DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

Final Environmental Impact Statement; Prisoners Harbor Wetland Restoration, Santa Cruz Island, Channel Islands National Park, Santa Barbara County, CA; Notice of Approval of Record of Decision

Summary: Pursuant to § 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Pub. L. 91–190, as amended) and the regulations promulgated by the Council on Environmental Quality (40 CFR 1505.2), the Department of the Interior, National Park Service (NPS) has prepared and approved a Record of Decision for the Final Environmental Impact Statement for restoration of approximately 3 acres of coastal wetland on Santa Cruz Island, Channel Islands National Park. The requisite no-action “wait period” was initiated April 16, 2010, with the Environmental Protection Agency’s Federal Register notification of the filing of the Final EIS.

Decision: As soon as practical the NPS will begin to implement restoration of palustrine wetlands and deepwater habitat at Prisoners Harbor, as well as remove a berm constricting natural flows in lower Canada del Puerto Creek, in order to reconnect the creek to its floodplain. Other project elements include removing cattle corrals and relocating a scale house to its pre-1960s location, removing eucalyptus and controlling other non-native species, and protecting archeological resources. This alternative was identified and analyzed as the agency-preferred Alternative B in the Final EIS (and includes no substantive modifications to the course of action which was described in the Draft EIS). The full range of foreseeable environmental consequences were assessed, and appropriate mitigation measures (developed in consultation with Tribal representatives and other agencies) are included in the approved plan. Both a No Action alternative and one additional “action” alternative (Alternative C, which would have restored approximately a third less wetland habitat) were also identified and analyzed. As documented in the Draft and Final EIS, the selected alternative was deemed to be the “environmentally preferred” course of action.

Copies: Interested parties desiring to review the Record of Decision may obtain a copy by contacting the Superintendent, Channel Islands National Park, 1901 Spinnaker Drive, Ventura, CA 93001 or via telephone request at (805) 658–5700.

Dated: July 13, 2010.

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Acting Regional Director, Pacific West Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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National Park System Advisory Board; Meeting

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. Appendix, that the National Park System Advisory Board will meet September 15–16, 2010, in Washington, DC. The Board will have an orientation session on the morning of September 15, and in the afternoon will tour park sites in the National Capital Region. On September 16, the Board will convene its business meeting from 8:30 a.m., to 4 p.m.


Location: The Dupont Hotel, meeting room Glover Park A, 1500 New Hampshire Avenue, NW.; Washington, DC 20036; 202–448–3848.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information concerning the National Park System Advisory Board or to request to address the Board, contact Ms. Shirley Sears Smith, Office of Policy, National Park Service, 1201 I Street, NW., 12th Floor, Washington, DC 20005; telephone 202–354–3955; e-mail Shirley_S_Smith@nps.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 15, the Board will convene from 8:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., for an orientation session for Board members, followed by a tour of national park sites of the National Capital Region. The Board will convene its business meeting on September 16, at 8:30 a.m., and adjourn at 4 p.m. During the course of the two days, the Board expects to be addressed by Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar and National Park Service Director Jonathan Jarvis, and will be briefed by park officials on matters including education, science, funding, and public engagement. Other officials of the Department of the Interior and the National Park Service may address the Board, and other miscellaneous topics and reports may be covered.

The Board meeting will be open to the public. The order of the agenda may be changed, if necessary, to accommodate travel schedules or for other reasons. Space and facilities to accommodate the public are limited and attendees will be accommodated on a first-come basis. Anyone may file with the Board a written statement concerning matters to be discussed. The Board also will permit attendees to address the Board, but may restrict the length of the presentations, as necessary to allow the Board to complete its agenda within the allotted time. Before including your address, telephone 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.

Draft minutes of the meeting will be available for public inspection about 12 weeks after the meeting, at 1201 I Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005.


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