

Location

Located within the Refuge, the Cullinan Ranch is bordered by the South and Dutchman Sloughs to the north and State Route 37 to the south. California Department of Fish and Game Pond 1 borders Cullinan Ranch to the west. Guadalcanal Village Wetlands (Guadalcanal), which is owned by the State of California and is currently being restored to tidal marsh, borders Cullinan Ranch to the east.

Project Components

Specific components of Cullinan Ranch tidal marsh restoration follow.

1. Blocking drainage ditches with earthen fill to promote redevelopment of the historical sloughs on the project site.
2. Reinforcing two Pacific Gas & Electric transmission tower footings to protect them from possible damage from tidal flows when the levee is breached.
3. Constructing and reinforcing an existing levee adjacent to State Route 37 and California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) Pond 1, to protect these areas from flooding and erosion during high water conditions.
4. Breaching the northern levee adjacent to South and Dutchman sloughs to introduce historic tidal flow to the site.
5. Long-term monitoring of wildlife, plants, hydrology, and geomorphology.

Public Meetings

With the publication of this notice, the public is encouraged to attend public meetings and submit written comments for consideration in developing design alternatives for restoration at Cullinan Ranch. Format for the public meeting will be a presentation on proposed design alternatives followed by a workshop to gather public comments. Comments received shall be used to identify issues and draft preliminary alternatives.

Dated: July 8, 2002.

D. Kenneth McDermond,

Acting Manager, California/Nevada Operations, Sacramento, California.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

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Notice of Public Meeting, Lower Snake River District Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Lower Snake River District Resource Advisory Council (RAC), will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting will be held August 14, 2002 at the Lower Snake River District Office, located at 3948 Development Avenue, Boise, Idaho, beginning at 9 a.m. The public comment periods will be held after each topic. The meeting is expected to adjourn at 4 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: MJ Byrne, Public Affairs Officer and RAC Coordinator, Lower Snake River District, 3948 Development Ave., Boise, ID 83705, Telephone (208) 384-3393.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 15-member Council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in southwestern Idaho. At this meeting, topics we plan to discuss include:

Subgroup reports on OHV initiative, river recreation and resource management plans; Panel discussion regarding sage grouse habitat management; Update on Mormon Cricket EA, treatments and plans for 2003; and Update on the two Resource Management Plans under development in the District.

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the Council. Each formal Council meeting will also have time allocated for hearing public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation, tour transportation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the BLM as provided below.

Dated: July 2, 2002.

Sandy Guches,

Acting District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

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Science Advisory Board Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces a public meeting of the Science Advisory Board to discuss the Science Advisory Board workplan, science strategy implementation, and the framework for the curriculum proposal.

DATES: BLM will hold the public meeting on Monday, August 5, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. local time.

ADDRESSES: BLM will hold the public meeting at the Training Room at the Anchorage Field Office, 6881 Abbott Loop Road, Anchorage, Alaska.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lee Barkow, Bureau of Land Management, Denver Federal Center, Building 50, P.O. Box 25047, Denver, CO 80225-0047, 303-236-6454.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published in accordance with Section 9(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (Pub. L. 92-463).

I. The Agenda for the Public Meeting is as Follows

- 8 a.m.—Welcome and Introductions
- 8:15 a.m.—Director's Comments
- 8:45 a.m.—Department's Comments
- 9:15 a.m.—Science in Alaska
- 10 a.m.—SAB Workplan Discussion and Approval
- 10:45 a.m.—Update on Science Strategy Implementation
- 1 p.m.—Discuss the Science Strategy Implementation Paper and Comment
- 2 p.m.—Discuss the Peer Review Paper and Comment
- 3:15 p.m.—Discuss the Framework for a Curriculum Proposal
- 4 p.m.—Public Comment
- 4:30 p.m.—Adjourn

II. Public Comment Procedures

Participation in the public meeting is not a prerequisite for submittal of written comments from all interested parties. Your written comments should be specific and explain the reason for any recommendation. The BLM appreciates any and all comments, but those most useful and likely to influence decisions on BLM's use of science are those that are either supported by quantitative information or studies or those that include citations to and analysis of applicable laws and