



Conservation Land Acquisition Work Group Meeting Notes

January 19, 2012

Meeting Goals

1. Discuss options to move forward with the Black Mountain Supersonic Corridor REPI project
2. Scope and discuss collaborative projects where the CLAWG could add value
3. Learn about the NPS Rivers Trails and Conservation Assistance Program and discuss how it could assist the CLAWG

Mapping Update- MDEP provided an update on the CLAWG map. A few new layers exist including data from the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan. It was noted that the standard color pallet should be used not just for the CLAWG map but for all MDEP products as well. There was discussion of the ability to include cultural data and to have that section password protected. There was also interest in setting up a mapping subgroup that could identify additional functionality for the CLAWG map. Anne Kerns, Mojave Desert Land Trust, and possibly MaLisa Martin from RTCA expressed an interest in the subgroup. Should you require map access, please contact [Fon Duke](#).

Willing Seller Database- So far no one has submitted data for the potential willing seller database. If you have willing seller information for parcels you don't plan to act upon, please send the information to [Fon Duke](#) for inclusion in the database. The information will be made available in a password protected spreadsheet on the [CLAWG webpage](#).

Rivers Trails Conservation Assistance Program (RTCA)- RTCA is a National Park Service technical assistance program that helps communities and groups focus conservation and open space initiatives. RTCA can provide facilitation and other technical assistance but does not make project grants. RTCA provided assistance to the Barstow Desert Discovery Center and to Transition Habitat Conservancy. Possible rolls for RTCA work with the CLAWG could involve facilitation of specific acquisition projects. All RTCA assistance is granted on a competitive basis. More information about RTCA is available by [clicking](#).

Black Mountain Supersonic Corridor Project (BMSSC)- There was lengthy discussion as to the possibilities of pushing the BMSSC REPI project forward. Russell proposed that a final attempt be made to execute the project by pulling together Transition Habitat Conservancy, Edwards, Navy, and California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) to see if we can use SB34 funding to leverage REPI. Russell and RTCA will provide facilitation as needed.