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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### **Final Environmental Impact Statement; Prisoners Harbor Coastal Wetland Restoration Plan, Channel Islands National Park, Santa Barbara County, CA; Notice of Availability**

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to § 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, has prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) assessing the potential impacts of restoring the coastal wetland and lower riparian corridor at Prisoners Harbor on Santa Cruz Island, Channel Island National Park. The Final EIS analyzes the effects of implementing proposed actions that accomplish the following objectives: (1) Recreate a more natural topography and hydrology by reconnecting the Canada del Puerto stream with its floodplain and removing non-native eucalyptus trees and other vegetation which have proliferated in the lower drainage; (2) increase biological diversity and productivity by removing fill and restoring the historic wetland; (3) provide an enhanced visitor experience by installing additional interpretive displays; and (4) protect significant cultural and historic resources.

*Range of Alternatives:* After identifying foreseeable environmental issues with the proposed restoration activities, conducting a site visit, and undertaking public scoping, the Park began developing alternatives for the area of potential effect. The Park assessed feasible extents of area of restored wetlands and considered several project scenarios.

*Alternative A* (no action) and two action alternatives were identified and analyzed.

*Alternative B* ( $\frac{2}{3}$  Wetland Restoration with Partial Berm Removal) (agency-preferred alternative) involves removing

approximately 15,000 cubic yards of fill from the former wetland and restoring 3.1 acres of wetland, removing all cattle corrals, removing a portion of the berm and replanting the site with native plants, protecting the archeological site, removing eucalyptus from the riparian corridor, controlling other invasive plant species, and improving the visitor experience. Under supervision of park cultural resource specialists and after further consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office, the scale house would be partially dismantled, lifted off its current foundation, and reassembled and stabilized on a new foundation in its pre-1960's location. To mitigate the loss of the existing cattle corral complex and other associated features, the Park will build a corral structure similar to the sheep corrals in photos dated c. 1900. The corrals will be adjacent to the warehouse, extending toward the pier and parallel to the row of eucalyptus trees at the base of the cliff, and enclosing the relocated scale house. Design and materials will be determined by NPS cultural resource specialists during the design phase of the project.

*Alternative C* ( $\frac{1}{3}$  Wetland Restoration with Partial Berm Removal) involves removing fill to restore 2.1 acres of wetland, removing six of eight cattle corrals, keeping the scale house in its present location, removing a portion of the berm, protecting the archeological site, removing eucalyptus from the riparian corridor, controlling other invasive plant species, and improving the visitor experience.

In general, the wetland restoration activities would begin with aggressively removing and disposing of known non-native invasive plants such as kikuyu grass, fennel, and eucalyptus. Removal and disposal techniques may include: Hand pulling or excavating by hand or mechanically; chain sawing; applying least-toxic herbicides; and/or burning or chipping plant residues. Next, old concrete foundations, corrals, posts, troughs, and other old features would be dismantled (and removed or reused where feasible). The Park then would remove approximately 250 feet of the low berm that severed the hydraulic connection between lower Canada del Puerto and its floodplain, excavate sand and rock fill to restore a portion of the buried wetlands, and replant the restored area with native wetland species. Work will be initiated in the late spring and completed in late summer or early fall when the wetland restoration area is in its driest condition, so that late-fall rains will initiate plant germination and growth after work is completed.

Riparian restoration in Canada del Puerto would take place in a two-pronged, step-wise approach. In an area of approximately 20 acres eucalyptus trees would be removed (1) from downstream to upstream, and (2) from the hillside toward the stream bank. Woody native vegetation including established oaks, island cherry, and coffee berry would remain. The eucalyptus would be replaced with native species typical of chaparral and island riparian woodland including oak, cottonwood, willow, and maple.

The Park proposes to protect high-value archeological resources at Prisoners Harbor from continuing (though lessened) exposure to stream flow erosion in Canada del Puerto by placement of a small earth, log, and cobble berm planted with native plants, thereby deflecting potential flood waters away from the culturally important area. The island gateway experience for visitors arriving at Prisoners Harbor will be enhanced by constructing temporary wayside exhibits, a wetland viewing bench, and/or interpretive signs.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS was published in the **Federal Register** on June 11, 2008. The Draft EIS was made available on May 15, 2009. Nine written comments from interested individuals, agencies, and organizations including The Santa Cruz Island Foundation, The Nature Conservancy, Santa Barbara Channel Keepers, and the National Marine Sanctuary were received. Four individuals attending a June 23, 2009, open house at the Park Visitor Center provided oral commentary. Comment topics included visitor experience, historical resources, marine resources, vegetation removal, flood flows, and best management practices. All issues raised were duly considered in preparing the Final EIS.

The Final EIS is now available for public review. Printed and CD copies will be distributed, and are also available at park headquarters. Printed copies will be made available at E.P. Foster Library in Ventura and Central Library in Santa Barbara. A digital version will be available online at the Park Web site <http://www.nps.gov/chis> or the NPS Park Planning Web site at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov>. Inquiries regarding the Final EIS should be directed to: Superintendent, Channel Islands National Park, 1901 Spinnaker Drive, Ventura, CA 93001; or by telephone at (805) 658-5700.

*Decision Process:* A minimum 30-day no-action period begins with the Environmental Protection Agency's announcement of the publication and

availability of the Final EIS, after which a Record of Decision may be prepared. As a delegated EIS, the Regional Director, Pacific West Region, is responsible for the final decision; subsequently the Superintendent, Channel Islands National Park, would be responsible for plan implementation and monitoring activities.

Dated: March 12, 2010.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Park Service

#### National Register of Historic Places; Notification of Pending Nominations and Related Actions

Nominations for the following properties being considered for listing or related actions in the National Register were received by the National Park Service before March 27th, 2010. Pursuant to section 60.13 of 36 CFR Part 60 written comments are being accepted concerning the significance of the nominated properties under the National Register criteria for evaluation. Comments are also being accepted on the following properties being considered for removal pursuant to 36 CFR 60.15. Comments may be forwarded by United States Postal Service, to the National Register of Historic Places, National Park Service, 1849 C St., NW., 2280, Washington, DC 20240; by all other carriers, National Register of Historic Places, National Park Service, 1201 Eye St., NW., 8th Floor, Washington, DC 20005; or by fax, 202-371-6447. Written or faxed comments should be submitted by May 11, 2010.

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.

**J. Paul Loether,**

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### ARIZONA

#### Cochise County

Bisbee Residential Historic District, Roughly bounded by the City of Bisbee city limits N. of Lavender Put Mine, excluding existing Bisbee Historic District, Bisbee, 10000233

#### Maricopa County

Northfield Historic District, Bounded by W. State Ave (S), N. 59th Ave (E), W.

Orangewood Ave (N), and N. 59th Lane (W), Glendale, 10000234

Thunderbird Estates and The McDonald Addition Historic District, Bounded by W. Northern Ave (S), N. 59th Ave (W), and W. Royal Palm Rd (N), and including lots facing both sides of N. 57 Glendale, 10000235

Village Grove 1-6 Historic District, Bounded by the canal at 66th St. to the W, 69th to the E, Oak St to the N, Almeria Rd to the S, Scottsdale, 10000236

### COLORADO

#### Montrose County

Rio Grande Southern Railroad Derrick Car, (Firehouses in Washington DC MPS), 2813 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, Washington, DC, 10000238  
82800Q 83rd Rd, Cimarron Visitor Center, CURECANTI National Recreation Area, Cimarron, 10000237

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

#### District of Columbia

Engine Company 19 (Firehouses in Washington DC MPS), 2813 Pennsylvania Ave., SE, Washington, DC, 10000238

Euclid Apartments (Apartment Buildings in Washington, DC, MPS), 1740 Euclid St, NW, Washington, DC, 10000239

Janney Elementary School (Tenleytown in Washington, DC: 1770-1941, MPS), 4130 Albemarle St, NW, Washington, DC, 10000241

Jesse Reno School (Public School Buildings of Washington, DC MPS), 4820 Howard St, NW, Washington, DC, 10000242

Woodrow Wilson High School (Public School Buildings of Washington, DC MPS), 3950 Chesapeake St, NW, Washington, DC, 10000243

### MASSACHUSETTS

Norfolk County Wilber, Charles R., School, 75-85 S Main St, Sharon, 10000244

### MISSOURI

#### Greene County

Rail Haven Motel (Route 66 in Missouri MPS), 203 S, Glenstone Ave, Springfield, 10000245

#### St. Louis County

Murphy, Joseph and Ann, Residence, 7901 Stanford Ave, University City, 10000246

### SOUTH CAROLINA

#### Hampton County

Gravel Hill Plantation, 3954 Augusta Stage Coach Rd, Hampton, 10000240

### TEXAS

#### Collin County

Fairview H&TC Railroad Historic District, About ¼ mi. W of St HWY 5 on Sloan Creek & the former Houston & Texas Central Railroad tracks, Fairview, 10000247

#### Dallas County

Parkland Hospital, 3819 Maple Ave, Dallas, 10000249

#### Houston County

Houston County Courthouse, 401 E Houston Ave, Crockett, 10000248

#### Kleberg County

Kleberg County Courthouse, 700 E Kleberg Ave, Kingsville, 10000250

#### Matagorda County

Luther Hotel, 408 S Bay Blvd, Palacios, 10000251

#### Orange County

Cow Bayou Swing Bridge (Historic Bridges of Texas MPS), SH 73/87 1.13 mi NE of jct with FM 1442, Bridge City, 10000252

#### Tarrant County

Heritage Park Plaza, W Bluff St at Main St, Fort Worth, 10000253

### WASHINGTON

#### Kitsap County

Masonic Hall-Port Orchard, 202 Sidney Ave, Port Orchard, 10000254

#### Mason County

Schafer State Park, 1365 W Schafer Park Rd, Elma, 10000255

Request for REMOVAL has been made for the following resources:

### WASHINGTON

#### Island County

Central Whidbey Island Historic District, 704 S Main St, Coupeville, 73001869

In the interest of preservation the comment period for the following resource has been waived or shortened to (3) three days:

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Euclid Apartments (Apartment Buildings in Washington, DC, MPS), 1740 Euclid St, NW, Washington, DC, 10000239

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