

*Estimation of the total numbers of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response:* The estimated total number of burden hours needed to prepare the information collection is 10,741; the number of respondents is 260 generating approximately 260 annual responses; the frequency of response is on occasion; and the estimated time needed to prepare the responses varies from 10 minutes to 13 hours.

*Status of the proposed information collection:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

**Authority:** The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C., chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: October 30, 2003.

**Sean G. Cassidy,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

[Docket No. FR-4818-N-12]

**Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment: Notice of Funding Availability for the Community Development Work Study Program**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice

**SUMMARY:** The proposed information collection requirement described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

**DATES:** Comment Due Date: January 9, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Reports Liaison Officer, Office of Policy Development and Research, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW., Room 8228, Washington, DC 20410-6000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Susan Brunson, 202-708-3061, ext. 3852 (this is not a toll-free number), for copies of the proposed forms and other available documents.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Housing and Urban Development will submit the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended).

This Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) Enhance

the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

This Notice also lists the following information:

*Title of Proposal:* Notice of Funding Availability for the Community Development Work Study Program.

*OMB Control Number:* 2528-0175 (exp. 10/31/03).

*Description of the Need for the Information and Proposed Use:* The information is being collected to select applicants for awards in this statutorily created competitive grant program and to monitor performance of grantees to ensure that they meet statutory and program goals and requirements.

*Agency Form Numbers:* HUD 424, HUD 424B, HUD 2880, HUD 2993, HUD 2994, HUD 30007, HUD 30013, HUD 30014, HUD 30015, HUD 96010-1.

*Members of the Affected Public:* Institutions of higher learning accredited by a national or regional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, Area-Wide Planning Organizations (APO), and states.

*Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response:* Information pursuant to grant award will be submitted once a year. The following chart details the respondent burden on an annual and semi-annual basis:

	Number of respondents	Total annual responses	Hours per response	Total hours
Applicants .....	60	60	40	2400
Semi-Annual Reports .....	60	60	6	360
Final Reports .....	30	30	8	240
Recordkeeping .....	30	30	5	150
<b>Total .....</b>	.....	.....	<b>59</b>	<b>3150</b>

*Status of the proposed information collection:* Pending OMB approval.

**Authority:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: November 3, 2003.

**Darlene F. Williams,**

General Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor Commission Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Department of Interior, Office of the Secretary.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** this notice announces an upcoming meeting of the Delaware &

Lehigh National Heritage Corridor Commission. Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463).

*Meeting Date and Time:* Friday, November 14, 2003, Time 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

*Address:* Raubsville Inn, 25 Canal Road, Easton PA 18042.

The agenda for the meeting will focus on implementation of the Management Action Plan for the Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor and State

Heritage Park. The Commission was established to assist the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and its political subdivisions in planning and implementing an integrated strategy for protecting and promoting cultural, historic and natural resources. The Commission reports to the Secretary of the Interior and to Congress.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor Commission was established by Public Law 100-692, November 18, 1988 and extended through Public Law 105-355, November 13, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** C. Allen Sachse, Executive Director, Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor Commission, 1 South Third Street, 8th Floor, Easton PA 18042, (610) 923-3548.

Dated: November 4, 2003.

**C. Allen Sachse,**

*Executive Director, Delaware & Lehigh National Heritage Corridor Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Reclamation

#### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### Habitat Management, Preservation, and Restoration Plan for the Suisun Marsh, Solano County, CA

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Reclamation and Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare a programmatic environmental impact statement/environmental impact report (PEIS/EIR) and hold public scoping meetings.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) and Public Resources Code, Sections 21000-21178.1 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), the co-lead Federal agencies, and the California Department of Fish and Game (DFG), the lead State agency, propose to prepare a joint PEIS/EIR. The PEIS/EIR will develop and analyze a regional plan that would outline the actions necessary in Suisun Marsh to preserve and enhance managed seasonal wetlands, implement a comprehensive levee protection/improvement program, and protect ecosystem and drinking water quality, while restoring habitat for tidal marsh-dependent sensitive species,

consistent with the California Bay-Delta Program's strategic goals and objectives.

**DATES:** Three public scoping meetings will be held:

- Tuesday, November 25, 2003, 12-3 p.m. in Fairfield, CA.
- Thursday, December 4, 2003, 6-8:30 p.m. in Benicia, CA.
- Wednesday, December 10, 2003, 6-8:30 p.m. in Fairfield, CA.

In addition to the scoping meetings, a Suisun Marsh Science Workshop sponsored by the San Francisco Bay-Delta Science Consortium is being planned for the latter part of January 2004. Details on this workshop will be publicized when the schedule and location have been determined.

Written comments on the scope of the proposed Suisun Marsh Plan or issues to be addressed in the PEIS/EIR must be received on or before February 9, 2004.

Persons needing reasonable accommodations in order to attend and participate in the meetings must submit requests no later than 1 week before the meeting (see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for further details).

**ADDRESSES:** Scoping meetings will be held at:

- Fairfield, CA, (November 25) Solano County Mosquito Abatement District, 2950 Industrial Court.
- Benicia, CA, Benicia Public Library, Dona Benicia Meeting Room, 150 East L Street.
- Fairfield, CA, (December 10) Solano County Office of Education, Pena Adobe Room, 5100 Business Center Drive.

Written comments on the scope of the proposed Suisun Marsh Plan or issues to be addressed in the PEIS/EIR should be sent to the California Department of Fish and Game, Attention: Ms. Laurie Briden, 4001 N. Wilson Way, Stockton, California 95205. Written comments may also be sent by facsimile to (209) 946-6355 or e-mailed to [lbriden@delta.dfg.ca.gov](mailto:lbriden@delta.dfg.ca.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Laurie Briden with DFG at (209) 948-7347 or via e-mail at [lbriden@delta.dfg.ca.gov](mailto:lbriden@delta.dfg.ca.gov), or Dan Buford with FWS at (916) 414-6600 or via e-mail at [Daniel\\_Buford@fws.gov](mailto:Daniel_Buford@fws.gov), or Lee Laurence with Reclamation at (916) 978-5193 or via e-mail at [llaurence@mp.usbr.gov](mailto:llaurence@mp.usbr.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Suisun Marsh is the largest contiguous brackish water wetland in California. It is an important wetland on the Pacific Flyway, providing food and habitat for migratory birds. This intricate mosaic of tidal wetlands, diked seasonal wetlands, sloughs, and upland grasslands comprises over 10 percent of the

remaining wetlands in California and is an important part of the San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary. The Suisun Marsh provides habitats for many species of plants, fish, and wildlife, in addition to wintering and nesting habitat for waterfowl on the Pacific Flyway. The Suisun Marsh is located within the Bay-Delta estuary. As a result, its water quality affects, and is affected by, California's two largest water supply systems, the Federal Central Valley Project and the State Water Project, and other upstream diversions. These factors have made the Suisun Marsh one of the most highly regulated wildlife habitat areas in California and, as such, the Marsh occupies a prominent place in the Bay-Delta Program, a joint State-Federal planning group formed to develop and implement a long-term comprehensive plan that will restore ecological health and improve water management for beneficial uses of the Bay-Delta.

California Bay-Delta Authority and member agency managers with primary responsibility for actions in Suisun Marsh formed a Charter Group to develop an implementation plan for Suisun Marsh that would protect and enhance Pacific Flyway and existing wildlife values, endangered species, and water quality. Because the Suisun Marsh includes private lands, the Suisun Resource Conservation District (SRCD) also serves on the Charter Group to represent the interests of private landowners. Other Charter Group members include DFG, FWS, Reclamation, and the California Department of Water Resources (DWR). Other Bay-Delta Program participating agencies include the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Fisheries and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The proposed Suisun Marsh Plan would be developed to balance the goals and objectives of the Bay-Delta Program, Suisun Marsh Preservation Agreement, and other management and restoration programs within the Suisun Marsh in a manner that is responsive to the concerns of all stakeholders and is based upon voluntary participation by private landowners. The proposed Suisun Marsh Plan would provide for simultaneous protection and enhancement of: (1) Pacific Flyway and existing wildlife values in managed wetlands, (2) endangered species recovery, and (3) water quality.

The PEIS/EIR would address the design, implementation, and maintenance of specific actions needed to achieve the Suisun Marsh Plan. The Suisun Marsh is that portion of San Francisco Bay downstream from the