

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Air Force****HQ USAF Scientific Advisory Board; Meeting**

AGENCY: Department of the Air Force, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given of the forthcoming meeting of the 311th Human Systems Wing Advisory Group. The purpose of the meeting is to provide technical advice and assessment to the Commander, 311th Human System Wing. Because classified and contractor-proprietary information will be discussed, this meeting will be closed to the public.

DATES: November 24-27, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Brooks City Base, San Antonio, Texas.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Major John Pernot, Air Force Scientific Advisory Board Secretariat, 1180 Air Force Pentagon, Room 5D982, Washington DC 20330-1180, (703) 697-4811.

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Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of the Army; Corps of Engineer****Intent To Prepare a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Big Sunflower River Maintenance Feasibility Report**

AGENCY: Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineer, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: Authorized channel improvements in the Big Sunflower River Basin began in the 1940s and were completed in the 1960s. The work consisted of channel improvements on a number of streams including the Big Sunflower and Little Sunflower Rivers and Bogue Phalia; channel improvements consisted primarily of clearing and snagging, with some channel enlargement and channel cleanout. The Big Sunflower River Basin has experienced extensive flooding to agricultural land and urban areas in recent years. Results of surveys taken and engineering data collected indicated the lower reaches of the project streams had experienced loss of designed

capacity due to vegetation growth and sediment accumulation, thereby requiring major maintenance. Corrective maintenance actions will require extensive channel cleanout, channel clearing, and snagging within the Big Sunflower channel system.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions about the proposed action and Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) should be directed to: Mr. Marvin Cannon, Vicksburg District Corps of Engineers, 4155 Clay Street, CEMVK-PP-PQ, Vicksburg, MS 39183-3435 or telephone (601) 631-5437.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This project is authorized by the Flood Control Act (FCA) of December 22, 1944 (House Document [HD] 516-78-2), as amended by FCAs of July 24, 1946, and May 17, 1950, October 23, 1962 (HD-358-89-2), and October 27, 1965 (HD-308-88-2).

1. A Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), Flood Control, Mississippi River and Tributaries, Yazoo Basin, Mississippi, was completed in December 1975, covering the original flood control project on Big Sunflower River. A Final Supplemental No. 2 to the FEIS, Flood Control, Mississippi River and Tributaries, Yazoo Basin, Mississippi, Big Sunflower River Maintenance Project was completed in July 1996, for maintenance of the original flood control project on the Big Sunflower River. A Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared in February 2002 to supplement the information contained in Supplement No. 2 to the FEIS, Flood Control, Mississippi River and Tributaries, Yazoo Basin, Mississippi, Big Sunflower River Maintenance Project. The Draft EA was circulated for agency and public review and comment. To ensure the environmental sustainability of this project, the District Engineer has decided to prepare a DSEIS No. 3 to the FEIS, Flood Control, Mississippi River and Tributaries, Yazoo Basin, Mississippi, Big River Maintenance Project.

2. The proposed action involves evaluating several non-structural and structural alternatives of channel cleanout of sediment and debris from the channel bottoms and channel clearing and snagging to restore the project channels to authorized design capacities.

3. A public scoping meeting will be held in December 2002 in Rolling Fork, MS. Significant issues identified during this scoping process will be analyzed in depth in the DSEIS. The following agencies are invited to cooperate: The

U.S. Coast Guard; Natural Resources Conservation Service; U.S. Forest Service; U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality; and Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks. Federally recognized Indian Tribes will also be invited to cooperate. These agencies and tribes will be asked to participate in the review of study data and the DSEIS.

4. Upon completion, the DSEIS will be distributed for agency and public review and comment. Additionally, a public meeting will be held to present results of the DSEIS evaluations and the recommended plan.

5. The DSEIS is estimated to be completed in November 2003.

Frederick L. Clapp, Jr.,

Colonel, Corps of Engineers, District Engineer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Department of Army; Corps of Engineers****Intent To Prepare A Joint Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report for the Peninsula Beach Feasibility Study, Long Beach, Los Angeles County, CA**

AGENCY: Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and the city of Long Beach propose to assess the feasibility of providing additional storm damage protection for a portion of the Peninsula Beach between the Alamitos Bay west jetty and approximately 54th Place.

DATES: A scoping meeting will be held on November 13, 2002, at 6:30 p.m., in the Belmont Plaza Pool, 4000 Olympic Plaza, Long Beach, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions regarding the scoping process or preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) may be directed to Mr. Paul Rose, Chief, Environmental Resources Branch, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, PO Box 532711, Los Angeles, CA 90053-2325, (213) 452-3840.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. *Proposed Action:* Peninsula Beach is a chronically narrow beach that has undergone repeat nourishment projects by the City of Long Beach to provide an adequate beach width for protection of homes and beach facilities, and

recreation opportunities for local residents and other beach users.

The gap between the tip of Alamitos Bay west jetty and the east end of the Long Beach Breakwater allows waves to pass through and to directly impact the shoreline at Peninsula Beach. The long-term trend in sediment transport is expected to be to the west. The Corps has estimated the annual sediment loss to be about 55,000 cubic meters.

Due to the sediment loss, there is a potential danger of flooding when wave runup overtops the bulkhead or goes around either end and runs into homes.

2. *Alternatives:* Alternatives that may be considered include beach nourishment, perched beach, revetment/seawall, submerged breakwater, groins and/or t-groins, and no-project.

3. *Scoping Process:* The Corps and the City of Long Beach are preparing a joint EIS/EIR to address potential impacts associated with the proposed project. The Corps is the Lead Federal Agency for compliance with National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the project, and the City of Long Beach is the Lead State Agency for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the non-Federal aspects of the project. The Draft EIS/EIR (DEIS/EIR) document will incorporate public concerns in the analysis of impacts associated with the Proposed Action and associated project alternatives. The DEIS/EIR will be sent out for a 45-day public review period, during which time both written and verbal comments will be solicited on the adequacy of the document. The Final EIS/EIR (FEIS/EIR) will address the comments received on the DEIS/EIR during public review, and will be furnished to all who commented on the DEIS/EIR, and is made available to anyone that requests a copy during the 30-day public comment period. The final step involves, for the federal EIS, preparing a Record of Decision (ROD) and, for the state EIR, certifying the EIR and adopting a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan. The ROD is a concise summary of the decisions made by the Corps from among the alternatives presented in the FEIS/EIR.

The ROD can be published immediately after the FEIS public comment period ends. A certified EIR indicates that the environmental document adequately assesses the environmental impacts of the proposed project with the respect to CEQA. A formal scoping meeting to solicit public comment and concerns on the proposed action and alternatives will be held on Wednesday, November 13, 2002 (see DATES).

Dated: October 31, 2002.

Richard G. Thompson,
Colonel, Corps of Engineers, District Engineer.
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Availability of Government-Owned Inventions; Available for Licensing

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The inventions listed below are assigned to the United States Government as represented by the Secretary of the Navy and are available for licensing by the Department of the Navy. Navy Case No. 83,913, entitled "Modular, Interoperable Software Definable Command Control Computer Communications Intelligence (C41) Operations Center" and Navy Case No. 84,339, entitled "Infrastructure Linkage and Augmentation System (INFRALYNX)".

ADDRESSES: Requests for information about the inventions cited should be directed to the Naval Research Laboratory, Code 1004, 4555 Overlook Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20375-5320, and must include the Navy Case number.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Catherine M. Cotell, Ph.D., Head, Technology Transfer Office, NRL Code 1004, 4555 Overlook Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20375-5320, telephone (202) 767-7230. Due to temporary U.S. Postal Service delays, please fax (202) 404-7920, e-mail: cotell@nrl.navy.mil or use courier delivery to expedite response.

Authority: 35 U.S.C. 207, 37 CFR part 404.

Dated: October 31, 2002.

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

Secretary of Education's Commission on Opportunity in Athletics; Meeting

AGENCY: Secretary of Education's Commission on Opportunity in Athletics; Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming public meeting of the Secretary of Education's Commission on Opportunity in Athletics (the Commission). The Commission invites comments from the public regarding the application of current Federal standards for ensuring equal opportunity for men and women and boys and girls to participate in athletics under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 ("Title IX"). The meeting will take place in San Diego, California.

Individuals who will need accommodations for a disability in order to attend the meetings should notify the Commission office no later than November 13, 2002. We will attempt to meet requests after this date, but cannot guarantee availability of the requested accommodation. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

Notice of this meeting is required under section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

DATES: November 20-21, 2002.

Location: Wyndham San Diego at Emerald Park Hotel, 400 West Broadway, San Diego, California, 92101.

Times: November 20: 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 2 p.m.-5 p.m. November 21: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Meeting Format: This meeting will be held according to the following schedule:

1. Date: November 20, 2002, Time: 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 2 p.m.-5 p.m.

2. Date: November 21, 2002, Time: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Attendees: If you would like to attend any or all of the above listed meetings, we ask that you register with the Commission office by email or fax to the address listed under ADDRESSES. Please provide us with your name and contact information.

Participants: The meeting scheduled for November 20, 2002, will begin with presentations from panels of invited speakers. After the presentations by invited speakers, there will be time reserved for comments from the public.

The meeting scheduled for November 21, 2002, will consist of review and discussion by the Commissioners of the information from the previous public meetings in preparation for the Commission's forthcoming report to the Secretary of Education. The public is invited to observe this meeting; however there will not be opportunity for public comment.

If you are interested in participating in the public comment period to present comments on the Federal standards for ensuring equal opportunity for men and