

# Notices

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### California Coast Provincial Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The California Coast Provincial Advisory Committee (PAC) will meet on March 3, 2004, in Orick, California. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss issues relating to implementing the Northwest Forest Plan (NWFP).

**DATES:** The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Redwood National Park Headquarters Conference Room, 121200 Highway 101, Orick, CA.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Phebe Brown, Committee Coordinator, USDA, Mendocino National Forest, 825 N. Humboldt Avenue, Willows, CA 95988, (530) 934-1137; e-mail [pybrown@fs.fed.us](mailto:pybrown@fs.fed.us).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Regional Ecosystem Office (REO) update; (2) U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service summary and update on Findings in the Pacific Fisher, Marbled Murrelet, and Northern Spotted Owl Status Reviews; (3) update on planning for a Province fire ecology/fuels treatment workshop; (4) presentation on the Draft King Range Environmental Impact Statement; (5) Aquatic Conservation Subcommittee report and recommendations; (6) Redwood National Park issues, including Second Growth Management Plan, Fire Management Plan, and a field visit and discussion on Redwood Creek Estuary restoration; (7) presentation on the Healthy Forests Restoration Act; (8) agency and constituency updates; and (9) public comment. The meeting is

open to the public. Public input opportunity will be provided and individuals will have the opportunity to address the Committee at that time.

Dated: February 5, 2004.

**James D. Fenwood,**  
*Forest Supervisor.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Natural Resources Conservation Service

#### Notice of Proposed Changes to Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) of the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Mississippi

**AGENCY:** Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of proposed changes in Section IV of the FOTG of the NRCS in Mississippi for review and comment.

**SUMMARY:** It is the intention of NRCS in Mississippi to issue twelve (12) revised conservation practice standards in Section IV of the FOTG. The revised standards are: Aquaculture Ponds (Code 397), Bedding (Code 310), Dike (Code 356), Irrigation Canal or Lateral (Code 320), Irrigation Field Ditch (Code 388), Irrigation Regulating Reservoir (Code 552), Irrigation Storage Reservoir (Code 436), Irrigation System, Surface and Subsurface (Code 443), Pumping Plant (Code 533), Structure for Water Control (Code 587), Surface Drainage, Field Ditch (Code 607), and Watering Facility (Code 614).

**DATES:** Comments will be received for a 30-day period commencing with this date of publication.

**ADDRESSES:** Address all requests and comments to Homer L. Wilkes, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Suite 1321 McCoy Federal Building, 100 West Capitol Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39269. Copies of the standards will be made available upon written request.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 states that revisions made after enactment of the law, to NRCS state technical guides used to carry out highly erodible land and wetland

provisions of the law, shall be made available for public review and comment. For the next 30 days, the NRCS in Mississippi will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period, a determination will be made by the NRCS in Mississippi regarding disposition of comments received and a final determination of changes will be made.

Dated: January 29, 2004.

**Homer L. Wilkes,**

*State Conservationist, Jackson, MS.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Natural Resources Conservation Service

#### Task Force on Agricultural Air Quality

**AGENCY:** Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Agricultural Air Quality Task Force (AAQTF) will meet to continue discussions on critical air quality issues in relation to agriculture. Special emphasis will be placed on obtaining a greater understanding about the relationship between agricultural production and air quality. The meeting is open to the public and a draft agenda of the meeting is attached.

**EFFECTIVE DATES:** The meeting will convene on Wednesday, March 10, 2004, at 8:30 a.m., and continue until 5 p.m.; resume Thursday, March 11, 2004, from 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Individuals with written materials, and those who have requests to make oral presentations, should contact the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), at the address below, on or before February 28, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel, Page Road, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27709; telephone: (919) 941-5050. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should be sent to Elvis Graves, Environmental Protection Agency, 109 T.W. Alexander Drive, Mail Code C504-03, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:** Questions or comments should be

directed to Elvis Graves, acting Designated Federal Official; telephone: (919) 541-5436; fax: (919) 541-0072; e-mail: [elvis.graves@usda.gov](mailto:elvis.graves@usda.gov) or [graves.elvis@epa.gov](mailto:graves.elvis@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2. Additional information about the AAQTF, including any revised agendas for the March 10 and 11, 2004, meeting that occur after this Federal Register notice is published, may be found on the World Wide Web at <http://aaqtf.tamu.edu>.

#### **Draft Agenda of the March 10 and 11, 2004, Meeting of the AAQTF**

Welcome to North Carolina;  
Local and NRCS officials;  
Discussion of December Minutes;  
Presentation/Discussion of Documents to be Approved by Conclusion of Meeting;  
Subcommittee Presentations;  
Emerging Issues Committee Report;  
Research Committee Report;  
Policy Committee Report;  
Education/Technology Transfer Committee Report;  
Local Research Presentations;  
North Carolina State University—Field Research;  
PM-NAAQS—Air Quality Impacts from Agriculture;  
PM—Implementation Issues;  
Emerging Technologies to Address Air Quality;  
EPA and Industry Compliance Agreement—Update;  
NC GreenPower Initiative;  
Next Meeting, Time/Place;

Public Input (Time will be reserved before lunch and at the close of each daily session to receive public comment. Individual presentations will be limited to 5 minutes).

#### **Procedural**

This meeting is open to the public. At the discretion of the Chair, members of the public may give oral presentations during the meeting. Persons wishing to make oral presentations should notify Mr. Graves no later than February 27, 2004. If a person submitting material would like a copy distributed to each member of the committee in advance of the meeting, that person should submit 30 copies to Elvis Graves no later than March 1, 2004.

#### **Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities**

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities, or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact Elvis Graves.

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Signed in Washington, DC, on February 9, 2004.

**Bruce I. Knight,**

*Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

### **National Institute of Standards and Technology**

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**RIN 0693-ZA56**

#### **Advanced Technology Program**

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice and announcement of Public Meetings (Proposers' Conferences).

**SUMMARY:** NIST's Advanced Technology Program (ATP) announces that it will hold a single fiscal year 2004 ATP competition and is soliciting proposals for financial assistance. ATP also announces that it will hold public meetings (Proposers' Conferences) for all interested parties. ATP is soliciting proposals in all technology areas. ATP provides cost-shared multi-year funding to single companies and to industry-led joint ventures to accelerate the development of challenging, high risk technologies that promise significant commercial payoffs and widespread benefits for the nation. This government-industry partnership aids companies in accelerating the development of emerging or enabling technologies that lead to revolutionary new products and industrial processes and services that can compete in rapidly changing world markets. ATP challenges the research and development (R&D) community to take on higher technical risk with

commensurately higher potential payoffs for the nation than they would otherwise pursue.

**DATES:** The due date for submission of proposals is Wednesday, April 14, 2004. All hand-delivered or electronically submitted proposals must be received by 3 p.m. Eastern Time on April 14, 2004; all other proposals must be postmarked by April 14, 2004, and received no later than 3 p.m. Eastern Time Wednesday, April 28, 2004. Proposals submitted through guaranteed overnight carriers are deemed to be postmarked on the date they are delivered to the carrier.

**ADDRESSES:** Proposals must be submitted to ATP as follows:

*Paper submission:* Send to National Institute of Standards and Technology, Advanced Technology Program, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 4701, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-4701.

*Electronic submission:* Electronic Submission System (ESS)—Use the downloadable forms and the Forms Viewer at no cost at <http://ess.atp.nist.gov>.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Barbara Lambis at 301-975-4447 or by e-mail at [barbara.lambis@nist.gov](mailto:barbara.lambis@nist.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Additional Information:* The full funding opportunity announcement for this request for proposals is available at <http://www.grants.gov>. The full funding opportunity announcement text can be accessed on the ATP Web site at <http://www.atp.nist.gov>. To request a copy of the ATP Proposal Preparation Kit call ATP at 1-800-ATP-FUND (1-800-287-3863). The Kit is also available on the Internet on the ATP Web site <http://www.atp.nist.gov> or through the electronic submission Web site at <http://ess.atp.nist.gov>. Note that ATP is mailing the Kit to all individuals whose names are currently on the ATP mailing list. Those individuals need not contact ATP to request a copy.

*Meetings:* ATP is holding several public meetings (Proposers' Conferences) at several locations around the country. These meetings provide general information regarding the program, tips on preparing proposals, and the opportunity for questions and answers. Attendance at these Proposers' Conferences is not required; many successful ATP recipients have not attended a Proposers' Conference. However, those who have attended said they found the information helpful. Proprietary technical or business discussions about specific project ideas with NIST staff are not permitted at the public meetings or at any time before submitting the proposal to ATP.