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NATIONAL PARK OF AMERICAN SAMOA ADVISORY BOARD

A. AUTHORITY AND DESIGNATION.

This Federal advisory committee is established pursuant to Public Law 100-57 1, October 3 1, 1988. The official designation of the committee is the National Park of American Samoa Advisory Board (Board).

B. PURPOSE.

The purpose of the Board is to advise the Secretary of the Interior regarding the management of the National Park of American Samoa.

C. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

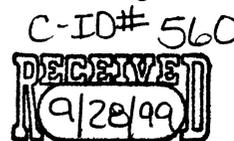
The duties of the Board are solely advisory, and are as stated in paragraph B above.

D. MEMBERSHIP.

1. The Board is composed of five members appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, as follows:
 - a. Three members appointed from among nominations by the Governor of American Samoa; and
 - b. Two members appointed at the discretion of the Secretary.
2. The two members appointed by the Secretary under paragraph D 1 b, above, are to represent interests other than those of the Federal Government.
3. Members are appointed for **5-year** terms. Any vacancy on **the** Board is filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made. A member may serve after the expiration of his or her term until a successor has been appointed.
4. Any member of the Board who fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the Board, or who otherwise fails to substantively participate in the work of the Board, may be removed from the Board by the Secretary and a replacement named.
5. A majority of members of the Board constitutes a quorum.
6. Members of the Board serve without compensation, as such, but the Secretary may pay expenses reasonably incurred by the Board in carrying out its responsibilities upon presentment of vouchers signed by the Chairman.

E. ADMINISTRATION.

1. **CHARTER.** The Board is subject to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. Appendix (1994), except that the requirements of section 14 concerning termination and biennial rechartering are waived pursuant to section 3(g)(4) of Public Law 101-57 1. However, in lieu of biennial rechartering, biennial reviews of the Board are conducted to ensure that its purpose is being achieved. The Board may take no action unless the charter filing requirements of section 9 of FACA have been complied with.
2. **DESIGNATED FEDERAL OFFICIAL.** The Board reports to the Regional Director, Pacific West Region,



National Park Service, San Francisco, California. The Regional Director or a Federal employee designated by the Regional Director, serves as the Designated Federal Official (DFO) for purposes of Section 10 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act to oversee the management of the Board.

- 3. **CHAIRPERSON.** The Board designates a member to serve as Chairperson.
- 4. **SUPPORT AND COSTS.** Support for the Board is provided by the National Park Service, Department of the Interior. The estimated annual operating cost of the Board is \$20,000, which includes the cost of 1/5 work-year of staff support.
- 5. **MEETINGS.** The Board meets approximately twice yearly. All meetings of the Board are subject to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.
- 6. **COMMITTEES.** In carrying out its duties, the Board may form committees drawn in whole or in part from the full Board, provided that the role of such committees will be merely to provide information and recommendations for consideration by the full Board. Any such committees are chaired by a voting member of the Board. Membership on committees and meetings of committees are subject to approval by the Designated Federal Official.

F. DURATION OF THE BOARD AND DATE OF TERMINATION.

Because of the nature of the functions of the Board, a continuing need for the Board is anticipated beyond the foreseeable future.



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Secretary of the Interior

Date Signed

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