

award those contracts on the basis of "best value" rather than "lowest price" partly in order to encourage this more expensive, but less intrusive method of transportation. Specific transportation plans will be presented to the City of Coronado subsequent to contractor selection.

- Free passenger ferry service exists now between downtown San Diego and NAS North Island. Additional service to the north side of San Diego Bay is on track to begin in July 1996. A new pier will be constructed and a parking lot designated at the Antisubmarine Training Center in San Diego Harbor's West Basin. Initial service will include a 100-space parking lot, to be expanded to 300 spaces as passenger volume increases. Shuttle service from the North Island ferry terminal to work sites on base is already in place.

- Park and Ride sites at Imperial Beach and NAS Miramar are also being negotiated. Key here is identification of sites which are convenient to users. Other actions have been implemented to complement this measure, including prime parking spaces reserved for car pools, institution of van pools, guaranteed rides home for car and van pool riders as well as discounted mass transit fares.

Comments were also received expressing concern that the FEIS did not adequately address cumulative impacts associated with future replacement of North Island's two remaining conventionally powered aircraft carriers and other BRAC related actions. Chapter Six of the FEIS addressed cumulative impacts in quantitative detail, when practicable, for past, present and future projects at North Island and in the San Diego area.

Future Navy projects will be the subject of independent NEPA analysis. The cumulative impacts of past and present projects coupled with the CVN homeporting projects have not been determined to be significant.

Mitigation

The following mitigation measures will be employed to ensure minimization of environmental impacts associated with dredging and disposal operations: (1) Compliance with the permit conditions established by the COE, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, and the California Coastal Commission which regulate dredging operations and define dredge sediment disposal locations; (2) adherence to the "no barge overflow" requirement; (3) adherence to a dredge and disposal monitoring plan for testing and evaluation of water quality parameters, selected chemical

contaminants and measures of turbidity in the water column; (4) use of precision navigational equipment at both the dredging and disposal sites; and (5) placement of all dredged material suitable for beach nourishment nearshore for the protection of severely eroded beaches or a combination of nearshore and onshore disposal as previously described.

Traffic and socioeconomic impacts associated with the proposed CVN homeporting at NASNI are not significant in context because there have historically been three conventionally powered aircraft carriers (CVs) homeported at NASNI. A CVN has a personnel complement of approximately 102 personnel more than that of a CV. The depot-level maintenance facilities would increase personnel complement to an average of 750 personnel for a six-month maintenance availability period every 24 months. However, comparing the full-buildout year of 1999 with the baseline year of 1992 indicates there will be an overall decrease of 330 personnel.

Construction of the 13.4 acre bay fill area will result in the elimination of 13.4 acres of intertidal and shallow water subtidal habitat, including 3.9 acres of eelgrass located in the nearshore area. Mitigation will include the creation of 14 acres of new bay bottom, establishment of 8 acres of eelgrass and the creation of fish enhancement structures in the tidal area. Additionally compensation will include the relocation of burrowing owls from the mitigation area to other areas and the placement of clean sand from the mitigation site at two areas on NASNI to enhance habitat for the California least tern and Western snowy plover. Placement of the clean sand will not occur during the California least tern or the Western snowy plover nesting season. Further compensation for the plant species Nuttall's lotus and coast woolly-head at the mitigation site includes the removal and relocation of the top 6 inches of soil containing seeds from these plants, to another location, free from disturbance at NASNI. Impacts to nesting great blue herons, snowy egrets, and black-crowned night herons at the new maintenance facility site will be compensated by establishing replacement habitat at a site where there would be fewer long-term impacts by NASNI activities.

Questions regarding the Final Environmental Impact Statement prepared for this action may be directed to Mr. Robert Hexom, Environmental Planning, Southwest Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, 1220 Pacific Highway, San Diego, California

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Assessment Governing Board; Public Forum

AGENCY: National Assessment Governing Board; Education.

ACTION: Notice of Information Collection Activity.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the National Assessment Governing Board (NAGB) will submit an Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget for approval. The ICR is: NAEP Consumer Survey Research Study of the Achievement Levels for the U.S. History NAEP and the Geography NAEP.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before February 20, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be submitted by February 20, 1996. Mail to: Susan Cooper Loomis, NAEP ALS Project Director, American College Testing, 2201 N. Dodge Street, Iowa City, Iowa 52243. Copies of the complete ICR and accompanying appendices may be obtained from the NAEP ALS Project Director at the address above. Comments may also be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail (e-mail) to LOOMIS@ACT.ORG. Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file and exclude any special characters and forms of encryption. Electronic comments must be identified by the title of the ICR. No confidential business information should be submitted through e-mail.

Information submitted as a comment concerning this document may be claimed confidential by marking any part or all of that information as confidential business information (CBI). Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. A copy of the comment that does not contain CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public record. Information not marked confidential may be disclosed publicly by NAGB without prior notice.

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