

environmental groups in the Orange County area have been meeting regularly over the last several years to discuss and develop a long term strategy for restoration, enhancement, conservation and preservation efforts for Newport Bay. This consortium of agencies and interested parties are formulating the preliminary concepts for restoration efforts. The Corps has held several public scoping meetings in association with this project. Discussion items have focused on the loss of native habitat and wildlife communities, the propagation of exotic vegetation and domestic predation, the loss of habitat supporting native sensitive species, the overall decrease in water quality, the increase in sediment build-up, the effects of development in the watershed and point/nonpoint discharges entering the bay.

3. Proposed Action

Preparation of a DEIS/EIR.

4. Alternatives

No-Action allows for continued sediment deposition in Upper and Lower Newport Bay, significantly reducing open-water areas, degrading existing marsh habitat, reducing tidal circulation, and shoaling navigation channels. A full array of alternatives will be developed to achieve both environmental restoration and sediment control. To refine alternatives and determine which are viable, project criteria will be developed to assess feasibility. A co-equal analysis will be conducted for the no action and each viable project alternative in the DEIS/EIR pursuant with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. 4321, as amended. Project area maps will be available upon request.

5. Scoping Process

The Corps will evaluate potential impacts associated with the no-action and alternative plans. A public scoping meeting will be held to address baseline conditions, solicit public participation on significant environmental issues, and participation in the formulation of alternative measures. All interested parties and agencies are welcome to attend and encouraged to participate in the meeting. The Corps will briefly present the study to the public, review the environmental process and issues identified thus far, and outline the overall schedule for study completion, then request public input. Individuals and agencies may offer information or data relevant to the proposed study and/or request to be placed on the mailing list for future announcements. The

DEIS/EIR is expected to be available for review and comment in July 1999.

Several years ago, the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) prepared a draft Upper Newport Bay Ecological Reserve (UNBER) management plan. The CDFG is revising the draft plan and will solicit public input at this meeting.

6. Location and Time

The public scoping meeting is scheduled for October 21, 1998 at 7:00 p.m., at the Newport Beach City Council Chambers, 3300 Newport Blvd., Newport Beach, California.

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Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Meeting of the Naval Research Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Naval Research Advisory Committee (NRAC) Panel on Global Positioning System (GPS) Vulnerability and Alternatives will meet to examine the vulnerabilities of the GPS on Navy and Marine Corps platforms and weapons systems. All sessions of the meeting will be devoted to executive sessions that will include discussions and technical examination of information related to GPS vulnerabilities; the Department of the Navy's mitigation plans for platforms, weapons, communications, and intelligence systems as related to the projected threat; GPS modernization; and research, development, test, acquisition, and training activities to improve GPS-related military readiness and precision navigation capabilities. All sessions of the meeting will be closed to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, October 19, 1998, through Friday, October 23, 1998, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Office of Naval Research, 800 North Quincy Street, Arlington, Virginia.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Diane Mason-Muir, Program Director, Naval Research Advisory Committee, 800 North Quincy Street, Arlington, VA 22217-5660, telephone number: (703) 696-6769.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice of meeting is provided in

accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2). All sessions of the meeting will be devoted to discussions involving technical examination of information related to vulnerabilities and deficiencies of the GPS on Navy and Marine Corps platforms and weapons systems. These discussions will contain classified information that is specifically authorized under criteria established by Executive Order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense and are in fact properly classified pursuant to such Executive Order. The classified and non-classified matters to be discussed are so inextricably intertwined as to preclude opening any portion of the meeting. In accordance with 5 U.S.C. App. 2, section 10(d), the Secretary of the Navy has determined in writing that the public interest requires that all sessions of the meeting be closed to the public because they will be concerned with matters listed in 5 U.S.C. section 552b(c)(1). Due to unavoidable delay in administrative processing, the normal 15 days notice could not be provided.

Dated: October 7, 1998.

Ralph W. Corey,

Commander, Judge Advocate General's Corps, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education

SUMMARY: The Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Financial and Chief Information Officer invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before November 18, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Danny Werfel, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or should be electronically mailed to the internet address Werfel_d@al.eop.gov. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 5624, Regional Office

Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651, or should be electronically mailed to the internet address

Pat_Sherrill@ed.gov, or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Financial and Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

Dated: October 13, 1998.

Kent H. Hannaman,

Leader, Information Management Group,
Office of the Chief Financial and Chief
Information Officer.

Office of the Under Secretary

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Federal Interagency Coordinating Council: Family Member Suggested Application/Nomination Form.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government; State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 100.

Burden Hours: 200.

Abstract: Potential members will complete the application/nomination form in order to be selected as members on the Federal Interagency Coordinating Council (FICC). The law requires that at least 20% of the members of the FICC be parents of children with disabilities age 12 or under, of whom at least one must have a child with a disability under the age of 6. Three parent positions expired in the spring of 1998 and were extended for one year due to extensive changes in the staffing and functioning of the FICC. One resignation occurred resulting in an under representation of parents on the FICC and lack of compliance with the statute. Therefore, all positions are in the process of being replaced and the need for OMB clearance of the form was necessary. The collected data will be used to make selections for FICC members.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity; Meeting

AGENCY: National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the proposed agenda of the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity. Notice of this meeting is required under section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public of its opportunity to attend this public meeting.

DATES AND TIMES: December 7-9, 1998, 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The Embassy Suites Hotel, 1250 22nd Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037.

The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. An individual with a disability who will need an accommodation to participate in the meeting (e.g., interpreting service, assistive listening device, or materials in an alternate format) should notify the contact person listed in this notice at least two weeks before the scheduled meeting date. Although the Department will attempt to meet a request received after that date, the requested accommodations may not be available

because of insufficient time to arrange them.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bonnie LeBold, Executive Director, National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity, U.S. Department of Education, 7th & D Streets, S.W., Room 3082, ROB-3, Washington, DC 20202-7592, telephone: (202) 260-3636. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800+877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity is established under Section 114 of the Higher Education Act (HEA) as amended by Public Law 105-244 (20 U.S.C. 1145). The Committee advises the Secretary of Education with respect to the establishment and enforcement of the criteria for recognition of accrediting agencies or associations under subpart 2 of part H of Title IV, HEA, the recognition of specific accrediting agencies or associations, the preparation and publication of the list of nationally recognized accrediting agencies and associations, and the eligibility and certification process for institutions of higher education under Title IV, HEA. The Committee also develops and recommends to the Secretary standards and criteria for specific categories of vocational training institutions and institutions of higher education for which there are no recognized accrediting agencies, associations, or State agencies, in order to establish eligibility for such institutions on an interim basis for participation in Federally funded programs.

Agenda

The meeting on December 7-9, 1998 is open to the public. The following agencies will be reviewed during the December 1998 meeting of the Advisory Committee.

Nationally Recognized Accrediting Agencies

Petitions for Renewal of Recognition

1. Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (Current scope of recognition: The accreditation of private, postsecondary allied health education institutions, private medical assistant programs, public and private medical laboratory technician programs, and allied health programs leading to the Associate of Applied Science and the Associate of Occupational Science degree. Requested expansion of scope: the accreditation of institutions offering