The applicant requests a permit to take (harass by survey and nest monitor) the southwestern willow flycatcher (Empidonax traillii extimus) in conjunction with surveys throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. TE-052159
Applicant: Jeff Ahrens, Irvine, California.

The applicant requests an amendment to take (survey by pursuit) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (Euphydryas editha quino) in conjunction with surveys throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. TE-111829
Applicant: Gerald Hatler, Fresno, California.

The applicant requests an amendment to take (harass by survey, capture, handle, larval sample, and release) the California tiger salamander (Eurycea bislineata) in conjunction with population and distribution surveys throughout the range of the species in California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. TE-083763
Applicant: Debra R. Ayres, Davis, California.

The applicant requests a permit to reduce/remove to possession (collect tissue and seed) Lasthenia burkei (Burke's goldfields), Banniopsperma bakeri (Sonoma sunshine), and Limnanthes vesculans (Sebastopol meadowfoam) in conjunction with genetic research, in Mendocino, Lake, and Sonoma Counties, California, for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No. TE-114936
Applicant: Bonnie Nash, Norco, California.

The applicant requests a permit to take (nest monitor) the least Bell's vireo (Vireo bellii pusillus) in conjunction with surveys in Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties, California, for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. TE-067347
Applicant: Crysta Dickson, San Clemente, California.

The permittee requests an amendment to take (capture and collect and sacrifice) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (Branchinecta conservatio), the longhorn fairy shrimp (Branchinecta longijantenna), and the vernal pool tadpole shrimp (Lepidurus packardi) in conjunction with surveys throughout the range of each species in California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No. TE-813545
Applicant: Brock Ortega, Poway, California.

The permittee requests an amendment to take (capture and collect and sacrifice) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (Branchinecta conservatio), the longhorn fairy shrimp (Branchinecta longijantenna), the vernal pool tadpole shrimp (Lepidurus packardi), the Riverside fairy shrimp (Streptocephalus wootoni), and the San Diego fairy shrimp (Branchinecta sandiegensis) in conjunction with surveys throughout the range of each species in California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No. TE-037508
Applicant: Essex Environmental, Carlsbad, California.

The permittee requests an amendment to take (capture and collect and sacrifice) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (Branchinecta conservatio), the longhorn fairy shrimp (Branchinecta longijantenna), the vernal pool tadpole shrimp (Lepidurus packardi), the Riverside fairy shrimp (Streptocephalus wootoni), and the San Diego fairy shrimp (Branchinecta sandiegensis) in conjunction with surveys throughout the range of each species in California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

Permit No. TE-064359
Applicant: Sophia Chiang, Aliso Viejo, California.

The permittee requests an amendment to take (capture and collect and sacrifice) the Conservancy fairy shrimp (Branchinecta conservatio), the longhorn fairy shrimp (Branchinecta longijantenna), the vernal pool tadpole shrimp (Lepidurus packardi), the Riverside fairy shrimp (Streptocephalus wootoni), and the San Diego fairy shrimp (Branchinecta sandiegensis) in conjunction with surveys throughout the range of each species in California for the purpose of enhancing their survival.
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Public Meetings on Development of Proposed Regulations Governing Tribal Energy Resource Agreements

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Title V, Section 504 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and Executive Order 13175, the Department of the Interior (DOI), Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development, seeks to consult on the development of proposed regulations to govern Tribal Energy Resource Agreements. We invite public comments at one or more of a series of meetings between January 9 and 19, 2006.

DATES: See SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section for meeting dates and locations.

ADDRESS: Send written comments by regular mail to Attention: Section 503 Rulemaking, Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development, 1849 C St., NW., Mail Stop 2749, Washington, DC, 20240 or by e-mail to IEED@bia.edu.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Darryl Francois, Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development, 1849 C St., NW., Mail Stop 2749–MB, Washington, DC 20240. He can also be reached by telephone at (202) 219–0740 or by electronic mail at darryl.francis@mnms.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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Title V, Section 503 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (Pub. L. 109–58), requires the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) to promulgate regulations that implement new provisions concerning development of energy resources on tribal lands. Specifically, the Act authorizes the creation of Tribal Energy Resource Agreements (TERA). The purpose of these agreements is to promote tribal oversight and management of energy and mineral resource development on tribal lands and further the goal of Indian self-determination.

The Department of the Interior requests public comment on all areas of concern regarding the development of and regulation of TERAs. In addition to general comments on the impact of Title V of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 on Indian tribes, we are asking for specific feedback on the following issues raised by the Act:

• Issue: The Act sets a specific time limit for the Secretary to approve or disapprove an original or revised TERA.

Question: What criteria should the Secretary use to determine whether or not a proposed TERA contains sufficient technical and programmatic information for DOI to “start the clock” and proceed with an evaluation to approve or disapprove an original or revised TERA?

• Issue: The Act states that the Secretary shall approve a TERA if the Indian tribe has sufficient capacity to regulate the development of its energy resources.

Question: What criteria should the Secretary use to determine whether or not an Indian tribe has sufficient capacity to regulate the development of its energy resources?

• Issue: The Act states that with respect to a lease, business agreement, or right-of-way, a TERA must include provisions that address technical or other relevant requirements.

Question: What are the “technical or other relevant requirements” that must be included in a TERA?

• Issue: The Act states that with respect to a lease, business agreement, or right-of-way, a TERA must establish a process for environmental review of energy development projects in accordance with certain minimum requirements.

Question: What additional environmental review requirements above the minimum should the Secretary require for a TERA?

• Issue: The Act states that the Secretary may make available to tribes to allow for corrective action to TERA-