The parcel has an appraised fair market value of $180,000.

The public lands were first identified as suitable for disposal in the 1984 BLM Hollister Resource Management Plan (RMP) and remain available for sale under the 2007 Hollister RMP revision. The lands are not needed for any other Federal purpose, and their disposal would be in the public interest. The lands are difficult and uneconomic to manage as part of the public lands because they lack legal access, and are small parcels, isolated from other public lands. The BLM is proposing a direct sale to the Authority because the lands lack legal access and the Authority wishes to purchase the lands to preserve them as open space. The BLM has concluded the public interest would be best served by a direct sale. The BLM has completed a mineral potential report which concluded there are no known mineral values in the lands proposed for sale. The BLM proposes that conveyance of the Federal mineral interests would occur simultaneously with the sale of the lands.

On March 25, 2011, the above described lands will be segregated from appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, except for the sale provisions of the FLPMA. Until completion of the sale, the BLM will no longer accept land use applications affecting the identified public lands, except application for the amendment of previously filed right-of-way applications or existing authorizations to increase the term of the grants in accordance with 43 CFR 2802.15 and 2886.15. The segregation will terminate upon issuance of a patent, publication in the Federal Register of a termination of the segregation, or on March 25, 2013, unless extended by the BLM State Director in accordance with 43 CFR 2711.1–2(d) prior to the termination date. The lands would not be sold until at least May 24, 2011. The Authority would be required to pay a $50 nonrefundable filing fee for conveyance of the mineral interests and the associated administrative costs. Any patent issued would contain the following terms, conditions, and reservations:

1. A reservation of a right-of-way to the United States for ditches and canals constructed by authority of the United States under the Act of August 30, 1890 (43 U.S.C 945);
2. A condition that the conveyance be subject to all valid existing rights of record;
3. An appropriate indemnification clause protecting the United States from claims arising out of the patentee’s use, occupancy, or operations on the patented lands;
4. Additional terms and conditions that the authorized officer deems appropriate.

Detailed information concerning the proposed sale including the appraisal, planning and environmental documents, and mineral report are available for review at the location identified in ADDRESSES above.

Public Comments regarding the proposed sale may be submitted in writing to the attention of the BLM Hollister Field Manager (see ADDRESSES above) on or before May 9, 2011. Comments received in electronic form, such as e-mail, will not be considered. Any adverse comments regarding the proposed sale will be reviewed by the BLM State Director or other authorized official of the Department of the Interior, who may sustain, vacate, or modify this realty action in whole or in part. In the absence of timely filed objections, this realty action will become the final determination of the Department of the Interior. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised 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 from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Authority: 43 CFR 2711.1–2(a) and (c).
Tom Pogacnik,
Deputy State Director for Natural Resources.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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Notice of Realty Action: Modified Competitive Bid Sale of Public Land in Santa Clara County, CA

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of realty action.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Hollister Field Office, proposes to sell a parcel of public land consisting of approximately 9.27 acres in Santa Clara County, California, for not less than the appraised fair market value of $41,000. The sale will be conducted as a modified competitive bid auction, whereby only the adjoining landowners would have the opportunity to submit written sealed bids to purchase the public land.

DATES: Written comments regarding this proposed sale must be received by the BLM on or before May 9, 2011. The adjoining landowners have until 3 p.m. Pacific Standard Time May 30, 2011 to submit sealed bids to the BLM Hollister Field Office at the address listed below. Sealed bids will be opened May 31, 2011, which will be the sale date.

ADDRESSES: Written comments concerning the proposed sale should be sent to the Field Manager, BLM, Hollister Field Office, 20 Hamilton Court, Hollister, California 95023. Sealed bids must also be submitted to this address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dan Byrne, Realty Specialist, BLM, Hollister Field Office, 20 Hamilton Court, Hollister, California 95023, or phone (831) 630–5021.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following public land is proposed for sale in accordance with Sections 203 and 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), as amended (43 U.S.C. 1713):

Mount Diablo Meridian
T. 9 S., R. 1E., Sec. 34, lot 3.
The area described contains approximately 9.27 acres, more or less, in Santa Clara County.

The public land was originally identified as suitable for disposal in the 1984 BLM Hollister Resource Management Plan (RMP) and remains available for sale under the 2007 Hollister RMP revision. The land is not needed for any other Federal purpose, and its disposal would be in the public interest. The public land proposed for sale lacks legal access and is isolated from other public lands. The BLM’s purpose in selling the land is to dispose of land that is difficult and uneconomic to manage as part of the public lands. The BLM proposes to limit bidding to the adjoining landowners because the land lacks legal access and because the appraisal concluded the land could not be developed as an independent parcel.

The BLM’s objective in limiting bidding to the adjoining landowners is to encourage the assemblage of the public land with the adjoining private land to achieve the highest and best use of the public land. Under 43 CFR 2711.3–2, BLM may limit bidding to certain persons when the authorized officer determines it is necessary in order to recognize equitable considerations or public policies. In this
case, BLM believes that it is good public policy to promote the assemblage of the public land with adjoining private land, because that is the highest and best use of the public land and because it is equitable to provide each adjoining landowner an opportunity to purchase the public land. There are three landowners adjoining the public land; Mr. and Mrs. David Billingsley, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, and American Tower. The BLM has completed a mineral potential report which concluded there are no known mineral values in the land proposed for sale. The proposed sale would include the conveyance of both the surface and mineral interests of the United States.

On March 25, 2011, the above described land will be segregated from appropriation under the public land laws, including the mining laws, except for the sale provisions of the FLPMA. Until completion of the sale, the BLM will not accept applications affecting the identified public lands, except applications for the amendment of previously filed right-of-way applications or existing authorizations to increase the term of the grants in accordance with 43 CFR 2802.15 and 2886.15. The segregation will terminate upon issuance of a patent, publication in the Federal Register of a termination of the segregation, or on March 25, 2013, unless extended by the BLM State Director in accordance with 43 CFR 2711.1–2(d) prior to the termination date, the land would not be sold until at least May 24, 2011. Any conveyance document issued would contain the following terms, conditions, and reservations:

1. A reservation of a right-of-way to the United States for ditches and canals constructed by authority of the United States under the Act of August 30, 1890 (43 U.S.C 945);
2. A condition that the conveyance be subject to all valid existing rights of record;
3. An appropriate indemnification clause protecting the United States from claims arising out of the patentee’s use, occupancy, or operations on the patented lands; and
4. Additional terms and conditions that the authorized officer deems appropriate. Detailed information concerning the proposed land sale including the appraisal, planning and environmental documents, and a mineral report are available for review at the location identified in ADDRESSES above. BLM will send the adjoining landowners of record an Invitation for Bids (IFB). Adjoining landowners must follow the instructions in the IFB to participate in the bidding process. Sealed bids must be for not less than the federally approved fair market value of $41,000. Each sealed bid must include a certified check, money order, bank draft, or cashier’s check made payable in U.S. dollars to the Bureau of Land Management, for 10 percent of the amount of the bid. A bid to purchase the land will constitute an application for conveyance of the Federal mineral interest, and in conjunction with the final payment, the purchaser will be required to pay a $50 nonrefundable filing fee for the conveyance of the mineral interests. If more than one sealed bid is submitted for the same high bid amount, the high bidders will be notified and allowed to submit additional sealed bids. The highest qualifying bid will be declared the high bid and the high bidder will receive written notice. The BLM will return checks submitted by unsuccessful bidders by U.S. mail or in person on the day of the sale. The successful bidder must submit the remainder of the full bid price prior to the expiration of 180 days from the date of the sale, in the form of a certified check, money order, bank draft, or cashier’s check made payable in U.S. dollars to the Bureau of Land Management. Personal checks will not be accepted. Failure to submit the full bid price prior to, but not including the 180th day following the day of the sale will disqualify the apparent high bidder and cause the entire bid deposit to be forfeited to the BLM. No exceptions will be made. The BLM may accept or reject any or all offers, or withdraw the land from sale, if, in the opinion of the BLM authorized officer, consummation of the sale would not be fully consistent with the FLPMA or other applicable law or is determined to not be in the public interest. Under Federal law, the public lands may only be conveyed to U.S. citizens 18 years of age or older; a corporation subject to the laws of any State of the United States; a State, State instrumentality, or political subdivision authorized to hold property, or an entity legally capable of conveying and holding lands under the laws of the State of California. If not sold, the land described in this Notice may be identified for sale later without further legal notice and may be offered for sale by sealed bid, internet auction, or oral auction. In order to determine the value, through appraisal, of the land proposed to be sold, certain extraordinary assumptions may have been made and additional information may be necessary to fully understand and evaluate the potential effects of legal regulations and policies on potential future land uses. Through publication of this Notice, the BLM gives notice that these assumptions may not be endorsed or approved by units of local government. It is the buyer’s responsibility to be aware of all applicable local government policies, laws, and regulations that would affect the subject lands, including any required dedication of lands for public uses. It is also the buyer’s responsibility to be aware of existing or projected uses of nearby properties. When conveyed out of Federal ownership, the lands will be subject to any applicable reviews and approvals by the respective unit of local government for proposed future uses, and any such reviews and approvals will be the responsibility of the buyer.

Public Comments regarding the proposed sale may be submitted in writing to the attention of the BLM Hollister Field Manager (see ADDRESSES above) on or before, May 9, 2011. Comments received in electronic form, such as e-mail or facsimile, will not be considered. Any adverse comments regarding the proposed sale will be reviewed by the BLM State Director or other authorized official of the Department of the Interior, who may sustain, vacate, or modify the rezoning action in whole or in part. In the absence of timely filed objections, this realty action will become the final determination of the Department of the Interior.

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised 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 from public review your personal identifying information, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Authority: 43 CFR 2711.1–2(a) and (c).
Karla Norris,
Associate Deputy State Director, Natural Resources.

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AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.
ACTION: Notice, request for comments.