

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

The meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: January 4, 2002

Time: 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Cheryl M. Corsaro, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Genome Study Section, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 2204, MSC 7890, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1045, corsaroc@csr.nih.gov.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: January 31, 2002.

Time: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Dharam S. Dhindsa, DVM, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5126, MSC 7854, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1174, dhindsad@csr.nih.gov.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.306, Comparative Medicine, 93.306; 93.333, Clinical Research, 93.333, 93.337, 93.393-93.396, 93.837-93.844, 93.846-93.878, 93.892, 93.893, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: December 27, 2001.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Prospective Grant of Co-Exclusive License: "cDNA for Human and Pig Dihydropyrimidine Dehydrogenase"

AGENCY: National Institutes of Health, Public Health Service, DHHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is notice, in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209(c)(1) and 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1)(i), that the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, is contemplating the grant of an co-exclusive license to practice the inventions embodied in U.S. Patents 5,856,454 and 6,015,673, entitled "cDNA for Human and Pig Dihydropyrimidine Dehydrogenase" to Variagenics, Inc. of Cambridge, MA.

The prospective co-exclusive license territory will be worldwide and the field of use may be limited to *in vitro* diagnostics.

DATES: Only written comments and/or license applications which are received by the National Institutes of Health on or before March 4, 2002 will be considered.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the patents, inquiries, comments, and other materials relating to the contemplated co-exclusive license should be directed to: Matthew B. Kiser, Technology Licensing Specialist, Office of Technology Transfer, National Institutes of Health, 6011 Executive Boulevard, Suite 325, Rockville, MD 20852-3804; Telephone: (301) 496-7056 x224; Facsimile (301) 402-0220; E-mail kiserm@od.nih.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The technology relates to the DPD gene. Cancer patients having a DPD deficiency are at risk of a severe toxic reaction to the commonly used anticancer agent 5-fluorouracil (5-FU). Claimed are DPD genes from human and pig, methods for detecting the level of nucleic acids that encode DPD in patient, and nucleic acids that are useful as probes for this purpose.

The prospective co-exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective co-exclusive license may be granted unless within sixty (60) days from the date of this published notice, the NIH receives written evidence and argument that establish that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

Applications for a license in the field of use filed in response to this notice will be treated as objections to the grant of the contemplated co-exclusive license. Comments and objections submitted to this notice will not be made available for public inspection and, to the extent permitted by law, will not be released under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552.

Dated: December 20, 2001.

Jack Spiegel,

Director, Division of Technology Development and Transfer, Office of Technology Transfer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV-050-1430-ES; N-41565-30]

Notice of Realty Action: Lease/Conveyance for Recreation or Public Purposes

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Partial assignment of 30.0 acres and change of use for recreation or public purposes lease amendment.

SUMMARY: The Clark County School District (CCSD) proposes an amendment to Recreation or Public Purposes (R&PP) Lease N-41565-30 to add 30.0 acres to an existing lease of 12.5 acres and to change the use of the lease from a maintenance facility to a high school. CCSD would acquire the additional 30.0 acres through partial assignment from Clark County's R&PP Lease N-51437 which will be a change of use from a park to a high school. The land has been examined and found suitable for lease/conveyance for recreational or public purposes under the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 869 *et seq.*).

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Containing 42.5 acres, more or less, located at the corner of Buffalo Drive and Twain Avenue.

The land is not required for any federal purpose. The lease/conveyance is consistent with current Bureau planning for this area and would be in the public interest. The lease/patent, when issued, will be subject to the provisions of the Recreation and Public Purposes Act and applicable regulations

of the Secretary of the Interior and will contain the following reservations to the United States:

1. A right-of-way thereon for ditches or canals constructed by the authority of the United States, Act of August 30, 1890 (43 U.S.C. 945).

2. All minerals shall be reserved to the United States, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove such deposits from the same under applicable law and such regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe and will be subject to:

1. Easements in accordance with the Clark County Transportation Plan.

2. Those rights for water line purposes which have been granted to the Las Vegas Valley Water District by Permit No. N-24659 under the Act of October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1761).

3. Those rights for power and telephone line purposes which have been granted to Nevada Power Company and Sprint Central by Permit N-24663 under the Act of October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1761).

4. Those rights for power and telephone line purposes which have been granted to Nevada Power Company and Sprint Central by Permit N-58098 under the Act of October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1761).

5. Those rights for power line purposes which have been granted to the Nevada Power Company by Permit No. N-59318 under the Act of October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1761).

6. Those rights for roadway purposes which have been granted to Clark County by Permit N-59691 under the Act of October 21, 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1761).

Detailed information concerning this action is available for review at the office of the Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas Field Office, 4765 Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada or by calling (702) 647-5088.

Application Comments

For a period of 45 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, interested parties may submit comments regarding the proposed lease/conveyance for a high school to the Las Vegas Field Manager, Las Vegas Field Office, 4765 Vegas Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89108. Interested parties may submit comments regarding the specific use proposed in the application and plan of development, whether the BLM followed proper administrative procedures in reaching the decision, or any other factor directly related to the suitability of the land for a high school. Any adverse comments will be reviewed by the State Director who may sustain,

vacate, or modify this realty action. In the absence of any adverse comments, these realty actions will become the final determination of the Department of the Interior.

Dated: December 14, 2001.

Rex Wells,

Assistant Field Manager, Division of Lands, Las Vegas, NV.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

Water Exchange Agreements With Mendota Pool Group, 2003-2013, CA

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS).

SUMMARY: The Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), will prepare an EIS, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), to evaluate the proposed exchange of up to 25,000 acre-feet of water per year over a 10-year period with the Mendota Pool Group. Alternatives will be identified and evaluated on the basis of criteria adopted to maintain environmental quality and provide for continued agricultural production. The purpose of the proposed project is to provide water to irrigable lands on Mendota Pool Group properties in Westlands Water District and San Luis Water District to offset substantial reductions in contract water supplies attributable to the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA), the Endangered Species Act listings and regulations, and new Delta water quality rules. Providing this water would enable the Mendota Pool Group farmers to maintain production on historically irrigated lands. The project is not intended to increase the amount of water for farming activities, but would replace some of the contract water lost because of increased environmental regulations that restrict water deliveries south of the export pumps at Tracy, California.

Through initial scoping meetings, Reclamation will seek public input on the scope of the project and potential alternatives, or combination of alternatives, for consideration in the EIS.

There are no known Indian Trust Assets or environmental justice issues associated with the proposed action.

DATES: One scoping meeting will be held to solicit comments from interested

parties to assist in determining the scope of the environmental analysis and to identify the significant issues related to this proposed action. The meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 14, 2002, 6 to 8 p.m., in Mendota, California.

Submit written comments on the proposed project scope on or before January 28, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The scoping meeting will be held at the City Council Chambers, Mendota City Hall, 643 Quince St., Mendota, CA 93640; telephone: (559) 655-3291.

Written comments on the scope of the alternatives and impacts to be considered should be sent to Mrs. Judi Tapia, Bureau of Reclamation, South-Central California Area Office, 1243 N Street, Fresno CA 93721-1813; by telephone at (559) 487-5179 (TDD 559-487-5933); by E-mail at jtapia@mp.usbr.gov; or faxed to (559) 487-5397.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs. Tapia, Environmental Specialist, at the above address or by telephone at (559) 487-5179 (TDD 559-487-5933).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Delta export service area of the Central Valley Project (CVP) has total contractual obligations and delivery losses of approximately 3.45 million acre-feet per year. The theoretical maximum pumping capability of CVP facilities serving this area is approximately 3.09 million acre-feet per year. Available supplies are apportioned under a hierarchy of allocation in which agricultural water service contracts, totaling about 1.85 million acre-feet per year, are provided water only after all other obligations are met. Implementation of the CVPIA provided water only after all other obligations are met. Implementation of the CVPIA (1992), Endangered Species Act (1993-1995), and revised Bay-Delta water quality standards has further reduced pumping capabilities and water supplies available to agricultural contractors. Currently these parties can expect to receive a long-term average supply of about 50 to 55 percent of contract water as compared to a pre-1992 average of 88 to 92 percent.

The project proponents propose to pump an average of 27,000 acre-feet of groundwater per year over the 10-year period from non-CVP wells located adjacent to the Mendota Pool into the Mendota Pool to make up for a portion of the annual shortfall in the contract water to be delivered via the CVP. The actual quantity of water to be pumped would depend on whether the year is classified as wet (0 acre-feet per year),