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Filing of Plats of Survey; California

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to inform the public and interested state and local government officials of the latest filing of Plats of Survey in California.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Unless otherwise noted, filing was effective at 10:00 a.m. on the next federal work day following the plat acceptance date.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Clifford A. Robinson, Chief, Branch of Cadastral Survey, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), California State Office, 2135 Butano Drive, Sacramento, CA 95825-0451, (916) 979-2890.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The plats of Survey of lands described below have been officially filed at the California State Office of the Bureau of Land Management in Sacramento, CA.

Mount Diablo Meridian, California

T. 15 S., R. 12 E.,—Dependent resurvey, (Group 1243) accepted January 8, 1997, to meet certain administrative needs of the BLM, Bakersfield District, Hollister Resource Area.

T. 7 S., R. 22 E.,—Dependent resurvey, subdivision and metes-and-bounds survey, (Group 1252) accepted January 23, 1997, to meet certain administrative needs of the US Forest Service, Sierra National Forest.

T. 4 N., R. 11 E.,—Supplemental plat of the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of section 13, accepted January 28, 1997, to meet certain administrative needs of the BLM, Bakersfield District, Folsom Resource Area.

T. 3 N., R. 14 E.,—Supplemental plat of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 9, accepted January 29, 1997, to meet certain administrative needs of the BLM, Bakersfield District, Folsom Resource Area.

T. 2 N., R. 12 E.,—Supplemental plat of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 14, accepted January 30, 1997, to meet certain administrative needs of the BLM, Bakersfield District, Folsom Resource Area.

T. 2 N., R. 13 E.,—Supplemental plat of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 14, accepted January 30, 1997, to meet certain administrative needs of the BLM, Bakersfield District, Folsom Resource Area.

T. 15 N., R. 6 E.,—Supplemental plat of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 1, accepted January 30, 1997, to meet certain administrative needs of the BLM, Bakersfield District, Folsom Resource Area.

T. 15 N., R. 6 E.,—Supplemental plat of section 13, accepted January 30, 1997, to meet certain administrative needs of the BLM, Bakersfield District, Folsom Resource Area.

T. 18 N., R. 7 E.,—Supplemental plat of the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of section 19, accepted January 30, 1997, to meet certain administrative needs of the BLM, Bakersfield District, Folsom Resource Area.

All of the above listed survey plats are now the basic record for describing the lands for all authorized purposes. The survey plats have been placed in the open files in the BLM, California State Office, and are available to the public as a matter of information. Copies of the survey plats and related field notes will be furnished to the public upon payment of the appropriate fee.

Dated: February 7, 1997.

Clifford A. Robinson,

Chief, Branch of Cadastral Survey.

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Notice of Proposed Withdrawal Extension and Opportunity for Public Meeting; California

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: To allow the Department of the Interior and the public adequate time to fully evaluate the State's proposal to transfer lands to the State for a low-level radioactive waste (LLRW) facility at Ward Valley, California, the Bureau of Land Management proposes to extend a withdrawal of 1,000 acres of public land in San Bernardino County for two years, thereby preserving the land's current status pending a final decision. The land was withdrawn in 1994 for three years by PLO 7069. The extension will keep the land withdrawn and closed to application, location and entry under the agricultural land laws and the mining laws. The land is open to mineral leasing, and will remain so.

DATES: Comments and requests for a public meeting on this withdrawal extension to maintain the status quo pending a final decision must be mailed, sent or submitted by May 15, 1997 at the address below.

ADDRESSES: Bureau of Land Management (CA-930), 2135 Butano

Drive, Sacramento, California, 95825-0451.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Public Information Section, 2135 Butano Drive, Sacramento, California, 95825-0451, (916) 979-2800.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 4, 1997, a petition was approved, allowing the Bureau of Land Management to file an application to extend the withdrawal for two years on the following described public land from operation of the agricultural land laws and the mining laws, subject to valid existing rights:

San Bernardino Meridian

T. 9 N., R. 19 E.,
Sec. 26, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
Sec. 27, S $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$;
Sec. 34;
Sec. 35, W $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$.

The area described contains 1,000 acres in San Bernardino County.

The purpose of the proposed withdrawal is to allow two additional years for the Department of the Interior and the public to fully evaluate the State's proposal to license and locate a low-level nuclear waste facility in Ward Valley, California. Analysis as incorporated in the 1991 EIR/EIS found Ward Valley to be the superior alternative. Neither a right-of-way nor a cooperative agreement would preserve the current status of the land, and therefore they cannot substitute for a withdrawal.

The withdrawal does not authorize any activities on the lands in and of itself. Licenses, permits, cooperative agreements, or discretionary land use authorizations of a temporary nature may be allowed, but only with the approval of an authorized officer of the Bureau of Land Management during the segregative period.

Water is not needed to fulfill the purpose of the requested withdrawal action.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public meeting is afforded in connection with the proposed withdrawal extension. All interested persons who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the proposed withdrawal extension must submit a request with their reasons for a public meeting to the California State Office (CA-930) by May 15, 1997. Upon determination by the authorized officer that a public meeting will be held, a notice of the time and place will be published in the Federal Register at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

Until May 15, 1997, all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the

proposed extension of the withdrawal may present their views in writing to the address above.

The application case file is available for public inspection at the address above and at the California Desert District, 6221 Box Springs Blvd., Riverside, CA 92507.

The application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR Part 2300.

David McIlroy,

Chief, Branch of Lands.

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Minerals Management Service

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

Outer Continental Shelf Pipelines

AGENCY: Minerals Management Service (MMS), Department of the Interior (DOI), and Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of memorandum of understanding.

SUMMARY: DOI and DOT have revised a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on their respective responsibilities for pipelines on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). The revised MOU will replace an MOU in effect since May 6, 1976.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 10, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

L. E. Herrick, Office of Pipeline Safety Regulatory Programs, RSPA; telephone (202) 366-5523; e-mail l.e.herrick@rspa.dot.gov; or Carl W. Anderson, Operations Analysis Branch, MMS; telephone (703) 787-1608; e-mail Carl_Anderson@mms.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On May 24, 1995, MMS and RSPA published a notice with request for comments in the Federal Register (60 FR 27546; May 24, 1995). The notice announced a proposed MOU between the two agencies re-defining their respective responsibilities for pipelines on the OCS. Over 70 people attended a public meeting in New Orleans on August 1, 1995, to discuss the proposal. A transcript of this meeting is available through the agency representatives listed in the "For Further Information" section of this notice. The public meeting generated over 100 pages of transcribed comments from natural gas

and petroleum trade organizations, natural gas and oil exploration and production companies, transmission companies, offshore construction companies, and industry consultants. The DOI and DOT received twenty-three written comments on the Federal Register Notice.

Before the close of the comment period, the American Petroleum Institute requested a 30-day extension to provide time to convene a regulated community task team, review the proposal, and prepare a detailed response. RSPA and MMS responded by extending the comment period to September 22, 1995 (60 FR 43611; August 22, 1995).

The MOU places, to the greatest extent practicable, producer operated pipelines under DOI responsibility and transporter operated pipelines under DOT responsibility. Producers are companies which are engaged in the extraction and processing of hydrocarbons on the OCS. Transporters are companies which are engaged in the transportation of those hydrocarbons. As a result of this revision, some pipelines, predominantly producer operated pipelines, currently under DOT responsibility, will be under DOI responsibility.

Each agency will initiate separate public rulemakings which will reflect the new boundaries. The DOI and DOT will propose that any changes in requirements for design or construction of pipelines which result from the transfer of pipelines to another agency's responsibility not apply to existing pipeline segment until each operator makes significant repairs or modifications to those segments.

This MOU also establishes an agreement between the two agencies for DOI to act as agent for DOT in identifying and reporting potential violations of DOT regulations at offshore platforms on the OCS. As an agent, DOI may inspect all DOT-regulated pipeline facilities on production platforms during DOI inspections. DOI may also perform coordinated DOI/DOT inspections of pipeline facilities on DOT-regulated platforms. The inspections may include reviewing any operating or maintenance records or reports that are located at the inspected OCS platform facility.

Once implemented through regulation, the changes described in the MOU will substantially reduce the burden of overlapping Federal jurisdictions and inconsistencies between agency requirements. This will substantially increase the efficiency of governmental resources on the OCS without compromising safety.

Dated: February 10, 1997.

Richard B. Felder,

Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety.

Dated: February 10, 1997.

Carolita U. Kallaur,

Associate Director for Offshore Minerals Management.

The MOU reads as follows:

Memorandum of Understanding Between the Department of Transportation and the Department of the Interior, Regarding Outer Continental Shelf Pipelines

I. Purpose

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishes the boundaries that will be used to delineate the locations over which the Department of Transportation (DOT), Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), and the Department of the Interior (DOI), Minerals Management Service (MMS), will exercise their respective regulatory authority over pipelines located on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). This MOU replaces the MOU between DOT and DOI regarding OCS pipelines which was signed and became effective May 6, 1976, and which terminates as of the effective date of this MOU.

In recognition of each of the parties' respective regulatory responsibilities for OCS pipelines, DOI and DOT agree that an MOU is needed to avoid duplication of regulatory efforts regarding OCS pipelines, to assure coordination and consultation during the development and implementation of regulatory requirements, to facilitate compatible regulatory requirements for all OCS pipelines whether under DOI or DOT jurisdiction, and to promote safety and environmental protection on the OCS. This MOU puts, to the greatest extent practicable, OCS production pipelines under DOI responsibility and OCS transportation pipelines under DOT responsibility.

II. Authority

DOT has the responsibility for promulgating and enforcing regulations for the safe and environmentally sound transportation of gases and hazardous liquids by pipeline. DOT administers the following laws as they relate to pipelines: (1) the pipeline safety laws (49 U.S.C. 60101 et seq.); (2) the Deepwater Port Act of 1974 (33 U.S.C. 1501-1524); (3) the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (FWPCA) (33 U.S.C. 1251-1375), as amended by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA) (P.L. 101-380) and implemented under Executive Order (E.O.) 12777; and (4)