

FISCAL YEAR 1999 TROUBLED AGENCY RECOVERY RECIPIENTS OF FUNDING DECISIONS—Continued

Awardee	Amount
Housing Authority of the City of Alma, 401 East Twelfth Street, P.O. Box 190, Alma, GA 31510-0190	\$30,000
Housing Authority of the City of Greenville, P.O. Box 83, Greenville, GA 30222-0083	\$5,000
City Of Topeka Housing Authority, 2101 Southeast California, Topeka, KS 66607	\$40,000
Tulane University (Campus Affiliates Program), Tulane-Xavier National Center for the Urban Community, 31 McAlister, New Orleans, LA 70118-5698	\$2,000,000
Dracut Housing Authority, 971 Mammoth Road, Dracut, MA 01826	\$15,000
Muskegon Housing Commission, 1823 Commerce Street, Muskegon, MI 49440	\$5,000
Muskegon Heights Housing Commission, 615 East Hovey Avenue, Muskegon Heights, MI 49444	\$495,000
Hayti Heights Housing Authority, 100 North Martin Luther King Drive, Hayti Heights, MO 63851	\$106,800
Housing Authority of Kansas City, 299 Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64106	\$425,000
Marionville Housing Authority, 105 East O'Dell, Marionville, MO 65705	\$15,000 & \$5,000
St. Louis Housing Authority, 4100 Lindell Boulevard, Saint Louis, MO 63108	\$200,000
Sainte Genevieve Housing Authority, 225 St. Joseph Street, St. Genevieve, MO 63670	\$9,000
Wellston Housing Authority, 1584 Ogdon Avenue, Wellston, MO 63112	\$6,500
Bellevue Housing Authority, 8214 Armstrong Circle, Bellevue, NE 68147	\$9,500
Greeley Housing Authority, P.O. Box 219, Greeley, NE 68842	\$4,675
North Platte Housing Authority, 900 Autumn Park Drive, North Platte, NE 69101	\$8,500
Rensselaer Housing Authority, 85 Aiken Avenue, Rensselaer, NY 12144	\$40,000
Clinton Metropolitan Housing Authority, 478 Thorne Avenue, Wilmington, OH 45177	\$40,000
Springfield Metropolitan Housing Authority, 437 East John, Springfield, OH 45505	\$200,000 & \$165,000
Waynoka Housing Authority, P.O. Box 183, Waynoka, OK 73860	\$4,900
Bellville Housing Authority, P.O. Box 247, Bellville, TX 77418	\$12,000
Orange County Housing Authority, 205 Vidor, Vidor, TX 77662	\$40,000

Dated: March 20, 2000.

Harold Lucas,

Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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Credit Watch Termination Initiative

AGENCY: Office of Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice advises of the cause and effect of termination of Origination Approval Agreements taken by HUD's Federal Housing Administration against HUD-approved mortgagees through its Credit Watch Termination Initiative. This notice includes a list of mortgagees which have had their Origination Approval Agreements (Agreements) terminated.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Quality Assurance Division, Office of Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh St. SW, Room B133-P3214, Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-2830 (This is not a toll free number). Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access that number via TTY by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: HUD has the authority to address deficiencies in the performance of lenders' loans as provided in the HUD mortgagee approval regulations at 24 CFR 202.3. On May 17, 1999 (64 FR 26769), HUD published a notice on its procedures for terminating origination approval agreements with FHA lenders and placement of FHA lenders on Credit Watch status (an evaluation period). In the May 17, 1999 notice, HUD advised that it would publish in the **Federal Register** a list of mortgagees which have had their Origination Approval Agreements terminated.

Termination of Origination Approval Agreement

Approval of a mortgagee by HUD/FHA to participate in FHA mortgage insurance programs includes an Agreement between HUD and the mortgagee. Under the Agreement, the mortgagee is authorized to originate single family mortgage loans and submit them to FHA for insurance endorsement. The Agreement may be terminated on the basis of poor performance of FHA-insured mortgage loans originated by the mortgagee. The Termination of a mortgagee's Agreement is separate and apart from any action taken by HUD's Mortgagee Review Board under HUD's regulations at 24 CFR part 25.

Cause

HUD's regulations permit HUD to terminate the Agreement with any mortgagee having a default and claim rate for loans endorsed within the

preceding 24 months that exceeds 200 percent of the default and claim rate within the geographic area served by a HUD field office, and also exceeds the national default and claim rate. For the second review period, HUD is only terminating the Agreement of mortgagees whose default and claim rate exceeds both the national rate and 300 percent of the field office rate.

Effect

Termination of the Agreement precludes that branch(s) of the mortgagee from originating FHA-insured single family mortgages within the area of the HUD field office(s) listed in this notice. Mortgagees authorized to purchase, hold, or service FHA insured mortgages may continue to do so.

Loans that closed or were approved before the Termination became effective may be submitted for insurance endorsement. Approved loans are (1) those already underwritten and approved by a Direct Endorsement (DE) underwriter employed by an unconditionally approved DE lender and (2) cases covered by a firm commitment issued by HUD. Cases at earlier stages of processing cannot be submitted for insurance by the terminated branch; however, they may be transferred for completion of processing and underwriting to another mortgagee or branch authorized to originate FHA insured mortgages in that area. Mortgagees are obligated to continue to pay existing insurance premiums and meet all other obligations associated with insured mortgages.

A terminated mortgagee may request to have its authority to originate FHA loans reinstated no earlier than six months after the effective date of the Termination. The request, addressed to the Director, Office of Lender Activities

and Program Compliance, should describe any actions taken (e.g., changes in operations and/or personnel) to eliminate the cause(s) of the poor loan performance that led to the Termination.

Action

The following mortgagees have had their Agreements terminated by HUD:

Mortgagee name	Mortgagee branch address	HUD office jurisdiction	Termination effective date	Home ownership centers
Atlantic Vanguard Mortgage dba First Advantage Mortgage.	251 Maitland Ave., Suite 304 Altamonte Springs, FL 32701.	Orlando, FL	01/17/2000	Atlanta.
CTX Mortgage Company	151 Kalmus STE J-4 Costa Mesa, CA 92626.	Los Angeles, CA	11/01/1999	Santa Ana.
Embassy Mortgage Corp	6817 W 167th St. Tinley Park, IL 60477 ...	Chicago, IL	01/21/2000	Atlanta.
Paradigm Mortgage Associates Inc	7845 Baymeadows Way Jacksonville, FL 32256.	Coral Gables, FL	11/01/1999	Atlanta.
RE Mortgage Group dba American Pacific Mortgage Corp.	8141 E Kaiser Blvd, Suite 212 Anaheim Hills, CA 92808.	Santa Ana, CA	01/21/2000	Santa Ana.

Dated: March 21, 2000.

William C. Apgar,

Assistant Secretary for Housing-Federal Housing Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report on the Restoration and Management Plan for Bair Island, Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge, San Mateo County, California, and Announcement of Public Scoping Meeting

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement/environmental impact report and notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) intends to gather information necessary to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for the development of a Restoration and Management Plan (RMP) for Bair Island located in San Mateo County, California. Interested persons are encouraged to submit written comments and/or attend a public scoping meeting to identify and discuss issues and alternatives that should be addressed in the RMP and in the EIS/EIR. The Service is furnishing this notice in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations (40 CFR 1501.7) for the following purposes: (1) To advise other agencies and the public of our

intentions; (2) to obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues to be addressed in the EIS/EIR; and (3) to announce a public scoping meeting. Comments and participation in this scoping process are solicited. We estimate the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be made available to the public by February 2001.

DATES: A public scoping meeting will be held on April 27, 2000, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., see addresses for location. Written comments related to the scope and content of the Restoration and Management Plan and EIS/EIR should be received by the Service at the Newark address below by April 26, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will be held at the Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City, California. Oral and written comments will be taken at the meeting. Written comments also may be mailed to Ms. Margaret T. Kolar, Refuge Complex Manager, San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge Complex, P.O. Box 524, Newark, California 94560; or sent by facsimile to (510) 792-5828.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Clyde Morris, Refuge Manager, Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge, Newark, California, telephone (510) 792-0222.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background Information

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) will manage all State and Federal land on Bair Island as a part of the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge). Lands owned by the California Department of Fish and Game on Bair Island will be managed as a part of the Refuge in compliance with a Memorandum of Understanding.

The Service proposes to restore Bair Island to tidal wetlands. The purpose of

the project is to restore saltwater marsh habitat for endangered species and other native wildlife; and to enhance the public's appreciation and awareness of the unique resources of Bair Island.

The environmental review of this project will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4371 *et seq.*), NEPA Regulations (40 CFR 1500-1508), other appropriate Federal regulations, and Service procedures for compliance with those regulations.

Project Objectives

The objectives of the project follow.

1. Restore and enhance habitat for the endangered California clapper rail and salt marsh harvest mouse.
2. Create and enhance habitat for other endangered and threatened species, and other wetland dependent species if compatible with restoration for the clapper rail and harvest mouse.
3. Minimize disturbance to any sensitive species (clapper rail, harbor seals, *etc.*).
4. Provide for control of undesirable species including invasive plants, undesirable predators, and mosquitos.
5. Enhance the public's awareness of the unique resources at Bair Island by providing opportunities for wildlife-oriented recreation and nature study.

Questions and Issues

Questions and issues identified to date include the following.

1. What recreational uses are compatible with restoration?
2. How will historic and cultural resources be protected?
3. What are the impacts of restoration activities on sensitive wildlife resources?
4. How will invasive non-native and undesirable species be controlled?