writing, by the date specified above, to Stephen Dyer, Realty Officer, California/Nevada Realty Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2800 Cottage Way, Suite W-1832, Sacramento, California 95825.

Comments, including names and street addresses for respondents, will be available for public review at Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) California State Office, 2800 Cottage Way, Suite W-1834, Sacramento, California 95825-1886, during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, 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.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public meeting is afforded in connection with the proposed withdrawal. All interested persons who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the proposed withdrawal must submit a written request no later than March 26, 2008. Upon determination by the authorized officer that a public meeting will be held, a notice of time and place will be published in the **Federal Register** and a local newspaper at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR part 2300.

For a period of 2 years from December 27, 2007, the Federal lands and minerals will be segregated as specified above unless the application is denied or

canceled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date.

During the segregative period, BLM may, after consulting with the FWS, allow uses of a temporary nature that are compatible with the purposes for which the Refuge was established.

(Authority: 43 CFR 2310.3-1)

Dated: November 26, 2007.

**Robert M. Doyel,**

*Chief, Branch of Lands Management (CA-930).*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Minerals Management Service

#### Notice and Agenda for Meeting of the Royalty Policy Committee

**AGENCY:** Minerals Management Service (MMS), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the January 17, 2008, meeting of the Royalty Policy Committee (RPC). Agenda items for the meeting of the RPC will include remarks from the Director, MMS, and the Associate Director, Minerals Revenue Management (MRM), as well as updates from the Subcommittee on Royalty Management and the Coal and Indian Oil Valuation Subcommittees. The RPC membership includes representation from states, Indian Tribes, various mineral interests, the public-at-large (with knowledge and interest in royalty issues), and other Federal departments.

**DATES:** Thursday, January 17, 2008, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Mountain Standard Time.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Golden Hotel, 800 11th Street, Golden, Colorado, telephone number 303-279-0100 or 1-877-424-6423.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gina Dan, Minerals Revenue Management, Minerals Management Service; PO Box 25165, MS 300B2, Denver, Colorado 80225-0165; telephone number (303) 231-3392, fax number (303) 231-3780; e-mail [gina.dan@mms.gov](mailto:gina.dan@mms.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The RPC provides advice to the Secretary and top Department officials on minerals policy, operational issues, and the performance of discretionary functions under the laws governing the Department's management of Federal and Indian mineral leases and revenues. The RPC reviews and comments on revenue management and other mineral-related policies and provides a forum to convey

views representative of mineral lessees, operators, revenue payors, revenue recipients, governmental agencies, and the interested public. The location and dates of future meetings will be published in the **Federal Register** and posted on our Internet site at [http://www.mms.gov/mmab/RoyaltyPolicyCommittee/rpc\\_homepage.htm](http://www.mms.gov/mmab/RoyaltyPolicyCommittee/rpc_homepage.htm). Meetings are open to the public without advanced registration on a space-available basis. The public may make statements during the meetings, to the extent time permits, and file written statements with the RPC for its consideration. Copies of these written statements should be submitted to Ms. Dan by January 8, 2008. Transcripts of this meeting will be available for public inspection and copying at our offices in Building 85 on the Denver Federal Center in Lakewood, Colorado. The minutes will also be posted on our Internet site.

These meetings are conducted under the authority of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 1) and the Office of Management and Budget (Circular No. A-63, revised).

Dated: December 19, 2007.

**Lucy Querques Denett,**

*Associate Director, Minerals Revenue Management.*

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## INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

### United States Section; Notice of Availability of a Final Environmental Assessment and Final Finding of No Significant Impact for Flood Control Improvements to the Rio Grande Canalization Project Levee System, El Paso County, TX, and Sierra and Dona Ana Counties, NM

**AGENCY:** United States Section, International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Assessment (EA) and Final Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, the Council on Environmental Quality Final Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508), and the United States Section, International Boundary and Water Commission's (USIBWC) Operational Procedures for Implementing Section 102 of NEPA, published in the **Federal**

**Register** September 2, 1981, (46 FR 44083); the USIBWC hereby gives notice of availability of the Final Environmental Assessment and FONSI for Flood Control Improvements to the Rio Grande Canalization Project located within El Paso County, Texas and Sierra and Dona Ana Counties, New Mexico.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Daniel Borunda, Environmental Protection Specialist, Environmental Management Division, United States Section, International Boundary and Water Commission; 4171 N. Mesa, C-100; El Paso, Texas 79902. Telephone: (915) 832-4767; e-mail: [danielborunda@ibwc.state.gov](mailto:danielborunda@ibwc.state.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The Rio Grande Canalization Project was authorized by the Act of June 4, 1936, 49 Stat. 1463, Public Law No. 648 to facilitate compliance with the Convention concluded with Mexico on May 21, 1906 (TS 455), providing for the equitable division of waters of the Rio Grande, and to properly regulate and control the water supply for use in the two countries. The Act authorized the construction, operation, and maintenance of the project in accordance with the plan in the Engineering Report of December 14, 1935.

##### Proposed Action

The Proposed Action would increase the flood containment capacity of the Rio Grande Canalization Project Levee System by raising the elevation of a number of levee segments for improved flood protection. Fill material, obtained from commercial sources would be added to the existing levee to meet the 3 foot freeboard criterion. Typical height increases in improvement areas would range from 1 to 4 feet. Improvements greater than 2 feet would require expansion of the existing levee footprint. In some locations, up to 4 feet of fill material would be added, extending the levee footprint up to a maximum of 24 feet from the current toe of the levee. This expansion would take place along the approximately 20-foot service corridor currently utilized for levee maintenance, inside the maintained floodway, and entirely within the flood control project right-of-way. In some instances, adjustments in levee slope would be made to eliminate the need for levee footprint expansion, when required by engineering considerations or for protection of resources.