



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS AIR FORCE SAFETY CENTER

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MEMORANDUM FOR SAN FRANCISCO BAY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
ATTN: Mr. Mendel Stewart

FROM: HQ AFSC/CD
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SUBJECT: Notice of Potential Federal Interagency Dispute on Final EIS/EIR for the South Bay
Salt Pond Restoration Project

The U.S. Air Force Safety Center (AFSC) requests that the Record of Decision for the South Bay Salt Pond (SBSP) Restoration Project Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environment Impact Review (EIS/EIR) not be signed and action not be implemented until such time as the Air Force has had the opportunity to initiate an Interagency Dispute with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) over the implementation of the action found in the Final EIS/EIR and its impacts to Moffett Federal Airfield.

On 26 April 2007, the National Guard Bureau (NGB) along with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), expressed concerns with the SBSP Restoration Project, stating it created a safety threat to low flying aircraft. In their response to that comment, the USFWS made the determination no such threat existed or if it existed, was minimal. The AFSC, NGB, and USDA respectfully disagree with that position and it is our intention to coordinate through HQ Air Force to the Department of Defense, a request for an Office of Management and Budget (OMB) decision. We stand ready to discuss this matter with you prior to going to OMB to see whether there is any room for compromise. The AFSC believes this issue needs further review from a combined team.

Please direct your correspondence to Mr. Eugene LeBoeuf, Chief, USAF Bird/wildlife Aircraft Strike Hazard Team. He may be reached at 505-846-5679 or eugene.leboeuf@kirtland.af.mil.


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