

Niobrara National Scenic River Advisory Commission. Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463).

DATES: Wednesday, March 26, 1997; 1:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: American Legion Post, 201 E. Buchanan, Bassett, Nebraska.

In case of inclement weather an alternate date is set, as follows:

SNOW DATE: Wednesday, April 9, 1997; 1:30 p.m.

ADDRESS: American Legion Post, Bassett, Nebraska.

AGENDA: (1) Discussion of the counties progress in developing a management council for the Niobrara National Scenic River; (2) Review and discussion of L.B. 656, to provide state funding for operation of the Niobrara Council; (3) The opportunity for public comment and proposed agenda, date, and time, of the next Advisory Group meeting. The meeting is open to the public. Interested persons may make oral/written presentation to the Commission or file written statements. Requests for time for making presentations may be made to the Superintendent prior to the meeting or to the Chairman at the beginning of the meeting. In order to accomplish the agenda for the meeting, the Chairman may want to limit or schedule public presentations.

The meeting will be recorded for documentation and a summary in the form of minutes will be transcribed for dissemination. Minutes of the meeting will be made available to the public after approval by the Commission members. Copies of the minutes may be requested by contacting the Superintendent. An audio tape of the meeting will be available at the headquarters office of the Niobrara/Missouri National Scenic Riverways in O'Neill, Nebraska.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Superintendent Warren Hill, Niobrara/Missouri National Scenic Riverways, P.O. Box 591, O'Neill, Nebraska 68763-0591, or at 402-336-3970.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Advisory Commission was established by the law that established the Niobrara National Scenic River, Public Law 102-50. The purpose of the group, according to its charter, is to advise the Secretary of the Interior on matters pertaining to the development of a management plan, and management and operation of the Scenic River. The Niobrara National Scenic River consists of a 76-mile segment from Borman Bridge, southeast of Valentine, downriver to State Highway 137.

Dated: February 27, 1997.

William W. Schenk,

Field Director, Midwest Field Area.

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Bureau of Reclamation

Proposed Long-term Contract Renewal, Angostura Irrigation District, Angostura Unit, Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, South Dakota

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a draft environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to sec. 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) will prepare a draft environmental impact statement (EIS) on the proposed renewal of a long-term contract (LTC) with the Angostura Irrigation District (District) for water supply, repayment of construction costs, and payment of operation and maintenance costs. A series of public information/scoping meetings will be scheduled in connection with the development of the EIS. These meetings will be scheduled to inform the public of the status of contract renewal; to inform the public of the NEPA and LTC processes; and, to solicit from the public significant issues that should be analyzed in the draft EIS.

DATES: Five scoping meetings have been scheduled for this action. See Supplementary Information section for meeting dates.

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Comments and questions concerning this notice should be addressed to Mr. Kenneth Parr, Bureau of Reclamation, Dakotas Area Office, Newell Field Office, P.O. Box 226, Newell, SD 57760.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Kenneth Parr, Bureau of Reclamation, telephone: (605) 456-2695; e-mail: KPARR@GP.USBR.GOV.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The existing contract expired in December 1995. In July 1996, Reclamation signed an interim contract for the Angostura Unit (Unit). The interim contract will expire in July 1999. This 3-year period is intended to allow Reclamation sufficient time to conduct the NEPA process and negotiate an LTC.

The purpose of this action is to provide for the continued beneficial use of federally developed water associated

with the Unit in southwestern South Dakota. Reclamation is proposing to renew the LTC with the District in accordance with current law and policy while examining all reasonable alternatives to balance contemporary surface water needs within the Basin.

The Angostura Unit, Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program, is located at the southeastern edge of the Black Hills in southwest South Dakota. The Unit consists of a Dam, Reservoir and surrounding uplands, and associated irrigation distribution system. The Dam impounds the Cheyenne River near Angostura Canyon.

The Unit was originally authorized by the Water Conservation and Utilization Act of 1939. The Flood Control Act of 1944 reauthorized the Unit, and construction of the Dam began August 23, 1946, and was completed December 7, 1949. The Unit was authorized as a multipurpose facility for irrigation, flood control, power generation, recreation, and fish and wildlife benefits. The first delivery of water to the District was in 1953 and full service water was available to 12,218 acres of irrigable lands in 1956. The power plant constructed with the dam was abandoned in 1959 due to an inadequate water supply.

In May 1951, Reclamation executed the initial contract with the District for water service from Angostura Reservoir and repayment of delivery system construction costs. The water service provisions of the contract provided a 40-year water supply which began in 1956 and expired in December 1995. The repayment and operation and maintenance provisions of the contract were initiated in 1966 following a 10-year development period and do not expire. In 1996, Reclamation negotiated a 3-year interim contract with the District.

Recreation and land management activities at the Reservoir are currently the responsibility of South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks (SDGF&P) under a Memorandum of Understanding with Reclamation. SDGF&P has documented a continual, steady increase in recreational visitation at Angostura.

The Angostura Unit is within the lands ceded to the United States by the Great Sioux Nation in the 1868 Treaty of Fort Laramie. The Cheyenne River forms the northwest boundary of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and the southern boundary of the Cheyenne River Sioux Indian Reservation. These conditions indicate the potential presence of Indian Trust Assets. The Oglala, Cheyenne River, and Lower Brule Sioux Tribes have responded to

Reclamation's requests for consultations. These Tribes have expressed an interest in the management and protection of Federal reserved water rights.

Management of the Unit affects many of the environmental, recreational, agricultural, and economic resources of the region. The NEPA process required prior to negotiation of a new LTC will provide an opportunity to review the multipurpose benefits of the Reservoir.

Meetings

The following scoping meetings have been scheduled for this action:

- April 23, 1997, Wednesday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., Rapid City, SD, Howard Johnson Convention Center.
- April 24, 1997, Thursday, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., Hot Springs, SD, Mueller Civic Center.
- April 29, 1997, Tuesday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Lower Brule Indian Reservation, SD, Tribal Convention Center.
- April 30, 1997, Wednesday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Eagle Butte, SD, Cheyenne River Super 8 Motel.
- May 1, 1997, Thursday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Kyle, SD, Oglala Lakota College.

Dated: March 6, 1997.

Greg Gere,

Acting Area Manager, Dakotas Area Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Parole Commission

Sunshine Act Meeting; Record of Vote of Meeting Closure (Public Law 94-409; 5 U.S.C. Sec. 552b)

I, Michael J. Gaines, Chairman of the United States Parole Commission, was present at a meeting of said Commission which started at approximately nine-thirty a.m. on Tuesday, March 11, 1997, at 5550 Friendship Boulevard, Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815. The purpose of the meeting was to decide three appeals from the National Commissioners' decisions pursuant to 28 C.F.R. Section 2.27. Three Commissioners were present, constituting a quorum when the vote to close the meeting was submitted.

Public announcement further describing the subject matter of the meeting and certifications of General Counsel that this meeting may be closed by vote of the Commissioners present were submitted to the Commissioners prior to the conduct of any other business. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the following Commissioners voted that the meeting

be closed: Michael J. Gaines, Edward F. Reilly, Jr., and John R. Simpson.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I make this official record of the vote taken to close this meeting and authorize this record to be made available to the public.

Dated: March 12, 1997.

Michael J. Gaines,

Chairman, U.S. Parole Commission.

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LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

Sunshine Act Meeting of the Presidential Search Committee of the Board of Directors

TIME AND DATE: The Presidential Search Committee of the Legal Services Corporation's Board of Directors will meet on March 22-23, 1997. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. on March 22, 1997, and, if necessary, reconvene at 9:00 a.m. on the following morning, March 23, 1997, and continue until conclusion of the committee's agenda.

STATUS OF MEETING: With the exception of the adoption of the agenda and the approval of minutes, the meeting will be closed pursuant to a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors to hold an executive session. At the executive session, the Committee will interview candidates for the position of President of the Corporation and develop a recommendation to make to the Board regarding selection of a President. The closing is authorized by the relevant provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act [5 U.S.C. § 552b(c) (2) & (6)] and the corresponding regulation of the Legal Services Corporation [45 C.F.R. § 1622.5(a) & (e)]. A copy of the General Counsel's Certification that the closing is authorized by law will be posted for public inspection at Corporation headquarters, 750 First Street, NE., Washington, D.C. 20002, in its 11th floor reception area, and will also be available upon request.

LOCATION: The Wyndham Bristol Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, D.C. 20037.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Open Session

1. Approval of agenda.
2. Approval of minutes of Feb. 27, 1997.
3. Approval of minutes of open session of March 8-9, 1997.
4. Approval of minutes of executive session of March 8-9, 1997.

Closed Session

5. Interviews with candidates for the position of President of the Legal Services Corporation.
6. Discuss the candidates for the position of President and develop a recommendation to make to the Corporation's Board of Directors.

CONTACT PERSON FOR INFORMATION:

Victor M. Fortuno, General Counsel & Secretary of the Corporation, (202) 336-8810.

SPECIAL NEEDS: Upon request, meeting notices will be made available in alternate formats to accommodate visual and hearing impairments. Individuals who have a disability and need an accommodation to attend the meeting may notify Barbara Asante, at (202) 336-8800.

Dated: March 13, 1997.

Victor M. Fortuno,

General Counsel.

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Sunshine Act Meeting of the Corporation's Board of Directors

TIME AND DATE: The Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation will meet on March 23, 1997. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. and continue until conclusion of the Board's agenda.

LOCATION: The Wyndham Bristol Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, D.C. 20037.

STATUS OF MEETING: Open, except that a portion of the meeting may be closed pursuant to a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors to hold an executive session. At the executive session, the board will consider and act on the recommendation of its Presidential Search Committee. The closing is authorized by the relevant provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act [5 U.S.C. § 552b(c)(2) & (6)] and the corresponding regulation of the Legal Services Corporation [45 C.F.R. § 1622.5(a) & (e)]. A copy of the General Counsel's Certification that the closing is authorized by law will be posted for public inspection at Corporation headquarters, 750 First Street, NE., Washington, D.C. 20002, in its 11th floor reception area, and will also be available upon request.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Open Session

1. Approval of agenda.