

**DEPARTMENT OF STATE****[Public Notice: 8950]****Notice of Information Collection Under OMB Emergency Review: Affidavit of Relationship (AOR) for Minors From Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala****ACTION:** Notice of request for emergency OMB approval and public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of State has submitted the information collection request described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the emergency review procedures of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (5 CFR 1320.13). The purpose of this notice is to allow for public comment from all interested individuals and organizations. Emergency review and approval of this collection has been requested from OMB by immediately. If granted, the emergency approval is only valid for 180 days. The Department plans to follow this emergency request with a submission for a 3 year approval through OMB's normal PRA clearance process (5 CFR 1320.10).

**ADDRESSES:** Direct any comments on this emergency request to the Department of State Desk Officer in the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and to PRM/Admissions.

All comments must be received by 10 days from publication of this Notice.

You may submit comments to OMB by the following methods:

- **Email:** [oira\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oira_submission@omb.eop.gov). You must include the DS form number, information collection title, and OMB control number in the subject line of your message.

- **Fax:** 202-395-5806. Attention: Desk Officer for Department of State.

You may submit comments to PRM/Admissions by the following methods:

- **Web:** Persons with access to the Internet may use the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) to comment on this notice by going to [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov). You can search for the document by entering "Public Notice 8950" in the Search bar. If necessary, use the Narrow by Agency filter option on the Results page.

- **Email:** PRM/Admissions (Sean Hantak: [hantaksr@state.gov](mailto:hantaksr@state.gov)). You must include *Emergency Submission Comment on "information collection title"* in the subject line of your message.

- **Regular Mail:** Send written comments to PRM/Admissions, 2901 C Street NW., Room 6825, Washington DC 20520.

You must include the DS form number (if applicable), information collection title, and OMB control number (if any) in any correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed collection instrument and supporting documents to Sean Hantak, PRM/Admissions, 2901 C Street NW., Rm 6825, Washington DC 20520 who may be reached at [hantaksr@state.gov](mailto:hantaksr@state.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title of Information Collection:* Affidavit of Relationship (AOR) for Minors from Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala.

- *OMB Control Number:* "None".
- *Type of Request:* Emergency Review.
- *Originating Office:* PRM/A.
- *Form Number:* DS-7699.
- *Respondents:* Anchor parents in the U.S. with children in Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala.
- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2,500.
- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 2,500.
- *Average Time per Response:* 60 minutes.
- *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 2,500 hours.
- *Frequency:* One time per form.
- *Obligation to respond:* Required to Obtain or Retain a Benefit.

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.
- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden of this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.
- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

*Abstract of proposed collection:* The Department of State Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration (PRM) is responsible for coordinating and managing the U.S. Refugee

Admissions Program (USRAP). PRM coordinates within the Department of State, as well as with the Department of Homeland Security's U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (DHS/USCIS), in carrying out this responsibility. A critical part of the State Department's responsibility is determining which individuals, from among millions of refugees worldwide, will have access to U.S. resettlement consideration. PRM and DHS/USCIS are now assisting with the preparation of a White House directive to initiate an in-country program to provide a means for certain persons in the United States who are lawfully present ("anchor parents") to claim a relationship with child(ren) in Honduras, El Salvador, and Guatemala and to assist the U.S. Department of State in determining whether those child(ren) are qualified to apply for access to the USRAP for family reunification purposes. This form also assists DHS/USCIS to verify parent-child relationships during refugee case adjudication. The main purpose of the DS-7699 is for the anchor parent to provide biographical information about his/her child(ren) in the qualifying countries who may subsequently seek access to the USRAP for verification by the U.S. government.

*Methodology:* The collection of this information currently involves the limited use of electronic techniques. Anchor parents (respondents) in the United States will work closely with a resettlement agency during the completion of the AOR to ensure that the information is accurate. Anchor parents may visit any resettlement agency to complete an AOR. Sometimes anchors (respondents) do not have strong English-language skills and benefit from having a face-to-face meeting with resettlement agency staff. The collection instrument (DS-7699) will be available electronically and responses will be completed electronically. Completed AORs will be printed out for ink signature by the respondents as well. The electronic copy will be submitted electronically to the Refugee Processing Center (RPC) for downloading into the Worldwide Refugee Admission Processing System (WRAPS), with the signed paper copy remaining with PRM's Resettlement and Placement Agency partners. Within the next three years, however, it is anticipated that AORs will be submitted electronically only, with electronic signatures, by the resettlement agency to the RPC.

Dated: October 29, 2014.

**Simon Henshaw**

*PDAS, Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration, Department of State.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 8948]

### Notice of Preparation/Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement for the Otay Mesa Conveyance and Disinfection System Project

**AGENCY:** Department of State.

**ACTION:** Notice; solicitation of comments.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this Notice is to inform the public and interested federal, tribal, state, and local government entities that the Otay Water District (District) and the U.S. Department of State (DOS) intend to prepare a joint Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) for the Otay Mesa Conveyance and Disinfection System Project (proposed project). In November 2013, the District submitted an application to DOS for a Presidential Permit authorizing the construction, connection, operation, and maintenance of a cross-border pipeline facility for the proposed project, which would convey desalinated seawater from a new border crossing with Mexico approximately four miles northeast to the District's Roll Reservoir in San Diego County. This Notice of Preparation/Notice of Intent (NOP/NOI) informs the public about the proposed project and solicits participation and comments from interested federal, tribal, state, and local government entities and the public for consideration in establishing the scope and content of the EIR/EIS.

**Project Description:** The proposed project would entail construction of a potable water pipeline and associated facilities to convey desalinated sea water produced in Mexico into the District's service area in southern San Diego County, California. The scope of the proposed project for the purpose of environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) is limited to the portion of the proposed project within the United States. The scope does not include the proposed desalination plant in Rosarito, Mexico or associated pipeline infrastructure in Mexico. Within the

United States, the proposed project would involve the construction and operation of an approximately four-mile long (depending on the selected alternative) potable water pipeline with a set diameter of between 48 and 54 inches, and a metering station within the Otay Mesa area of the County of San Diego just north of the United States/Mexico border. Additionally, a pump station and/or disinfection facility may be constructed if needed.

The proposed project would enable the District to import and convey desalinated potable water from a connection point at the United States/Mexico border north to the District's existing Roll Reservoir. The proposed Mexican desalination plant (not a part of the proposed project) is envisioned to produce 100 million gallons per day (MGD) of desalinated sea water. The District intends to initially purchase approximately 20–25 MGD of desalinated sea water, and ultimately increase the amount to 50 MGD. Due to seasonal variation in demand, the District anticipates that 10 MGD would be conveyed in the winter months, and up to 50 MGD would be conveyed during peak demand periods in the summer months. Numerous alignment (routing) options were considered; however, after initial consideration of environmental and engineering opportunities and constraints, the District has chosen three alternative alignments considered the most feasible, and will address those alignments in the EIR/EIS.

The District will be responsible for approving the expenditure of public funds for the proposed project and DOS will be responsible for determining whether the proposed project serves the national interest pursuant to Executive Order 13337, and if so, issuing a Presidential Permit authorizing the construction, connection, operation, and maintenance of the cross-border pipeline facility.

**Project Location:** The proposed project is generally located in the southwestern portion of San Diego County, in the community of Otay Mesa, immediately adjacent to the United States/Mexico border, east of Interstate 5, Interstate 805 and State Route 125. More specifically, the proposed project is located within the East Otay Mesa Specific Plan, which lies between the Otay River Valley to the north, United States/Mexico border to the south, San Ysidro Mountains to the east, and City of San Diego Otay Mesa Community Plan Area to the west.

**Probable Environmental Effects:** The District will be the CEQA Lead Agency and the DOS will be the federal lead

agency for the environmental review of the proposed project. The District and DOS are jointly reviewing the proposed project pursuant to CEQA and consistent with NEPA, respectively, and will prepare a joint EIR/EIS to identify and assess potential environmental impacts, mitigation measures, and alternatives associated with the proposed project. The District and DOS have determined that an EIR/EIS is the appropriate environmental document for the proposed project because there is substantial evidence that some aspects of the proposed project individually or cumulatively may have a significant effect on the human environment. The EIR/EIS will identify the purpose and need for the proposed project, the affected environment, project alternatives (including the no action alternative), impacts of the project alternatives, and proposed mitigation measures. Environmental issues that may require detailed analysis include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following: Air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions (GHG), hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, noise, socioeconomics/environmental justice, and transportation/traffic. Based on the preliminary scope of the proposed project, technical studies are expected to be prepared for the following issues: Air quality/GHG, biological resources, cultural resources, geology/soils, hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, noise, and traffic.

**Scoping Period:** The District and DOS have issued this NOP/NOI, and are seeking review and comments within 30 days from relevant federal, tribal, state, and local government entities, interested parties, and the public about the scope of the EIR/EIS, alternatives and analyses, pursuant to CEQA Section 21153(a); California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 15082(a) and 15083; and consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations found at 40 CFR 1500–1508). The comment period for the NOP/NOI begins on November 14, 2014 and ends on December 14, 2014.

A copy of this NOP/NOI is available on the proposed project's Web site: [www.owd-desalconveyance.com](http://www.owd-desalconveyance.com). The California Office of Planning and Research is responsible for coordinating state-level review of the CEQA/NEPA document. Additionally, DOS will publish the NOP/NOI in the **Federal Register** pursuant to CEQ Regulations, Sections 1501.7 and 1508.22. Once the