

TABLE 1—SPECIES PROPOSED FOR INCLUSION IN THE TOWN OF APPLE VALLEY'S MSHCP—Continued

| Common name           | Scientific name                            | Federal status   | State status |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------|--------------|
| <b>Reptiles</b>       |                                            |                  |              |
| Desert tortoise ..... | <i>Gopherus agassizii</i> .....            | Threatened ..... | Threatened.  |
| <b>Fish</b>           |                                            |                  |              |
| Mohave tui chub ..... | <i>Siphatales bicolor mohavensis</i> ..... | Endangered ..... | Endangered.  |

The Applicant, in cooperation with the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) and the Service, will develop the MSHCP such that it also meets the State's requirements for a Natural Community Conservation Plan (NCCP). The Applicant will likewise serve as the lead agency for the Environmental Impact Report (EIR), pursuant to Section 15168 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines. Compliance with NEPA and CEQA may be done concurrently in a joint EIS/EIR or EA/ Negative Declaration.

#### Environmental Impact Statement or Environmental Assessment

The EIS or EA will consider the proposed action (issuance of an ITP based on the MSHCP), a no-action alternative (a scenario where there would be no issuance of an ITP and no take of listed species), and a reasonable range of alternatives that fit within the purpose and need of the Service. The general purpose and need of the Service for the proposed action is to respond to an ITP application and to protect, conserve, and enhance fish and wildlife and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the people of California and the United States. A detailed description of the proposed action and alternatives will be included in the EIS or EA. The alternatives for analysis in the document may include, but not be limited to, variations in the covered activities and the footprint of development within the 170,000-acre planning area. It will also identify potentially significant impacts on biological resources, land use, air quality, cultural resources, water resources, socioeconomic, and other resources in the human environment that may occur directly, indirectly, and/or cumulatively as a result of implementing the proposed action or any of the alternatives. Various strategies for avoiding, minimizing, and mitigating the impacts of incidental take also will be considered.

The Service is furnishing this notice in accordance with 40 CFR 1501.7 and 1508.22 to obtain suggestions and

information from other agencies and the public on the scope of issues and alternatives they believe need to be addressed in the EIS or EA. The primary purpose of the scoping process is to identify important issues raised by the public related to the proposed action. Written comments from interested parties are requested to ensure that the full range of issues related to the proposed action is identified. Comments will only be accepted in written form.

#### Request for Public Comments

We seek comments concerning (i) The eight species proposed for inclusion in the applicant's proposed multispecies habitat conservation plan (MSHCP), including information regarding their ranges, distribution areas, population sizes and population trends; (ii) relevant data concerning the impacts of the proposed development on these species; (iii) any other environmental issues that should be considered with regard to the proposed development and permit action; and (iv) the range of alternatives to be included in the EIS or EA.

#### Public Comments

Please direct any comments to the Service contact listed above in the ADDRESSES section, and any questions to the Service contact listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section. All comments and materials we receive, including names and addresses, will become part of the administrative record and may be released to the public. 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.

#### Authority

We provide this notice under section 10(c) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

Dated: March 17, 2011.

**Alexandra Pitts,**

*Deputy Regional Director, Pacific Southwest Region, Sacramento, CA.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

#### Fish and Wildlife Service

**[FWS-R9-IA-2011-N063; 96300-1671-0000-P5]**

#### Endangered Species; Marine Mammals; Issuance of Permits

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of issuance of permits.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), have issued the following permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species, marine mammals, or both. We issue these permits under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA).

**ADDRESSES:** Brenda Tapia, Division of Management Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 212, Arlington, VA 22203; fax (703) 358-2280; or e-mail [DMAFR@fws.gov](mailto:DMAFR@fws.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brenda Tapia, (703) 358-2104 (telephone); (703) 358-2280 (fax); [DMAFR@fws.gov](mailto:DMAFR@fws.gov) (e-mail).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On the dates below, as authorized by the provisions of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), as amended, and/or the MMPA, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), we issued requested permits subject to certain conditions set forth therein. For each permit for an endangered species, we found that (1) The application was filed in good faith, (2) The granted permit would not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species, and (3) The granted permit would be consistent with the purposes and policy set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

| Permit No.                | Applicant                                                  | Receipt of application <b>Federal Register</b> notice | Permit issuance date |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Endangered Species</b> |                                                            |                                                       |                      |
| 069439 .....              | Steve Martin's Working Wildlife .....                      | 75 FR 62139; October 07, 2010 .....                   | March 10, 2011.      |
| 781606 .....              | Wildlife Conservation Society .....                        | 75 FR 82409; December 30, 2010 .....                  | March 8, 2011.       |
| 25983A .....              | Mote Marine Laboratory .....                               | 75 FR 82409; December 30, 2010 .....                  | March 11, 2011.      |
| 31720A .....              | David Hubbard .....                                        | 76 FR 7580; February 10, 2011 .....                   | March 17, 2011.      |
| 32570A .....              | Robert Amon .....                                          | 76 FR 7580; February 10, 2011 .....                   | March 17, 2011.      |
| <b>Marine Mammals</b>     |                                                            |                                                       |                      |
| 046081 .....              | U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Marine Mammals Management. | 75 FR 57977; September 23, 2010 .....                 | March 11, 2011.      |

### Availability of Documents

Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to:

Dated: March 18, 2011.

#### Brenda Tapia,

*Program Analyst/Data Administrator, Branch of Permits, Division of Management Authority.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### U.S. Geological Survey

[USGS-GX11CY00STF0000]

### Proposed Information Collection: Strengthening the Scientific Understanding of Climate Change Impacts on Freshwater Resources of the United States

**AGENCY:** United States Geological Survey (USGS), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** An interagency team of Federal agencies with freshwater resource management responsibilities is seeking public review and comment on a draft report to Congress titled "Strengthening the Scientific Understanding of Climate Change Impacts on Freshwater Resources of the United States."

The draft report reviews key issues related to freshwater resource data and climate change and identifies next steps to improve the Nation's capacity to detect and predict changes in freshwater resources that are likely to result from a changing climate. It was prepared in response to Section 9506 of Public Law 111-11 by an interagency team of water data program managers and scientists.

The interagency team cooperated with the Subcommittee on Water Availability

and Quality (SWAQ), an interagency subcommittee of the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) Committee on Environment Natural Resources, and Sustainability (CENRS) and the Interagency Climate Change Adaptation Task Force and its Water Resources Workgroup. The interagency team also collaborated with a range of interested parties including the Advisory Committee on Water Information (ACWI). This draft report was prepared for public review and comment and is available on the Internet at <http://www.acwi.climate/freshwater/report> along with a link for providing comments.

**DATES:** Please submit comment on or before April 22, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by:

- *E-mail:* [tschertz@usgs.gov](mailto:tschertz@usgs.gov). Include "9506 Report" in the subject line of the message.
- *Mail:* Send the original and three copies of your comments to: T. Schertz, U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 412, Reston, VA 20192.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

T. Schertz, 703-648-6864, [tschertz@usgs.gov](mailto:tschertz@usgs.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

Information is collected from the public regarding the distribution of a draft report to Congress titled "Strengthening the Scientific Understanding of Climate Change Impacts on Freshwater Resources of the United States." An interagency team of Federal agencies with freshwater resource management responsibilities is seeking public review and comment on the draft report. The draft report reviews key issues related to freshwater resource data and climate change and identifies next steps to improve the Nation's capacity to detect and predict changes in freshwater resources that are likely to result from a changing climate. It was prepared in response to Section 9506 of

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*Type of Request:* This is an existing collection in use without an OMB control number or expiration date.

*Affected Public:* State and local government employees and private individuals.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Frequency of Collection:* On occasion.

*Estimated Annual Number of Respondents:* 500.

*Estimated Total Annual Responses:* 500.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 60 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 500 hours.

Dated: March 11, 2011.

#### Jerad Bales,

*Chief of Science and Research for Water, U.S. Geological Survey.*

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