

Section 312 loans, and to redelegate the authority to execute such legal instruments.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 19, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marcia Dodge, Office of Affordable Housing Programs, Room 7168, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410, (202) 708-2685. (This is not a toll-free number.) For hearing/speech-impaired individuals, this number may be accessed via TTY by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8399.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development has delegated most functions regarding the Section 312 Rehabilitation Loan Program under Section 312 of the Housing Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 1452b) to the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development (CPD). That delegation, published in the **Federal Register** on October 25, 1983 at 48 FR 49384, remains in effect today, and is not affected by the delegation from the Secretary herein.

The Secretary has also delegated certain functions pertaining to property management and disposition under the Section 312 Rehabilitation Loan Program to the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner. The most recent delegation to the Assistant Secretary for Housing—Federal Housing Commissioner was published in the **Federal Register** on January 16, 1984, at 49 FR 1942. That delegation remains in effect today, and is not affected by this present delegation from the Secretary.

Pursuant to Section 306(e) of the National Housing Act, 12 U.S.C. 1721(e), Ginnie Mae has authority to service the Section 312 loan portfolio. Although the Section 312 Rehabilitation Loan Program was terminated by Section 289 of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12839), Section 312 loan collection functions must continue, and 12 U.S.C. 1701g-5c transferred the assets and liabilities of the Section 312 revolving loan fund to the Department's revolving fund for liquidating programs.

Most loan management and collection functions of the Assistant Secretary for CPD have been contracted out over the years under various contractual arrangements. Under these arrangements, contractor staff may prepare legal instruments to be executed by HUD officials in connection with the servicing and collection of Section 312 loans. In order to expedite property foreclosures and judgments against the

Section 312 borrowers in default and to take other actions associated with the servicing of Section 312 loans, the Secretary has determined that the President of Ginnie Mae should be authorized to sign written instruments and documents with respect to Section 312 loans, as enumerated in Section A, below, and to redelegate this authority, as enumerated in Section B, below.

Accordingly, the Secretary delegates authority as follows:

Section A. Authority Delegated. The President, Ginnie Mae, is hereby delegated the authority to execute in the name of the Secretary written instruments relating to Section 312 Rehabilitation Loans, including but not limited to: Deeds of release, quit claim deeds and deeds of reconveyance; substitutions of trustees; compromises; write-offs; close outs; releases related to insurance policies; assignments or satisfactions of notes, mortgages, deeds of trust and other security instruments; and any other written instrument or document related to, or necessary for, servicing or collection of a Section 312 loan, including any such instrument related to Section 312 loan servicing-related property management and disposition functions that have not been delegated to the Assistant Secretary for Housing.

Section B. Authority to Further Redefine. The President, Ginnie Mae, is authorized to redelegate the authority delegated in Section A.

Authority: Sec. 312 of the Housing Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. 1452b; 12 U.S.C. 1701g-5c; and section C, Delegation of Authority, 48 FR 49384, October 25, 1983; Section 7(d), Department of Housing and Urban Development Act, 42 U.S.C., Section 3535(d).

Dated: May 19, 1997.

Andrew Cuomo,

Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4245-D-02]

Office of the President of the Government National Mortgage Association; Redefinition of Authority To Execute Legal Instruments Pertaining to Section 312 Rehabilitation Loans

AGENCY: Office of the President of the Government National Mortgage Association, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of redefinition of authority.

SUMMARY: In this notice, the President of the Government National Mortgage Association (Ginnie Mae) individually redelegates to the Executive Vice President, the Vice President of Finance, the Director of Asset Management, and each Ginnie Mae Asset Management Specialist authority to execute legal instruments, including those enumerated below, pertaining to Section 312 loans.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 19, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: J. Nicholas Shelley, Ginnie Mae Office of Policy, Planning and Risk Management, Room 6206, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410, (202) 708-2772. (This is not a toll-free number.) For hearing/speech-impaired individuals, this number may be accessed via TTY by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8399.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Since the Section 312 Rehabilitation Loan program was terminated by Section 289 of the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12839), no Section 312 loans are now being made. However, Section 312 loan collection functions must continue, and 12 U.S.C. 1701g-5c transferred the assets and liabilities of the Section 312 revolving loan fund to the Department's revolving fund for liquidating programs. Although the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development (CPD) has historically administered the Section 312 program, most loan management and collection functions of CPD have been contracted out over the years under various contractual arrangements. Under these arrangements, contractor staff may prepare legal instruments to be executed by HUD officials in connection with the servicing and collection of Section 312 loans.

Pursuant to Section 306(e) of the National Housing Act, 12 U.S.C. 1721(e), Ginnie Mae has authority to service the Section 312 loan portfolio. In order to expedite property foreclosures and judgments against the Section 312 borrowers in default and to take other actions associated with the servicing of Section 312 loans, the Assistant Secretary for CPD and the President of Ginnie Mae have agreed that one or more Ginnie Mae employees should be authorized to sign legal instruments with respect to servicing and collection of Section 312 loans.

In a new delegation of authority being published concurrently herewith, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development has delegated to the President of Ginnie Mae the authority to

execute legal instruments pertaining to Section 312 loans. In this document, the President of Ginnie Mae individually redelegates the authority to execute such legal instruments to the Executive Vice President, the Vice President of Finance, the Director of Asset Management and each Ginnie Mae Asset Management Specialist. In a Revocation of Authority being published concurrently herewith, the Assistant Secretary for CPD is revoking authority previously delegated to certain CPD officials to execute legal instruments pertaining to Section 312 loans.

Accordingly, the President of Ginnie Mae redelegates authority as follows:

Section A. Authority Delegated

The Executive Vice President, the Vice President of Finance, the Director of Asset Management and each Ginnie Mae Asset Management Specialist is individually redelegated the authority to execute in the name of the Secretary written instruments relating to Section 312 Rehabilitation Loans, including but not limited to: Deeds of release, quit claim deeds and deeds of reconveyance; substitutions of trustees; compromises; write-offs; close outs; releases related to insurance policies; assignments or satisfactions of notes, mortgages deeds of trust and other security instruments; and any other written instrument or document related to, or necessary for, servicing or collection of a Section 312 loan, including any such instrument related to Section 312 loan servicing-related property management and disposition functions that have not been delegated to the Assistant Secretary for Housing.

Section B. Authority to Further Redelegate

This authority may not be further relegated.

Authority: Sec. 312 of the Housing Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. 1452b; 12 U.S.C. 1701g-5c; and section C, Delegation of Authority, 48 FR 49384, October 25, 1983; Section 7(d), Department of Housing and Urban Development Act, 42 U.S.C., Section 3535(d).

Dated: May 19, 1997.

Kevin G. Chavers,

President, Government National Mortgage Association.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Western Water Policy Review Advisory Commission Meeting

AGENCY: Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: As required by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given that the Western Water Policy Review Advisory Commission (Commission), established by the Secretary of the Interior under the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992, will meet to hear testimony from environmental organizations, and to discuss draft chapters of the Commission Report and meet on other Commission business.

DATES: Tuesday, June 10, 1997, 1:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.; Wednesday, June 11, 1997, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Thursday, June 12, 1997, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The Tuesday meeting will be held in the Multi-purpose Room at the San Francisco Bay Model Visitor Center, 2100 Bridgeway; Sausalito, California. The Wednesday and Thursday meetings will be held at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel, 450 Powell Street, San Francisco, California. Room locations in the hotel will be posted in the hotel lobby.

Copies of the agenda are available from the Western Water Policy Review Office, D-5001; P.O. Box 25007, Denver, CO 80225-0007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Commission Office at telephone (303) 236-6211, FAX (303) 236-4286, or E-mail to rgunnarson@do.usbr.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Participation: Written statements may be provided in advance to the Western Water Policy Review Office, address cited under the **ADDRESSES** caption of this notice, or submitted directly at the meeting. Statements will be provided to the members prior to the meeting if received by no later than May 30, 1997. The Commission's schedule will not allow time for formal presentations by the public during the meeting.

Dated: May 20, 1997.

Larry Schulz,

Administrative Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Coastal Barrier Improvement Act of 1990 (P.L. 101-591); Amendments to the Coastal Barrier Resources System

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: The Department of the Interior, through the Fish and Wildlife

Service, has completed modifications to the boundaries of eight units of the Coastal Barrier Resources System (System), all in Florida, as required by Section 220 of Public Law 104-333. The purpose of this notice is to inform the public about the filing, distribution, and availability of maps reflecting these modifications.

DATES: The boundary revisions for these eight units became effective on November 12, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the revised maps for these eight System units are available for purchase from the U.S. Geological Survey, Earth Science Information Center, P.O. Box 25286, Denver, Colorado 80225. Official maps can be reviewed at the Fish and Wildlife Service offices listed in the appendix.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Steve Glomb, Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Habitat Conservation, (703) 358-2201.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 4 of the Coastal Barrier Improvement Act of 1990 (CBIA), describes a series of maps approved by Congress entitled "Coastal Barrier Resources System" dated October 24, 1990. These maps identify and depict those coastal barriers located on the coasts of the Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of Mexico, and the Great Lakes that are subject to the limitations outlined in the CBIA. These maps are in the official custody of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Sections 3 and 4 of the CBIA define the Department's responsibilities regarding the System maps. These responsibilities include preparing and distributing copies of the maps. Using the original maps submitted to the Department by the Congress, the Department reproduced these maps for distribution. Notification of the filing, distribution, and availability of the maps entitled "Coastal Barrier Resources System" dated October 24, 1990, was published in the **Federal Register** on June 6, 1991, (56 FR 26304-26312).

Section 220 of Public Law 104-333, enacted on November 12, 1996, requires the Department to revise the maps of the following Coastal Barrier Resources System Units, all in Florida: Conch Island Unit P05, Matanzas River Unit P05A, Vero Beach Unit P10, Hutchinson Island Unit P11, Frank B. McGilvrey Unit P11A, Sanibel Island Unit P18, Cedar Keys Unit P25, and Moreno Point Unit P32.

The law directs the Department to correct the official System maps "to