



## DMG Meeting Meeting Notes

### *Action Items/Upcoming Meetings*

- *The Desert Landscape Conservation Cooperative Steering Committee will be meeting in Albuquerque September 27 and 28. Fon plan to attend.*
- *The next DMG meeting is scheduled for October 19 and 20 and will be hosted by Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center*

**Program Updates-** The DMG Coordinators summarized the following program update briefing documents.

- [Desert Tortoise Information and Youth Education](#) Kyle Pong, the new Tortoise Outreach Coordinator introduced herself. Kyle's contact information is located within the briefing document.
- [Restoration Workshop](#)
- [Data Management Work Group](#)
- [Mohave Ground Squirrel](#) and the [attached map](#)
- [Desert Landscape Conservation Cooperative](#)

**California Wildfire Consortium-** Dr. Matt Brooks with USGS provided a brief description of the California Wildlife Consortium. The Consortium is led by Berkley and funded by the Joint Fire Science Program. Matt is the lead for the desert region which covers the Colorado Desert and the entire Mojave Ecoregion. Matt would like to use the DMG to help provide technology transfer to the agencies and to help coordinate with the Mojave Desert initiative. For more information on the Consortium, please visit their [webpage](#).

**Raven Mitigation Plan-** Ashleigh Blackford and Jody Fraser clarified some confusion over the scope of the raven mitigation program. The current National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) raven mitigation account is specific to renewable energy development. A second, sister account is available for all other projects. The [raven mitigation document](#) references the renewable energy development projects but does not reference other types of development projects. This is an artifact of the Renewable Energy Action Team's (REAT) involvement. Jody and Ashleigh emphasized that the program was designed and fees were based upon the program's application to all types of development. *The managers agreed and decided that the raven mitigation program should apply to all types of development. Managers, please relay this decision to staff.*

**Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP) Proposal-** Russell Scofield presented a briefing document that he and Fon put together proposing more DMG involvement in the DRECP. It was proposed:

- That under the leadership of the DOD Coordinator, that DMG form a DMG agency mapping team to establish data protocols, identify relevant data sets, and review consultant mapping products for data consistency.
- That a DMG Science Work Group coordinate its scientific development with the needs of the DRECP and ensure that the DRECP is informed of research conducted by DMG agencies.
- To establish a routine teleconference with interested DMG managers to provide information about the DRECP and facilitate finding answers to members' questions.
- That the DOI Coordinator coordinate directly with the REAs to ensure information exchange and sharing of products.
- That the DMG MGS conservation strategy development continue as a separate "broader than renewable energy" process and closely coordinate with the DRECP process.

Gerry Hillier asked that clarification be added that participation in the DMG did not tacitly imply support for or implementation of the DRECP. *After discussion, the managers decided to approve the document.* Changes have since been made to the [document](#) to reflect Gerry's concern. The Renewable Energy Action Team (REAT) must now review the proposal.

**Preliminary DMG FY 2012 Work Plan Review-** Russell and Fon reviewed a table [of DMG programs and activities](#) to be included in the DMG's FY 2012 Work Plan. *The managers decided the items on the table for inclusion in the work plan.* Fon and Russell will complete a draft work plan for approval at the October DMG meeting.

### **Upcoming DMG Meetings**

*October 19 and 20 hosted by Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center*

*It was decided that the winter meeting should be a conference call in January.*