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AIR BASES ORDER 5090.2A

From: Commander
To: Distribution List

Subj: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW BOARD

Ref: (a) MCO P5090.2

1. Purpose. To establish and delineate the responsibilities of the subject board.
2. Cancellation. ABO 5090.2
3. Background. The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) mandates that Federal agencies shall "use a systematic, interdisciplinary approach to ensure the integrated use of the natural and social sciences, and the environmental design arts, in planning and decision making that may have an impact on mans' environment." The reference contains policy and guidance to ensure that Marine Corps actions with the potential to have significant environmental impacts are considered and assessed per the letter and spirit of NEPA. The Commander, Marine Corps Air Bases Western Area (MCABWA), is required by the reference to establish an Environmental Impact Review Board (EIRB) to oversee NEPA compliance at MCABWA activities.
4. Information. The EIRB will provide recommendations on NEPA issues to the Commander, MCABWA/Commanding General, Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) El Toro and to the Commanding Officers, MCAS's Camp Pendleton, Miramar and Yuma and Officer in Charge, Marine Corps Air Facility (MCAF) Tustin. Further, the EIRB will serve to:
 - a. Assess environmental consequences of significant proposed actions that could affect the quality of the environment.
 - b. Ensure that reasonable alternatives to recommended actions are considered where the potential for significant environmental impact or public controversy exists.
 - c. Ensure NEPA document adequacy via legal, environmental and other staff review.

d. Members of the EIRB are as follows:

Chief of Staff
Staff Civil Engineer
Community Plans & Liaison Officer
Counsel
Assistant Chief of Staff (AC/S), Environmental and Safety
(Chair)
3d MAW G-4
OIC, MCAF Tustin (for matters pertaining to MCAF Tustin)
CO, MCAS Camp Pendleton (for matters pertaining to MCAS
Camp Pendleton)
CO, MCAS Yuma (for matters pertaining to MCAS Yuma)
CO, MCAS Miramar (for matters pertaining to MCAS Miramar)

(The Chairperson will invite other MCABWA department or tenant unit representatives to participate in board discussions on subjects of concern to them.)

5. Action

a. For Commander, MCABWA, the EIRB will:

(1) Provide guidance to MCABWA activities and tenants, as necessary and appropriate, to ensure that proposed actions are evaluated for environmental impact at initial planning stages.

(2) Review all Environmental Impact Statements and make recommendations as appropriate.

b. For Commanding General, MCAS El Toro, Officer in Charge, MCAF Tustin, and Commanding Officer, MCAS Miramar, the EIRB will serve a dual role as the installation EIRB. The EIRB will:

(1) Assist action sponsors in determining the requisite level of NEPA documentation required.

(2) Review all Environmental Assessments or Environmental Impact Statements.

c. MCAS's Yuma and Camp Pendleton installation EIRB's will carry out the functions described in section 5b above for MCAS's Yuma and Camp Pendleton and forward any recommendations to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) to the MCABWA EIRB for action as described in section 5a above.

d. The EIRB will meet at the discretion of the Chairperson.

e. All EIRB members will familiarize themselves with scope and general content of the reference.

f. The AC/S, Environmental and Safety will coordinate the activities of the EIRB to include distribution of all documents for EIRB and staff review, coordination of EIRB meetings, preparation of meeting minutes and promulgation of all NEPA documents as directed by the EIRB and the Commander, MCABWA.

6. Concurrence. The Commanding General, 3d Marine Aircraft Wing and Commanding Officers, Marine Aircraft Group 46 and Combat Service Support Detachment 14 concur in the provisions of this Order.


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Chief of Staff

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