

Dated: March 1, 1996.

Jeri Lipov,

Committee Management Officer, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

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National Advisory Council; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given of the teleconference meeting of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) National Advisory Council on March 5, 1996.

A portion of the meeting will be open and will include a roll call, general announcements and a discussion on review procedures. Attendance by the public will be limited to space available.

The meeting will also include the review, discussion and evaluation of contract proposals. Therefore a portion of the meeting will be closed to the public as determined by the Administrator, SAMHSA, in accordance with Title 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (3), (4) and (6) and 5 U.S.C. App. 2, § 10(d).

A summary of the meeting and a roster of Council members may be obtained from: Ms. Susan E. Day, Program Assistant, SAMHSA National Advisory Council, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 12C-15, Rockville, Maryland 20857; Telephone: (301) 443-4640.

Substantive program information may be obtained from the contact whose name and telephone number is listed below.

Committee Name: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration National Advisory Council.

Meeting Date: March 5, 1996.

Place: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Parklawn Building, Conference Rm. 12-94, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857.

Open: March 5, 1996—2:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Closed: March 5, 1996—3:15 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Contact: Toian Vaughn, Room 12C-15, Parklawn Building; Telephone: (301) 443-4640 and FAX: (301) 443-1450.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the urgent need to meet timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-3968-N-01]

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing; Voter Registration Notice

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice provides voter registration guidance to public housing agencies, Indian housing authorities, and Resident Management Corporations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 7, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, S.W., Room 4100, Washington, D.C. 20410. Telephone number (202) 708-0950, TDD (202) 708-0850. (These numbers are not toll-free.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Purpose

The purpose of this Notice is to provide guidance on efforts by Public Housing Agencies ("PHAs") to promote voter registration consistent with provisions of the National Voter Registration Act, 42 U.S.C. 1973gg, in connection with the operation of the Public and Indian Housing ("PIH") including the Section 8 voucher and certificate programs.

II. Policy

It is the policy of HUD that all participants in public housing programs, including Section 8 programs, be afforded the opportunity to register to vote. Opportunities to provide voter registration information to PIH and Section 8 program participants can occur during the normal application process, the annual recertification process, or when tenants come into the management office for purposes such as paying rent or requesting maintenance service.

III. Background

In the National Voter Registration Act, 42 U.S.C. 1973gg, Congress found that the right of citizens to vote is a fundamental right. Further, Congress found that it is the duty of the Federal, State, and local governments to promote the exercise of that right. The Department of Housing and Urban Development recognizes its responsibility to help promote voter participation in a non-partisan manner. Accordingly, the Department is issuing

this notice to provide guidance to Public and Indian Housing Authorities on promoting the free exercise of this fundamental right.

IV. Permissible Voter Registration Activities by PHAs

At each PHA, HUD's policy that all participants in PIH and Section 8 programs be afforded the opportunity to vote may be implemented in the following ways:

a. PHAs are encouraged to include voter-registration applications in their program applications and recertification materials.

b. PHAs are encouraged to apply to States to operate as a voter registration agency under the National Voter Registration Act.

c. PHAs are encouraged to solicit and permit approved non-profit, non-partisan organizations that are voter registration agencies to provide information and application forms to their tenants and program participants on the PHAs' premises.

d. PHAs can provide mail-in voter-registration applications to their residents.

e. PHAs can also use non-partisan posters to inform residents of their right to register to vote and to inform them of places, either on the PHA premises or in the local area, where they may go to register to vote. PHAs may accept the completed voter registration application forms and transmit these forms to the appropriate State election official. Completed forms should be transmitted to the appropriate State election official on a regular basis.

f. PHAs are encouraged to provide assistance to tenants seeking to understand the voter registration materials or to fill out voter registration forms.

g. PHAs may use Section 8 administrative fees and public housing operating subsidies to meet the costs for permissible voter registration activities.

V. Impermissible Voter Registration Activities by PHAs

Since the right to vote should be exercised freely and voluntarily, HUD's policy of affording participants in PIH and Section 8 programs the opportunity to vote may not involve any act that would:

- a. intimidate the participant into voting or registering to vote, or
- b. intimidate the participant into voting in a way or registering under a party that is not their choice, or
- c. suggest that benefits are in any way tied to a participant's voting activity, or

d. give the appearance that the processes of voter registration or voting are not voluntary processes.

Dated: February 27, 1996.

Kevin Emanuel Marchman,
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Distressed and Troubled Housing Recovery.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Palau Compact Road Project

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: In this notice the Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) states its intent to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Palau Compact Road Project, Babeldaob Island, Republic of Palau.

DATES: Two scoping meetings are scheduled in Honolulu, HI and Koror, Palau in April 1996 which will be open to individuals or organizations. Specific dates, locations and times of the meetings will be announced in the local news media and by public notices.

Comments and suggestions should be received not later than 15 days following the public scoping meetings to be considered in the EIS.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons or organizations should submit comments to the Director, Office of Insular Affairs, 1849 C Street, NW., Mail Stop 4328, Washington, D.C. 20240 (202-208-4736 voice, 202-208-7585 facsimile), or District Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pacific Ocean Division, Building 230, Fort Shafter, HI 96858 (808-438-7974 voice, 808-438-7801 facsimile).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Bussanich, Office of Insular Affairs (202-208-6971 voice, 202-208-7585 facsimile) or Allen Chin, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (808-438-7974 voice, 808-438-7801 facsimile).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Compact of Free Association between the United States Government and the Republic of Palau (ROP) became effective on October 1, 1994. In accordance with Annex A of the Agreement Regarding Construction Projects in Palau Concluded Pursuant to Section 212(a) of the Compact, the United States Government is obligated to construct a 53-mile road, 18 feet wide, with double bituminous surface treatment and two-foot-wide shoulders

on each side, on Babeldaob Island in the Republic of Palau. The U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) has selected the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pacific Ocean Division, Honolulu Engineer District as the Project Manager for all aspects of the road project, including planning, environmental documentation, design and construction. In lieu of this Compact-defined road, the ROP and the U.S. DOI reached an agreement which allows for the road to be upgraded to one with an asphalt concrete surface and up to 24 feet wide, of undetermined length, but not more than 53 miles.

The road will be constructed with proper drainage, adequate crossings over streams and rivers to meet the 50-year storm event, and with safety features such as guard-rails, barriers and warnings signs where needed. The project will not include sidewalks and curbs, roadway lighting, and traffic signals.

Alternatives

- No Action.
- Different alignments of a road system.
- Different configurations of the proposed action.

Scoping

Comments received as a result of this notice will be used to assist the Department of the Interior in identifying potential impacts to the quality of the human environment. Individuals or organizations may participate in the scoping process by written comment or by attending one of two scoping meetings which are scheduled to be held in Honolulu, Hawaii and in Koror, Palau in April 1996. The locations, dates and times for the scoping meetings will be announced in the local news media and by public notices. Comments and suggestions should be received not later than 15 days following the public scoping meetings in order to be considered in the DEIS.

Allen P. Stayman,

Director.

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Bureau of Land Management

[UT-056-1430-01-24-1A; 4-00152]

Management Framework Plans, etc.: Utah

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Proposed Plan Amendment.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management completed a Proposed Plan Amendment/EA/FONSI for the Mountain Valley Management Framework Plan (MFP) on February 8, 1996. All public lands and the mineral estate have been analyzed. The environmental assessment (EA) revealed no significant impact from the proposed action. The Mountain Valley MFP would be amended to identify the following public lands suitable for direct sale to Mr. A.C. Robertson and Mr. Douglas Bjerregaard, of Mayfield, Utah: T. 19 S., R. 2 E., Sec. 19, Lot 8, and Section 30, Lots 5 and 8, Salt Lake Meridian, Utah. Containing a total of 10.2 acres. All minerals in the lands would be reserved to the United States. A Notice of Intent proposing to amend the MFP was published in the Federal Register on January 31, 1996.

This plan amendment would allow the Sevier River Resource Area to sell the identified public land, at fair market value, pursuant to Section 203 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976 (90 Stat. 2750, 43 U.S.C. 1713), and Title 43 CFR Part 2710.

A 30 day protest period for the planning amendment will commence with publication of this Notice of Availability.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dave Henderson, Sevier River Resource Area Manager, 150 East 900 North, Richfield, Utah 84701. Existing planning documents and information are available at the above address or telephone (801)896-8221. Comments on the proposed plan amendment should be sent to the above address.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The planning amendment is subject to protest from any adversely affected party who participated in the planning process. Protests must be made in accordance with provisions of 43 CFR 1610.5-2, as follows: Protests must pertain to issues that were identified in the plan or through the public participation process. As a minimum, protests must contain the name, mailing address, telephone number, and interest of the person filing the protest. A statement of the issue or issues being protested must be included. A statement of the part or parts being protested and a citing of pages, paragraphs, maps, etc., of the proposed amendment, where practical, should be included. A copy of all documents addressing the issue(s) submitted by the protester during the planning process or a reference to the date when the protester discussed the issue(s) for the record. A concise statement as to why the protester