The Review Committee is soliciting presentations from Indian tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations, museums, and Federal agencies on the following two topics: (1) The progress made, and any barriers encountered, in implementing NAGPRA and (2) the outcomes of disputes reviewed by the Review Committee pursuant to 3006(c)(4). The Review Committee will consider requests, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3006(c)(4), to convene parties and facilitate the resolution of a dispute, where consensus clearly has not been reached among affected parties regarding the identity or cultural affiliation of human remains or other cultural items, or the return of such items. A request to convene parties and facilitate the resolution of a dispute must be accompanied by a statement of the decision of the museum or Federal agency subject to the dispute resolution request, a statement of the issue, and the materials exchanged by the parties concerning the Native American human remains and/or other cultural items. To access procedures for presenting findings of fact related to the identity or cultural affiliation of cultural items, or the return of such items; facilitating the resolution of disputes; compiling an inventory of culturally unidentifiable human remains that are in the possession or control of each Federal agency and museum, and recommending specific actions for developing a process for disposition of such human remains; consulting with Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations and museums on matters affecting such tribes or organizations lying within the scope of work of the Review Committee; consulting with the Secretary of the Interior on the development of regulations to carry out NAGPRA; and making recommendations regarding future care of repatriated cultural items. The Review Committee’s work is carried out during the course of meetings that are open to the public.

Before including your address, telephone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your submission, you should be aware that your entire submission—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: June 9, 2015.

Shirley Sears,
Acting Chief, Office of Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation


AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Reclamation and the California Department of Water Resources intend to prepare a partially Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report/Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (RDEIR/SDEIS) on the Draft Bay Delta...
Conservation Plan and Natural Community Conservation Plan (BDCP, or the Plan). The RDEIR/SDEIS will describe and analyze refinement of the resource area analyses, alternatives, and actions, including additional alternatives that describe conveyance alternatives that do not contain all the elements of a Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Communities Conservation Plan that are described in the previously circulated Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Michelle Banonis, Bureau of Reclamation, (916) 930–5676.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On January 24, 2008, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) issued a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an EIS on the BDCP (73 FR 4178). The NOI was re-issued on April 15, 2008, to include the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) as a co-lead Federal agency, update the status of the planning process, and provide updated information related to scoping meetings (73 FR 20326). The April 15, 2008, NOI identified scoping meeting locations and stated that written comments would be accepted until May 30, 2008. Additional information was later developed to describe the proposed BDCP, and subsequent scoping activities were initiated on February 13, 2009, with the publication of a revised NOI (74 FR 7257). The NOI identified scoping meeting locations and stated that written comments would be accepted until May 14, 2009.

In 2008, ten public scoping meetings were held throughout California. In spring 2009, a summary update was produced and distributed about the development of the Plan to interested members of the public, including details of individual elements of the plan (referred to in the Plan as “conservation measures”) that were being considered as part of the conservation strategy. Ten additional public scoping meetings were then held throughout California, seeking input about the scope of covered activities and potential alternatives to the proposed action.

In December 2010, the California Natural Resources Agency disseminated to the public a summary of the BDCP, its status, and a list of outstanding issues. In 2011 and 2012, public meetings continued in Sacramento, California, to update stakeholders and the public on elements of the draft BDCP and EIR/EIS that were being developed.

On December 13, 2013, the Draft BDCP and associated Draft EIR/EIS were released to the public and a 120-day public comment period was opened through notification in the Federal Register (78 FR 75939). That notice described the proposed action and a reasonable range of alternatives. In response to requests from the public, the comment period was extended for an additional 60 days and closed on June 13, 2014 (79 FR 17135; March 27, 2014). A Draft Implementing Agreement was also made available to the public on May 30, 2014, for a 60-day review and comment period, which closed on July 29, 2014. The comment period of the Draft EIR/EIS was also extended to the later date. All draft documents are available at www.baydeltaconservationplan.com.

As a result of considering comments on the Draft BDCP, Draft EIR/EIS, and Draft Implementing Agreement, Reclamation and the Bureau of Reclamation (BM) for the California Department of Water Resources have proposed three additional conveyance alternatives for analysis in the RDEIR/SDEIR. Each of these alternatives contains fewer Conservation Measures than the conveyance alternatives circulated in the Draft EIS/EIR. Specifically, the new alternatives no longer contain the following Conservation Measures: CM–2 Yolo Bypass Fisheries Enhancement; CM–5 Seasonally Inundated Floodplain Restoration; CM–8 Grassland Natural Community Restoration; CM–13 Invasive Aquatic Vegetation Control; CM–14 Stockton Deep Water Ship Channel Dissolved Oxygen Levels; CM–17 Illegal Harvest Reduction; CM–18 Conservation Hatcheries; CM–19 Urban Stormwater Treatment; CM–20 Recreational Users Invasive Species Program; and CM–21 Non-project Diversions. The new alternatives contain modified versions of the following Conservation Measures: CM–3 Natural Communities Protection and Restoration; CM–4 Tidal Natural Communities Restoration; CM–6 Channel Margin Enhancement; CM–7 Riparian Natural Community Restoration; CM–9 Vernal Pool and Alkali Seasonal Wetland Complex Restoration; CM–10 Nontidal Marsh Restoration; CM–11 Natural Communities Enhancement and Management; CM–12 Methymercury Management; CM–15 Localized Reduction of Predatory Fishes; and CM–16 Non-Physical Fish Barriers. The new alternatives are described as a Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Communities Conservation Plan but are structured to achieve compliance with the Federal Endangered Species Act through consultation under Section 7 and the California Endangered Species Act through the incidental take permit process under Section 2081(b) of the California Fish & Game Code.

DWR has identified one of the new alternatives, Alternative 4A, as their proposed project. Alternative 4A will consist of a water conveyance facility with three intakes, habitat restoration measures necessary to minimize or avoid project effects, and the previously described Conservation Measures. Alternative 4A is proposed by DWR to make physical and operational improvements to the State Water Project system in the Delta necessary to restore and protect ecosystem health, water supplies of the SWP and Central Valley Project south-of-Delta, and water quality within a stable regulatory framework, consistent with statutory and contractual obligations.

The RDEIR/SDEIS will also analyze the impacts for two additional alternatives: Alternative 2D, which will consist of a water conveyance facility with five intakes, and Alternative 5A, which will consist of a water conveyance facility with one intake. Both of these alternatives will contain the habitat restoration measures necessary to minimize or avoid project effects, and the previously described Conservation Measures listed above. In addition, the RDEIR/SDEIR will describe and analyze project modifications and refinement of the resource area analyses; alternatives, and actions. Reclamation will be the Federal lead agency and NMFS, USFWS, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, by virtue of their regulatory review requirements, will be cooperating agencies for the RDEIR/SDEIR. All other entities identified as Cooperating Agencies through prior agreements will retain their status for the RDEIR/SDEIR. If one of these additional alternatives is selected as the preferred alternative, it would be analyzed through the interagency consultation process under Section 7 of the Federal Endangered Species Act and the California Endangered Species Act through Section 2081(b) of the California Fish & Game Code. Further, the RDEIR/SDEIS will evaluate alternatives to support a determination of the Least Environmentally Damaging Practicable Alternative by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The RDEIR/SDEIS is being prepared under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and California Environmental Quality Act. Based on project revisions and in consideration of comments received on
the Draft BDCP, Draft EIR/EIS, and Draft Implementing Agreement, the State and Federal lead agencies recognize that additional information is appropriate to address comments and to enhance the environmental analysis. Council on Environmental Quality regulations for implementing NEPA (40 CFR 1502.9(c)) do not require any additional scoping for a supplement to a Draft EIS, and the lead agencies are not proposing any scoping process for this RDEIR/SDEIS in addition to the scoping that has already been done for the draft EIR/EIS as described above.

For further background information, see the December 13, 2013 Federal Register notice (78 FR 75939).

Dated: May 22, 2015.

Pablo R. Arroyave,
Deputy Regional Director, Mid-Pacific Region.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Inv. No. 337–TA–897]

Certain Optical Disc Drives, Components Thereof, and Products Containing the Same; Notice of Commission Determination To Review in Part an Initial Determination Terminating the Investigation in Its Entirety Based on Complainant’s Lack of Standing and on Review To Affirm With Modified Reasoning; Termination of the Investigation


ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has determined to review in part the presiding administrative law judge’s (“ALJ”) initial determination (“ID”) (Order No. 135) terminating the above-captioned investigation based on complainant’s lack of standing with respect to the remaining asserted patents. On review, the Commission affirms with modified reasoning and terminates the investigation in its entirety.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cathy Chen, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436, telephone 202–205–2392. Copies of non-confidential documents filed in connection with this investigation are or will be available for inspection during official business hours (8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.) in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436, telephone 202–205–2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (http://www.usitc.gov). The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission’s electronic docket (EDIS) at http://edis.usitc.gov. Hearing-impaired persons are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission’s TDD terminal on 202–205–1810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission instituted this investigation on October 25, 2013, based on a Complaint filed by Optical Devices, LLC of Peterborough, New Hampshire (“Optical Devices”), as supplemented. 78 FR 64009 (Oct. 25, 2013). The Complaint alleges violations of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337, by reason of infringement of certain claims of U.S. Patent Nos. 6,904,007; 7,196,979; 8,416,651 (collectively, “the Kadlec Patents’’); RE40,927; RE42,913; and RE53,468 (collectively, “the Wild Patents’’). The Complaint further alleges the existence of a domestic industry. The Commission’s Notice of Investigation named numerous respondents including Lenovo Group Ltd. of Quarry Bay, Hong Kong and Lenovo (United States) Inc., of Morrisville, North Carolina; LG Electronics, Inc. of Seoul, Republic of Korea and LG Electronics U.S.A., Inc. of Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey; Toshiba Corporation of Tokyo, Japan and Toshiba America Information Systems, Inc. of Irvine, California; and MediaTek, Inc. of Hsinchu City, Taiwan and MediaTek USA Inc. of San Jose, California. The Office of Unfair Import Investigations was not named as a party to the investigation.

The Commission later terminated the investigation as to the application of numerous claims of the asserted patents to various named respondents. See Notice of Commission Determination Not to Review an Initial Determination Granting Complainant’s Motions to Partially Terminate the Investigation as to Certain Patents (Aug. 8, 2014). The Commission also later terminated the investigation with respect to Nintendo Co., Ltd. of Kyoto, Japan and Nintendo of America, Inc. of Redmond, Washington; Panasonic Corp. of Osaka, Japan and Panasonic Corporation of North America of Secaucus, New Jersey; Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. of Seoul, Republic of Korea and Samsung Electronics America, Inc. of Ridgefield Park, New Jersey, based on settlement agreements. See Notice of Commission Determination to Grant a Joint Motion to Terminate the Investigation as to Respondents Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. Samsung Electronics America, Inc. on the Basis of a Settlement Agreement (Sept. 2, 2014); Notice of Commission Determination Not to Review an Initial Determination Terminating the Investigation In Part as to Respondents Panasonic and Nintendo (Mar. 30, 2015).

On December 4, 2014, the Commission affirmed, with modified reasoning, the ALJ’s determination to terminate the investigation with respect to the Wild Patents based on Optical Devices’ lack of standing to assert the Wild Patents. On the same day, the Commission vacated the ALJ’s finding that Optical Devices lacked standing with respect to the Kadlec Patents, and remanded the investigation to the ALJ for further proceedings.

After re-opening discovery and receiving additional briefing from the parties, the ALJ issued the subject ID on April 27, 2015, finding that Optical Devices does not have standing to assert the Kadlec Patents in this investigation.

On May 7, 2015, Optical Devices filed a petition for review of the subject ID, and Respondents filed a contingent petition for review of the subject ID. On May 14, 2015, the parties filed their respective responses to the petitions.

Having reviewed the parties’ submissions and the record evidence, the Commission has determined to review the subject ID in part. Specifically, the Commission has determined to review a finding related to an agreement discussed on pages 22–25 of the ID. On review, the Commission affirms the ID’s finding with modified reasoning. The Commission also determined to correct certain statements made in the subject ID. A Commission opinion will be issued shortly. The investigation is terminated in its entirety.

The authority for the Commission’s determination is contained in section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1337), and in part 210 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR part 210).


William R. Bishop,
Supervisory Hearings and Information Officer.

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