

totaling 3.3 acres of basin area, beyond what is currently conserved within the MHPA. All other aspects of the Expanded Conservation Alternative would be the same as the Proposed Action Alternative.

#### Request for Comments

Consistent with section 10(c) of the ESA, we invite your submission of written data, views, or arguments with respect to the City's permit application, VPHCP, and permitting decision.

#### Public Availability of Comments

Written comments we receive become part of the public record associated with this action. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may request in your comment that we withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. We will not consider anonymous comments. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public disclosure in their entirety.

#### Authority

We provide this notice under section 10(c) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.22) and NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

Dated: December 19, 2016.

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Deputy Regional Director, Pacific Southwest Region, Sacramento, California.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

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#### Announcement of Public Meetings via Teleconference: North American Wetlands Conservation Council

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The North American Wetlands Conservation Council will

meet via teleconference to select North American Wetlands Conservation Act U.S. small grant proposals for reporting to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission. This teleconference is open to the public, and interested persons may present oral or written statements.

**DATES:** *Teleconference:* The teleconference is scheduled for February 22, 2017, at 2 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

*Attendance:* Because this is a teleconference, there is no meeting venue. Individuals wishing to participate in the teleconference should contact the Council Coordinator for the call-in information (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) no later than February 17, 2017.

*Presenting Information During the Teleconference:* If you are interested in presenting information, contact the Council Coordinator no later than February 17, 2017.

*Submitting Information:* To submit written information or questions before the Council meeting for consideration during the meeting, contact the Council Coordinator no later than February 17, 2017.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sarah Mott, Council Coordinator, by phone at 703-358-1784; by email at [dbhc@fws.gov](mailto:dbhc@fws.gov); or by U.S. mail at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 5275 Leesburg Pike MS: MB, Falls Church, VA 22041. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 during normal business hours. Also, FRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### About the Council

In accordance with the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (Pub. L. 101-233, 103 Stat. 1968, December 13, 1989, as amended; NAWCA), the State-private-Federal North American Wetlands Conservation Council (Council) meets to consider wetland acquisition, restoration, enhancement, and management projects for recommendation to, and final funding approval by, the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission (Commission). NAWCA provides matching grants to organizations and individuals who have developed partnerships to carry out wetlands conservation projects in the United States, Canada, and Mexico. These projects must involve long-term

protection, restoration, and/or enhancement of wetlands and associated uplands habitats for the benefit of all wetlands-associated migratory birds. Project proposal due dates, application instructions, and eligibility requirements are available on the NAWCA Web site at [www.fws.gov/birds/grants/north-american-wetland-conservation-act.php](http://www.fws.gov/birds/grants/north-american-wetland-conservation-act.php).

#### Public Input

##### Submitting Written Information or Questions

Interested members of the public may submit relevant information or questions to be considered during the public meetings. If you wish to submit a written statement so information may be made available to the Council for their consideration prior to the meetings, you must contact the Council Coordinator by the date in **DATES**. Written statements must be supplied to the Council Coordinator in both of the following formats: One hard copy with original signature, and one electronic copy via email (acceptable file formats are Adobe Acrobat PDF, MS Word, MS PowerPoint, or rich text file).

##### Giving an Oral Presentation

Individuals or groups requesting to make an oral presentation at the meetings will be limited to 2 minutes per speaker, with no more than a total of 30 minutes for all speakers. Interested parties should contact the Council Coordinator by the date in **DATES**, in writing (preferably via email; see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**), to be placed on the public speaker list for either of these meetings. Nonregistered public speakers will not be considered during the Council meeting. Registered speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements, or those who had wished to speak but could not be accommodated on the agenda, are invited to submit written statements to the Council within 30 days following the meeting.

##### Meeting Minutes

Summary minutes of the Council meeting will be maintained by the Council Coordinator at the address under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Meeting notes will be available by contacting the Council Coordinator within 30 days following the meeting. Personal copies may be purchased for the cost of duplication.

Jerome Ford,

Assistant Director, Migratory Birds.

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