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Brenda Dolan,

*Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Officer,
U.S. Department of Commerce.*

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Army Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare a Joint Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report for the River Mile 208, Sacramento River Bank Protection Project, 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, Sacramento District, intends to prepare a joint environmental impact statement/environmental impact report (EIS/EIR) for the construction of bank protection at River Mile 208 on the Sacramento River to prevent continued bank erosion and potential outflanking of the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District Hamilton City Pumping Plant (HCPP), near Hamilton City, CA. The proposed action is being conducted under the HCPP Fish Screen Improvement Project.

DATES: A public scoping meeting is being held on Thursday, January 29, 2009, 7 to 9 pm at the Hamilton City High School (620 Canal Street, Hamilton City). Send written comments by February 16, 2009 to (see **ADDRESSES**).

ADDRESSES: Written comments and suggestions concerning this project may be submitted to Mr. Matt Davis, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District, Attn: CESP-K-PD-R, 1325 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95814-2922. Requests to be placed on the mailing list should also be sent to this address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions about the proposed action and EIS/EIR should be addressed to the Corps: Matt Davis at (916) 557-6708, by e-mail Matthew.G.Davis@usace.army.mil, by fax (916) 557-7856; or to GCID: William Menke at (530) 934-8881, by e-mail bmenke@gcid.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District (Corps) is the federal lead agency for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the Proposed Action. The Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District (GCID) is the state lead agency for compliance with the

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the Proposed Action.

1. *Proposed Action.* The Corps and GCID are preparing an EIS/EIR to analyze the impacts of constructing bank protection on the east bank of the Sacramento River at River Mile 208. The purpose of the proposed bank protection work is to prevent continued bank erosion and potential outflanking of GCID's Hamilton City Pumping Plant (HCPP). Maintaining the river's alignment upstream of the HCPP is important for the continued functioning of the pumping plant. The HCPP Fish Screen Improvement Project was constructed in 2000 to minimize losses of all fish from operation of the HCPP and to restore GCID's capability to divert the full quantity of water it is entitled to divert to meet its water supply delivery obligations. GCID supplies water to 140,000 acres of farmland, over 20,000 acres of federal wildlife refuge, and 40,000 acres of other lands and wetlands from diversions at the HCPP.

2. *Alternatives.* The EIS/EIR will address the No Action alternative and four action alternatives including three different types of bank protection alternatives and a levee setback alternative. The three types of bank protection alternatives differ from one another in the amount and extent of rock protection placed and the environmental features (e.g., vegetation and instream woody material) incorporated in the design.

3. *Scoping Process.*

a. A public scoping meeting will be held on Thursday, January 29, 2009 to present information to the public and to receive comments from the public. The meeting is intended to initiate the process to involve concerned individuals, and local, State, and Federal agencies.

b. Significant issues to be analyzed in depth in the EIS/EIR include effects on hydraulics, wetlands and other waters of the U.S., river meander, vegetation and wildlife resources, special-status species, aesthetics, cultural resources, recreation, land use, fisheries, water quality, air quality, noise, transportation, visual resources, and socioeconomic; and cumulative effects of related projects in the study area.

c. The Corps will consult with the State Historic Preservation Officer to comply with the National Historic Preservation Act and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service to comply with the Endangered Species Act. The Corps is also coordinating with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to comply with the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act.

d. A 45-day public review period will be provided for individuals and agencies to review and comment on the draft EIS/EIR. All interested parties are encouraged to respond to this notice and provide a current address if they wish to be notified of the draft EIS/EIR circulation.

4. *Availability.* The draft EIS/EIR is scheduled to be available for public review and comment in November 2009.

Dated: December 23, 2008.

Thomas C. Chapman,

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 following inventions are assigned to the U.S. Government as represented by the Secretary of the Navy and are available for licensing by the Department of the Navy.

U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 11/417,291 entitled "Method of Making Functionalized Carbon Nanotubes"; U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 11/417,294 entitled "Functionalization of Carbon Nanotubes"; U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 11/894,628 entitled "MEMS Fuse Using a Micro-Detonator"; U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 11/894,629 entitled "MEMS Electronic Initiator for a Micro-Detonator"; U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 11/894,630 entitled "MEMS Mechanical Initiator for a Micro-Detonator"; U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 10/637,090 entitled "Perfluoroalkyl Passivated Aluminum"; U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 12/284,475 entitled "Self-Regulating Power Supply for Micro Electronic Mechanical Systems Thermal Actuators"; U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 12/221,148 entitled "A Novel Lightning Locating System"; U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 11/973,993 entitled "Flow Driven Piezoelectric Energy Harvesting Device"; U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 11/650,759 entitled "Programmable Microtransformer"; U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 11/076,456 entitled "Method for Deposition of Steel Protective Coating"; U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 11/387,081

entitled "Automatically Interlocking Pallets, and Shipping and Storage Systems Employing the Same." U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 11/387,082 entitled "Interlocking Pallets, and Shipping and Storage Systems Employing the Same." U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 11/387,084 entitled "Shipping and Storage System"; U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 12/669,001 entitled "Hermetically Packaged MEMS G-Switch";

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the Patent Applications cited should be directed to Dr. J. Scott Deiter, Head, Technology Transfer Office, Code CAB, Naval Surface Warfare Center, 3824 Strauss Avenue, Suite 107, 1st Floor, Indian Head, MD 20640-5152.

DATES: Requests should be made prior to January 30, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. J. Scott Deiter, Head, Technology Transfer Office, Code CAB, Naval Surface Warfare Center, 3824 Strauss Avenue, Suite 107, 1st Floor, Indian Head, MD 20640-5152, telephone: 301-744-6111.

Dated: January 7, 2009.

A.M. Vallandigham,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

State Energy Advisory Board

AGENCY: Department of Energy, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open teleconference.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a teleconference of the State Energy Advisory Board (STEAB). The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these teleconferences be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: January 21, 2009 at 1-2 p.m. EDT.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gary Burch, STEAB Designated Federal Officer, Division Director, Office of Commercialization & Project Management, Golden Field Office, U.S. Department of Energy, 1617 Cole Boulevard, Golden, CO 80401, Telephone 303/275-4801.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Purpose of the Board:* To make recommendations to the Assistant Secretary for the Office of

Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy regarding goals and objectives of programs carried out in this sector, to make programmatic recommendations as appropriate, to encourage transfer of results of the energy efficiency and renewable energy activities carried out by DOE to non-DOE users, and to otherwise carry out the Board's responsibilities as designated in the State Energy Efficiency Programs Improvement Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-440).

Tentative Agenda: Update members on routine business matters.

Public Participation: The teleconference is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Gary Burch at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests to make oral comments must be received five days prior to the conference call; reasonable provision will be made to include requested topic(s) on the agenda. The Chair of the Board is empowered to conduct the call in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. This notice is being published less than 15 days before the date of the meeting due to programmatic issues that had to be resolved prior to publication.

Notes: The notes of the teleconference will be available for public review and copying within 60 days on the STEAB Web site, <http://www.steab.org>.

Issued at Washington, DC, on January 9, 2009.

Rachel Samuel,

Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project No. 13281-000]

Alaska Power & Telephone Company; Notice of Preliminary Permit Application Accepted for Filing and Soliciting Comments, Motions To Intervene, and Competing Applications

January 7, 2009.

On August 19, 2008, and supplemented on November 12, 2008, Alaska Power & Telephone Company filed an application, pursuant to section 4(f) of the Federal Power Act, proposing to study the feasibility of the Lake Shelokum Hydroelectric Project (Lake

Shelokum). Lake Shelokum would be located on Lake Shelokum in the Prince of Wales—Outer Ketchikan Census Area, First Judicial District, Unincorporated Borough, Alaska. The proposed project would be located within the Tongass National Forest, whose lands are administered by the U.S. Forest Service.

The proposed Lake Shelokum project would consist of: (1) A proposed 100-foot-long, 15-foot-high concrete-faced, rock filled dam; (2) an existing reservoir having a proposed surface area of 400 acres and a storage capacity of 10,000 acre-feet and normal water surface elevation of 370 feet above mean low sea level (msl); (3) a proposed 2,500-foot-long, 7-foot diameter steel penstock; (4) a proposed powerhouse containing two generating units having an installed capacity of 10-megawatts; (5) a proposed 12-mile-long, 34.5-kilovolt transmission line; and (6) appurtenant facilities. The proposed Lake Shelokum Project would have an average annual generation of 40-gigawatt-hours.

FERC Contact: Patricia W. Gillis, 202-502-8735.

Deadline for filing comments, motions to intervene, competing applications (without notices of intent), or notices of intent to file competing applications: 60 days from the issuance of this notice. Comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications may be filed electronically via the Internet. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site under the "e-Filing" link. If unable to be filed electronically, documents may be paper-filed. To paper-file, an original and eight copies should be mailed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. For more information on how to submit these types of filings please go to the Commission's Web site located at <http://www.ferc.gov/filing-comments.asp>. More information about this project can be viewed or printed on the "eLibrary" link of Commission's Web site at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp>. Enter the docket number (P-13281) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, call toll-free 1-866-208-3372.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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