OMB control number 1652–0001, abstracted below that we will submit to

Public Advocates for renewal in compliance with

The Paperwork Reduction Act. The ICR
describes the nature of the information
collection and its expected burden. The
information collection would require
the retention of certain information
necessary for TSA to help set the
Aviation Security Infrastructure Fee
(ASIF), including information about air
carriers’ and foreign air carriers’ costs
related to screening passengers and
property in calendar year 2000.

DATES: Send your comments by May 3,
2010.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be e-mailed
to TSAPRAdhs.gov or delivered to
the TSA Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA)
Officer, Office of Information
Technology (OIT), TSA–40,
Transportation Security Administration,
601 South 12th Street, Arlington, VA
20596–6040.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Joanna Johnson at the above address, or
by telephone (571) 227–3651.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

In accordance with the Paperwork
Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501
et seq.), an agency may not conduct or
sponsor, and a person is not required to
respond to, a collection of information
unless it displays a valid OMB control
number. The ICR documentation is

Therefore, in preparation for OMB
review and approval of the following
information collection, TSA is soliciting
comments to—

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed
information requirement is necessary for
the proper performance of the functions
of the agency, including whether the
information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the
agency’s estimate of the burden;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and
clearly the information to be
collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the
collection of information on those who
are to respond, including using
appropriate automated, electronic,
mechanical, or other technological
collection techniques or other forms of
information technology.

Information Collection Requirement

OMB Control Number 1652–0001:
Aviation Security Infrastructure Fee
Records Retention, 49 CFR part 1511. To
help defray TSA’s costs of providing
civil aviation security services, and as
authorized by 49 U.S.C. 44940, TSA
published in the Federal Register on
February 20, 2002, an interim final rule
adding part 1511 to the Transportation
Security Regulations, which imposed a
fee known as the Aviation Security
Infrastructure Fee (ASIF), on certain air
carriers and foreign air carriers. See 67
FR 7926, as codified at 49 CFR part
1511. The amount of ASIF collected by
TSA from the carriers, both overall and
per carrier, is based upon the carriers’
aggregate and individual costs,
respectively, for screening passengers
and property in calendar year 2000. 49

In conjunction with the issuance of
part 1511, TSA requested OMB approval
to collect information necessary for TSA
to establish the ASIF, including
personal information about the carriers’
individual and aggregate costs related to
screening passengers and property in
calendar year 2000. This information
collection included submissions to TSA
of data on the carriers’ screening-related
costs and also of independent audits of
data. This information collection is
currently approved under OMB number
1652–0001.

Purpose of Information Collection

Under Part 1511, carriers must retain
any and all documents, records, or
information related to the amount of the
ASIF, including all information
applicable to the carrier’s calendar year
2000 security costs and information
reasonably necessary to complete an
audit. The information collection
proposed under this notice is intended to
apply to the requirement of
9CFR1511.9. This requirement includes
retaining the source
information for the calendar year 2000
screening costs reported to TSA; the
calculations and allocations performed
to assign costs submitted to TSA; Information
and documents reviewed
and prepared for the required
independent audit; the accountant’s
working papers, notes, worksheets, and
other relevant documentation used in
the audit; and, if applicable, the specific
information leading to the accountant’s
opinion, including any determination
that the accountant could not provide
an audit opinion.

Description of Information Collection

The information collection, submission, and retention requirement applies to each air carrier and foreign air
carrier that incurred costs for
the screening of passengers and property in
calendar year 2000. It is estimated that
the 191 respondent air carriers
and foreign air carriers will each on average
incur $104.06 annually, which includes
$54.60 in records storage and $50 in

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service

[FRS–05–ES–2010–N027; 80221–1112–
0000–F2]
San Diego County Water Authority
Natural Communities Conservation
Program/Habitat Conservation Plan,
San Diego and Riverside Counties, CA

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of draft
environmental impact report/
environmental impact statement, receipt
of incidental take permit application, and
notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The San Diego County Water
Authority (Water Authority/Applicant)
has applied to us, the U.S. Fish and
Wildlife Service (Service), for an
incidental take permit under the
Endangered Species Act of 1973, as
amended (Act). The Applicant is
requesting a permit to incidentally take
37 animal species and seeking
assurances for 27 plant species
(including 19 Federally listed species)
during the term of the proposed 55-year
permit. The permit is needed to
authorize take of listed animal species
due to construction, operations, and
maintenance activities in the
approximately 992,000-acre (401,450-
hectare) Plan Area in western San Diego
County and south-central Riverside
County, California. We are requesting
public comment on the Draft Water
Authority Natural Communities
Conservation Program/Habitat
Conservation Plan (NCCP/HCP), Draft
Implementing Agreement, and Draft

We have prepared the Draft EIR, which is the Federal portion of the Draft EIR/EIS, to analyze the impacts of issuing an incidental take permit based on the Water Authority’s proposed NCCP/HCP. The Draft EIR portion of the joint document was prepared by the Water Authority in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act. The analyses provided in the Draft EIR/EIS are intended to inform the public of the proposed action (i.e., permit issuance), alternatives, and associated impacts; address public comments received during the scoping period for the Draft EIR/EIS; disclose the direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental effects of the proposed action and each of the alternatives; and indicate any irreversible commitment of resources that would result from implementation of the proposed action.

DATES: Please send written comments on or before June 2, 2010.

Two public meetings have been scheduled for the EIR, and we will accept comments for the EIS at these meetings. These public meetings will be held on the following dates:
1. March 17, 2010, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Escondido, CA
2. March 18, 2010, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., San Diego CA.

ADDRESSES: Please send written comments to Mr. Jim Bartel, Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office, 6010 Hidden Valley Road, Suite 101, Carlsbad, CA 92011. You may also submit comments by facsimile to (760) 431-5902.

Information and comments related specifically to the draft EIR and the California Environmental Quality Act should be submitted to Mr. Bill Tippets, San Diego County Water Authority, 4677 Overland Avenue, San Diego, CA 92123.

The public meeting locations are:
1. Escondido: Escondido City Hall, Mitchell Room, 201 North Broadway, Escondido, CA 92025.
2. Kearney Mesa: San Diego County Water Authority, 4677 Overland Avenue, San Diego, CA 92123.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Karen Coebel, Assistant Field Supervisor, at the Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office address above; telephone (760) 431-9440.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Availability of Documents

Documents available for public review include the Water Authority’s permit application, the Public Review Draft NCCP/HCP and Appendices, the accompanying Draft Implementing Agreement, and the Draft EIR/EIS.

For copies of the documents, please contact the Service by telephone at (760) 431-9440, or by letter to the Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office (see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT). Copies of the Draft NCCP/HCP, Draft EIR/EIS, and Draft Implementing Agreement also are available for public review, by appointment, during regular business hours, at the Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office or at the San Diego County Water Authority Office (4677 Overland Avenue, San Diego, California 92123). Copies are also available for viewing in select San Diego County and Riverside County public libraries (listed below) and at the Water Authority’s Web site: http://www.sdwcwa.org/.

1. Carlsbad Public Library—Reference Desk, 1775 Dove Lane, Carlsbad, CA 92009.
2. Chula Vista Public Library—Reference Desk, 365 F Street, Chula Vista, CA 91910.
3. Escondido Public Library—Reference Desk, 239 S. Kalmia Street, Escondido, CA 92025.
4. Lakeside Public Library—Reference Desk, 9839 Vine Street, Lakeside, CA 92040.
7. Temecula Public Library—Reference Desk, 30600 Pauba Road, Temecula, CA 92592.

Background

Section 9 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), and Federal regulations prohibit the “take” of fish and wildlife species Federally listed as endangered or threatened. Take of Federally listed fish or wildlife is defined under the Act as to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, capture, or collect listed species, or attempt to engage in such conduct (16 U.S.C. 1538). “Harm” includes significant habitat modification or degradation that actually kills or injures listed wildlife by significantly impairing essential behavioral patterns, including breeding, feeding, and sheltering (50 CFR 17.3(c)). Under limited circumstances, we may issue permits to authorize incidental take, which is defined under the Act as that which is incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Although take of plant species is not prohibited under the Act, and therefore cannot be authorized under an incidental take permit, plant species are proposed to be included on the permit in recognition of the conservation benefits provided to them under the NCCP/HCP. Regulations governing incidental take permits for threatened and endangered species are found in 50 CFR 17.32 and 17.22, respectively. All species included on the incidental take permit, if issued, would receive assurances under the Service’s “No Surprises” regulation (50 CFR 17.22(b)(5) and 17.32(b)(5)).

The Applicant seeks incidental take authorization for 37 animal species and assurances for 27 plant species. Collectively the 64 listed and unlisted species are referred to as “Covered Species.” Take of Federally listed species (as listed in the Act) under the Endangered Species Act is prohibited. Take of Federally listed species (as listed in the Act) under the Endangered Species Act is prohibited. Therefore, the federal government’s “No Surprises” policy must be followed.

TheDraftEIR/EIS, the Draft NCCP/HCP, and Appendices are available for public review. A complete copy of the Draft EIR/EIS is available at the Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office, Carlsbad, California.

The Draft NCCP/HCP and Appendices, the Final EIR/EIS, and the Final NCCP/HCP are available for public review. A complete copy of the Draft NCCP/HCP and Appendices is available at the Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office, Carlsbad, California.

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endangered), San Diego mesa mint (Pogogyne abramsii; endangered), San Diego thorn-mint (Acathomintha hiricifolia; threatened), spreading navarretia (Navarretia fossilis; threatened), thread-leaved brodiaea (Brodiaea filifolia; threatened), and willowy monardella (Monardella vininea; endangered). See the Draft EIR/EIS and NCCP/HCP for information on unstated species proposed for coverage under the permit.

The Draft Water Authority NCCP/HCP is intended to protect and sustain viable populations of native plant and animal species and their habitats in perpetuity through avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures, including purchase of lands for permanent conservation and use of mitigation credits in mitigation banks previously established to address mitigation requirements associated with the proposed NCCP/HCP. The proposed NCCP/HCP and permit would accommodate the Water Authority's ongoing operations and maintenance requirements, future facility upgrades, and construction of new facilities that are needed to maintain a safe, reliable water source to its member agencies and the San Diego region.

The Water Authority's NCCP/HCP includes measures to advance habitat management areas (HMAs). Covered activities, including planned and future projects, are estimated to impact up to 273 acres (131 hectares) of habitat for Covered Species that will require mitigation over the 55-year term of the Permit. When on-site mitigation for permanent impacts is not feasible, available mitigation credits would be debited from HMAs in accordance with in-kind mitigation ratios identified in the NCCP/HCP. The Water Authority has established five HMAs (including three upland properties and two wetland creation properties) totaling 1,920 acres (775 hectares) and has set up endowments for long-term management of these areas. Of these acres, approximately 700 acres (283 hectares) would be available as credits to mitigate for project impacts to Covered Species. Costs associated with the NCCP/HCP would be funded as a capital cost under the Water Authority Capital Improvement Program's (CIP) Mitigation Program or within individually approved CIP project budgets, and/or the annual operating budget of the Water Authority's Water Resources Department. The Water Authority estimates its long-term financial needs based on the CIP and has adopted a 2-year budget cycle to address short-term funding and expenditures. Also, contingency measures have been identified should the Water Authority's costs to implement, monitor, and report on the NCCP/HCP's measures exceed the budgeted amount. The Water Authority maintains a diverse revenue base and consistently evaluates existing and potential revenue sources to ensure that funding of all Water Authority projects is adequate.

The NCCP/HCP includes measures to avoid and minimize incidental take of the Covered Species, emphasizing project design modifications to protect Covered Species and their habitats. A monitoring and reporting plan would gauge the Plan's success based on achievement of biological goals and objectives and would ensure that conservation keeps pace with development. The NCCP/HCP also includes a management program, including adaptive management, which allows for changes in the conservation program if the biological species objectives are not met, or new information becomes available to improve the efficacy of the NCCP/HCP's conservation strategy.

Covered Activities would include developing new water transmission, storage, and flow management facilities, in addition to conducting operation and maintenance activities. These Covered Activities fall under five categories, including:

1. Construction of Capital Improvement Program Facilities;
2. Operation and Maintenance Activities;
3. Right-of-Way Activities;
4. Urgent Repair Procedures; and
5. Emergency Repair Procedures.

National Environmental Policy Act Compliance

The Draft EIR/EIS analyzes three alternatives in addition to the proposed action (i.e., permit issuance based on the Draft Water Authority NCCP/HCP) described above. The other alternatives include a no-action (i.e., no permit) alternative, a larger species list alternative, and a reduced plan area alternative. Two other alternatives were considered during the planning process, but were not evaluated in the Draft EIS, because neither met the purpose and need of both the Water Authority and the Service; these alternatives involved a no-take alternative and an alternative requiring the Water Authority to participate in other existing regional HCPs.

Public Comments

The Service and Water Authority invite the public to comment on the Draft NCCP/HCP, Draft Implementing Agreement, and Draft EIR/EIS during a 90-day public comment period beginning the date of this notice. Please direct comments to the Service contact listed in the ADDRESSES section, and any questions to the Service contact listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail 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 can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Reasonable Accommodation

The public meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Please make requests for specific accommodations to Bill Tippetts, San Diego County Water Authority, at (858) 522-6794, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

This notice is provided under section 10(a) of the Act and Service regulations for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (40 CFR 1506.6). We will evaluate the application, associated documents, and comments submitted thereon to prepare a Final EIS. A permit decision will be made no sooner than 30 days after the publication of the Final EIS and completion of the Record of Decision.

Alexandra Pitts,
Acting Deputy Regional Director, Pacific Southwest Region, Sacramento, California.