

checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) in conjunction with presence or absence surveys throughout its range for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. TE-019510

Applicant: Shauna M. Wolf, San Diego, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (survey by pursuit) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) in conjunction with presence or absence surveys throughout its range for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. TE-019141

Applicant: Shannon Bane, Livermore, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture) the giant kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys ingens*) and the Alameda whipsnake (*Masticophis lateralis euryxanthus*) in conjunction with surveys in Alameda, San Joaquin, and Sacramento Counties, California, in conjunction with surveys for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No. TE-009390

Applicant: Denise Moe, Lemon Grove, California

The permittee requests an amendment to take (survey by pursuit) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) in conjunction with presence or absence surveys throughout its range for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. TE-019947

Applicant: Scott Crawford, Tustin, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey, collect, and sacrifice) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*), San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*), and the Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*), and take (survey by pursuit) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) and the El Segundo Blue Butterfly (*Euphilotes battoides allyni*) throughout each species range in California in conjunction with surveys for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No. TE-019949

Applicant: Vipul Ramesh Joshi, San Diego, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey, collect, and sacrifice) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta*

longiantenna), vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*), San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*), and the Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*), and take (survey by pursuit) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) throughout each species range in California in conjunction with surveys for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No. TE-019953

Applicant: Alisa Durgarian, Oakhurst, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey, collect, and sacrifice) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*), San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*), and the Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*) throughout each species range in California in conjunction with surveys for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No. TE-005878

Applicant: Santa Clara Valley Water District, San Jose, California

The permittee requests an amendment to: Take (harass by survey, locate and monitor nests) the California least tern (*Sterna albifrons browni*) and California clapper rail (*Rallus longirostris obsoletus*); take (locate and monitor nests) the least Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*); and take (capture and release) the salt marsh harvest mouse (*Reithrodontomys raviventris*) and San Joaquin kit fox (*Vulpis macrotis mutica*) in conjunction with surveys and population monitoring throughout each species range for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No. TE-019991

Applicant: Raymond White, Palo Alto, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey, collect, and sacrifice) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta conservatio*), longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*), San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*), and the Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*) throughout each species range in California in conjunction with surveys for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No. TE-796284

Applicant: D. Christopher Rogers, Sacramento, California

The permittee requests an amendment to take (harass by survey, collect, and sacrifice) the longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*), San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta sandiegonensis*), and the Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*), and take (survey by pursuit) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) throughout each species range in California in conjunction with surveys for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

DATES: Written comments on these permit applications must be received on or before January 18, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the Chief—Endangered Species, Ecological Services, Fish and Wildlife Service, 911 NE 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232-4181; Fax: (503) 231-6243. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when submitting comments. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: 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 within 20 days of the date of publication of this notice to the address above; telephone: (503) 231-2063. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when requesting copies of documents.

Dated: December 9, 1999.

Thomas Dwyer,

Acting Regional Director, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Availability of an Environmental Assessment and Receipt of an Application for an Incidental Take Permit for the Pacific Bay Properties, Rancho Bella Vista Master Planned Community in Riverside County, CA

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability and receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Pacific Bay Properties (the Applicant) has applied to the Fish and Wildlife Service for an incidental take permit pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. The Service proposes to issue a 30-year permit to the Applicant that would authorize take of up to 14 species, including the threatened coastal California gnatcatcher (*Polioptila californicus californicus*). Such take would occur during the development and management of 1,998 single family residences, associated schools, recreational facilities, and open space on 798 acres. This project would permanently eliminate 102.2 acres of suitable habitat for the 14 species: 8.9 acres of Riversidean sage scrub, 59.2 acres of disturbed Riversidean sage scrub, 0.5 acre of willow riparian woodland, 3.5 acres of southern willow scrub, 0.4 acre of disturbed southern willow scrub, and 29.7 acres of non-native grassland.

We request comments from the public on the permit application, and an Environmental Assessment, which are available for review. The permit application includes the proposed Habitat Conservation Plan (Plan) and an accompanying Implementing Agreement. The Plan describes the proposed project and the measures that the Applicant would undertake to minimize and mitigate take of the 14 species.

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act and National Environmental Policy Act regulations (40 CFR 1506.6). All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the administrative record and may be made available to the public.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before January 18, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to Mr. Jim Bartel, Assistant Field Supervisor, Fish and Wildlife Service, 2730 Loker Avenue West, Carlsbad, California 92008. Comments may be sent by facsimile to (760) 431-9624.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Michelle Shaughnessy, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, at the above address or call (760) 431-9440.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Availability of Documents

You may obtain copies of these documents for review by contacting the above office. Documents also will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

Background

Section 9 of the Endangered Species Act and Federal regulation prohibit the "take" of fish or wildlife species listed as endangered or threatened, respectively. Take of listed fish or wildlife is defined under the Act to include kill, harm, or harass. The Service may, under limited circumstances, issue permits to authorize incidental take; i.e., take that is incidental to, and not the purpose of, the carrying out of an otherwise lawful activity. Regulations governing incidental take permits for threatened and endangered species are found in 50 CFR 17.32 and 17.22, respectively.

The Applicant's proposed project lies within the Rancho Bella Vista Community Specific Plan Area. The Specific Plan Area is located between State Route 79 (Winchester Road) and Lake Skinner Reservoir in western Riverside County, California. The Southwestern Riverside Multiple Species Reserve and Lake Skinner Recreation Area are east of the project site. The project site includes the Skunk Hollow vernal pool and portions of Tualota Creek. Typical land uses in the area surrounding the project site are dryland farming, grazing, a small airport, and residential development. The Applicant proposes the following land uses at the project site: residential development, schools, recreational facilities, and open space.

The Plan relies on biological data collected from a number of reports and surveys of the project site dating from 1989 through 1998. Based on these surveys and reports, the Service concluded that the project may result in the take of federally listed wildlife, harm to listed plants, or take of other species should they be listed in the future:

Coastal California gnatcatcher (*Polioptila californicus californicus*), threatened
 Last Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*), endangered
 Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*), endangered
 Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*), endangered
 Spreading navarretia (*Navarretia fossalis*), endangered
 Thread-leaved brodiaea (*Brodiaea filifolia*), threatened
 California Orcutt grass (*Orcuttia californica*), endangered
 Munz's onion (*Allium munzii*), endangered
 San Diego ambrosia (*Ambrosia pumila*), candidate for listing
 Western spadefoot toad (*Spea hammondi*)
 Southwestern pond turtle (*Clemmys marmorata pallida*)
 Burrowing owl (*Speotyto cunicularia*)
 Southern California rufous-crowned sparrow (*Aimophila ruficeps canescens*)

Bell's sage sparrow (*Amphispiza belli belli*)

The Applicant proposes to implement the following measures to minimize and mitigate take of endangered species: (1) Preserve 90.4 acres of Riversidean sage scrub (91 percent of on-site acreage of this vegetation type) and 28.8 acres of disturbed Riversidean sage scrub (33 percent of on-site acreage), resulting in preservation of at least 4 of 5 pairs of coastal California gnatcatchers; and (2) Preserve 6.2 acres of riparian and wetland habitats (58 percent of on-site acreage). In addition, the Applicant has already established a 140-acre wetland conservation bank. The Plan identifies goals and objectives for management and conservation of the 14 species, including control of human access and exotics species, preservation of upland and wetland habitats, provision of open space connections through the development area, enhancement of Quino checkerspot butterfly habitat, and restoration of riparian habitats.

The Environmental Assessment considers the environmental consequences of four alternatives in addition to the Proposed Project Alternative. The Proposed Project Alternative consists of the issuance of an incidental take permit and implementation of the Plan and its Implementing Agreement, which include measures to minimize and mitigate impacts of the project on the 14 species. Under the No Action Alternative, the Service would not issue a permit and the project area would remain undeveloped.

Existing agricultural practices would likely be maintained on the property. The Applicant considered and rejected this alternative because elimination of the proposed development would also eliminate dedication and management of lands in the Conservation Bank as well as other open space areas proposed by the proposed Project Alternative. The Applicant also considered and rejected a Reduced Project Alternative and a Wetland Avoidance Alternative. Although both of these alternatives would have increased open space compared to the Proposed Project, the Applicant did not select them because the loss of additional residences would increase per unit construction cost beyond what is consistent with lot costs in the region.

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 regulations (40 CFR 1506.6). We will evaluate the application, associated documents, and comments submitted thereon to determine whether the application

meets the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act regulations and section 10(a) of the Endangered Species Act. If we determine that those requirements are met, we will issue a permit to the Applicant for the incidental take of the abovementioned listed species. Our final permit decision will be made no sooner than 30 days from the date of this notice.

Dated: December 10, 1999.

Elizabeth H. Stevens,

Deputy Manager, California/Nevada Operations Office, Fish and Wildlife Service, Sacramento, California.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AZ-910-0777-26-241A]

State of Arizona Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Arizona Resource Advisory Council meeting notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting and tour of the Arizona Resource Advisory Council. The one-day business meeting will be held on January 21, 2000, in Phoenix, Arizona. The RAC meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and will conclude at approximately 4 p.m. The meeting will be held at the BLM National Training Center, 9828 North 31st Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona. The agenda items to be covered include the review of the October 22, 1999, meeting minutes; BLM State Director's Update on legislation, regulations and statewide planning efforts; Updates on Secretarial Initiatives, regarding proposed Arizona National Monument and Las Cienegas National Conservation Area, and Barry Goldwater Range and Perry Mesa; Perry Mesa Slide Presentation; Yuma Rod & Gun Club Presentation on Game Carriers; Update Proposed Field Office Rangeland Resource Teams; Reports from BLM Field Office Managers; Reports by the Standards and Guidelines, Recreation and Public Relations, Wild Horse and Burro Working Groups; Discussion about establishing Conservation and Minerals Subgroups; Reports from RAC members; and Discussion of future meetings. A public comment period will be provided at 11:30 a.m. on January 21, 2000, for any interested publics who wish to address the Council.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Deborah Stevens, Bureau of Land Management, Arizona State Office, 222 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85004-2203, (602) 417-9215.

Denise P. Meridith,

Arizona State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[MT-920-1310-EI; MTM 88022]

Notice of Proposed Reinstatement of Terminated Oil and Gas Lease

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of Pub. L. 97-451, a petition for reinstatement of oil and gas lease MTM 88022, Stillwater County, Montana, was timely filed and accompanied by the required rental accruing from the date of termination.

No valid lease has been issued affecting the lands. The lessee has agreed to new lease terms for rentals and royalties at rates of \$10 per acre and 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ percent respectively. Payment of a \$500 administration fee has been made.

Having met all the requirements for reinstatement of the lease as contained in section 31(d) and (e) of the Mineral Lands Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. 188), the Bureau of Land Management is proposing to reinstate the lease, effective as of the date of termination, subject to the original terms and conditions of the lease, the increased rental and royalty rates cited above, and reimbursement for cost of publication of this Notice. 2

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elaine Kaufman, Acting Chief Fluids Adjudication Section, BLM Montana State Office, PO Box 36800, Billings, Montana 59107, 406-896-5108.

Dated: December 7, 1999.

Elaine L. Kaufman,

Acting Chief, Fluids Adjudication Section.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[CA-180-1430-ET; CACA 38618]

Public Land Order No. 7423; Withdrawal of Public Lands for the South Fork of the American River; California

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public Land Order.

SUMMARY: This order withdraws 1,533 acres of public lands from mining, for a period of 50 years, for the Bureau of Land Management to protect the riparian areas, wildlife habitat, scenic quality, public access, and high value recreational resources of the South Fork of the American River. The lands have been and will remain open to mineral leasing and the Materials Act of 1947. The withdrawal from the mining laws would be subject to valid existing rights. An additional 120 acres of non-Federal lands would become subject to the withdrawal if acquired.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 16, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Beck, BLM Folsom Field Office, 63 Natoma Street, Folsom, California 95630, 916-985-4474.

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (1994), it is ordered as follows:

1. Subject to valid existing rights, the following described public lands are hereby withdrawn from location and entry under the United States mining laws (30 U.S.C. Ch. 2 (1994)), but not from leasing under the mineral leasing laws or the Materials Act of 1947, for the Bureau of Land Management to protect the riparian areas, wildlife habitat, scenic quality, public access, and high value recreational resources of the South Fork of the American River:

Mount Diablo Meridian

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Sec. 3, that portion of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ lying Southerly of the South Boundary of State Highway 49;

Sec. 10, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, and that portion of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ lying southerly of the south boundary of California State Highway 49;

Sec. 11, the W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ lying Southerly of the South boundary of California State Highway 49 as conveyed to the State of California by deed recorded January 8, 1962 in Book 577 of Official Records, page 89, and Westerly and Northerly of the centerline of the South Fork of the American River; the E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ lying Westerly and Northerly