

**Authority:** Section 7(d), Department of Housing and Urban Development Act (42 U.S.C. 3535(d)).

Dated: January 5, 2018.

**Pamela H. Patenaude,**  
*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-6079-D-01]

### Designations of Chief Acquisition Officer and Senior Procurement Executive

**AGENCY:** Office of the Deputy Secretary, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice of designations.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Housing and Urban Development Act, as amended, authorizes the Secretary to delegate functions, powers, and duties as the Secretary deems necessary. In this notice, the Deputy Secretary of HUD designates the Assistant Secretary for Administration as the Chief Acquisition Officer and designates the Chief Procurement Officer as the Senior Procurement Executive.

**DATES:** January 5, 2018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street SW, Room 5276, Washington, DC 20410-3000; telephone number 202-708-0294 (this is not a toll-free number). Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number through TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice includes the Department's designations of the Chief Acquisition Officer and Senior Procurement Executive. Previously, the designations were set forth in a **Federal Register** notice published on July 30, 2013 (78 FR 46240). Accordingly, the Secretary hereby revokes the July 30, 2013, designations and designates as follows:

#### Section A. Designation of Chief Acquisition Officer

1. The Assistant Secretary for Administration is designated to serve as the Department's Chief Acquisition Officer. Functions of the Chief Acquisition Officer are outlined at 41 U.S.C. 414. If the Assistant Secretary for Administration position is vacant, the Senior Procurement Executive will perform all the duties and functions of the Chief Acquisition Officer.

2. The authority of the Chief Acquisition Officer includes the authority to delegate any of the duties and functions of the Chief Acquisition Officer to the Senior Procurement Executive. On July 30, 2013 (78 FR 46240), the Deputy Secretary delegated to the Senior Procurement Executive certain authority to perform the functions of the Chief Acquisition Officer. The July 30, 2013, delegation of authority is affirmed by this notice, with the exception of any references to the Deputy Secretary as Chief Acquisition Officer. Any functions not delegated to the Senior Procurement Executive remain with the Chief Acquisition Officer.

#### Section B. Designation of Senior Procurement Executive

1. The Chief Procurement Officer is designated as the Department's Senior Procurement Executive.

2. The Senior Procurement Executive shall report directly to the Assistant Secretary for Administration, who has been designated as the Chief Acquisition Officer, without intervening authority, for all procurement-related matters.

3. The authority of the Senior Procurement Executive includes the authority to redelegate the duties and functions of the Senior Procurement Executive.

#### Section C. Authority Superseded

This designation revokes all previous designations concerning the Chief Acquisition Officer and Senior Procurement Executive, including the designations notice published in the **Federal Register** on July 30, 2013 (78 FR 46240). As noted herein, the July 30, 2013 (78 FR 46240), delegation of authority to the Senior Procurement Executive is affirmed by this notice, with the exception of any references to the Deputy Secretary as Chief Acquisition Officer.

**Authority:** 41 U.S.C. 414; section 7(d) of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Act (42 U.S.C. 3535(d)).

Dated: January 5, 2018.

**Pamela H. Patenaude,**  
*Deputy Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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### Agency Information Collection Activities; Oil and Gas, or Geothermal Resources; Transfers and Assignments

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), are proposing to renew an information collection with revisions.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before March 27, 2018.

**ADDRESSES:** Send your comments on this information collection request (ICR) by mail to the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, 1849 C Street NW, Room 2134LM, Washington, DC 20240, Attention: Jean Sonneman; by email to [jesonnem@blm.gov](mailto:jesonnem@blm.gov). Please reference OMB Control Number 1004-0034 in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this ICR, contact Jennifer Spencer by email at [j35spenc@blm.gov](mailto:j35spenc@blm.gov), or by telephone at 202-912-7146.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

We are soliciting comments on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is the collection necessary to the proper functions of the BLM; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the BLM enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the BLM minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware 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 your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Abstract:** This collection of information enables the BLM to process assignments of record title interest and transfers of operating rights in a lease for oil and gas or geothermal resources. Each assignment or transfer is a contract between private parties but, by law, must be approved by the Secretary. The BLM uses information about assignments and transfers to prevent unlawful extraction of mineral resources, to ensure prompt payment of rentals and royalties for the rights obtained under a Federal lease, and to ensure that leases are not encumbered with agreements that cause the minerals to be uneconomical to produce, resulting in lost revenues to the Federal Government. The information also enables the BLM to ensure the assignee or transferee is in compliance with the bonding requirements, when necessary, before approval of the transfer or assignment.

**Title of Collection:** Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources: Transfers and Assignments.

**OMB Control Number:** 1004-0034.

**Form Numbers:** 3000-3 and 3000-3a.

**Type of Review:** Revision of a currently approved collection.

**Respondents/Affected Public:** Assignors and assignees of record title interest in a lease for oil and gas or geothermal resources; and transferors and transferees of operating rights (sublease) in a lease for oil and gas or geothermal resources.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents:** 17,626.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:** 17,626.

**Estimated Completion Time per Response:** 30 minutes.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:** 8,813.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

**Frequency of Collection:** On occasion.

**Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost:** \$1,674,470.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The authority for this action is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

**Jean Sonneman,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Impact Statement and Notice of Decision for Proposed Land Exchange Between the Bureau of Land Management and Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, California

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and decision.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, and pursuant to Section 206 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976, as amended, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM)-Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office announces the availability of an abbreviated Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Record of Decision (ROD) for the proposed land exchange between the BLM and the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians (Tribe). The BLM will issue the ROD concurrently with the Final EIS, but will not implement the ROD until after the 45-day protest period (43 CFR 2201.7-1). The Environmental Protection Agency's 30-day "cooling off" period will run concurrently with the protest period. The Decision approving the land exchange was issued by Douglas J. Herrema, Field Manager, BLM-Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office on January 18, 2018.

**DATES:** A Decision to complete an exchange is subject to protest for 45 days beginning on the first day of publication of this Notice. Thereby, all protests must be written and received by the BLM at the address below, no later than March 12, 2018. Protests related to NEPA documentation or other content of the decision document will be

considered by the BLM. Verbal protests will not be accepted.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit a protest of the proposed ROD by either of the following methods:

- **Email:** [AguaCalienteExchange@blm.gov](mailto:AguaCalienteExchange@blm.gov).

- **Mail:** Field Manager, BLM Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office, 1201 Bird Center Dr., Palm Springs, CA, 92262.

Copies of the proposed ROD and Final EIS for the proposed land exchange are available for public review in the Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office at the above address, during regular business hours (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.) Monday through Friday (except holidays), or on the internet at <https://goo.gl/qyjNJa>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ashley Adams, Monument Manager, telephone 760-833-7100; address BLM Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office, 1201 Bird Center Drive, Palm Springs CA 92262; email [amadams@blm.gov](mailto:amadams@blm.gov). Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The Service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Approval of the proposed land exchange transfers 2,560 acres of Federal lands, appraised in the amount of \$795,000, to the Tribe in exchange for 1,471.24 acres of tribally-owned properties, appraised in the amount of \$845,000. Since the appraised value of the offered Tribal lands exceeds the appraised value of the selected Federal lands, the BLM will make a cash payment of \$50,000 to the Tribe in order to equalize values. The selected Federal lands and offered Tribal lands all occur within the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument (Monument).

Federal land to be patented to the Tribe:

#### San Bernardino and Base Meridian, California

T. 5 S., R. 4 E.

Sections 16, 21, 27, and 29.

The area described aggregates 2,560 acres.

The patent that conveys the Federal lands will reserve a Right-of-Way for ditches and canals constructed by the authority of the United States pursuant to the Act of August 30, 1890 (43 U.S.C. 945).

Non-Federal land to be conveyed to the United States: