



**DMG Executive Committee Meeting
Draft Agenda
November 30, 2010
San Diego**

10:00 AM Welcome, Introductions- Mike Shulters, USGS Pacific Southwest Area Executive

10:15AM Overview and History of DMG- Dennis Schramm, Mojave National Preserve Superintendent

Formed in 1994 as a Reinvention of Government Laboratory, DMG is a DOD, DOI, State, and county partnership with the vision of working together to conserve and enhance the California Desert for current and future generations. The DMG was chartered in 2000 and rechartered in 2005.

10:45 AM Desert Tortoise Recovery- Roy Averill-Murray, FWS Desert Tortoise Recovery Coordinator

- Desert Tortoise Recovery Plan Implementation
- Desert Tortoise Information and Youth Education

The wide-ranging desert tortoise is listed as threatened by both the federal and California Endangered Species Acts. Because no one agency will be able to recover the desert tortoise, agencies will need to coordinate recovery implementation. Desert tortoise education, especially targeting youth, is a high priority recovery action and transcends agency boundaries.

11:15 AM Overview of Desert Landscape Conservation Cooperative- Russell Scofield, DMG DOI Coordinator

Landscape Conservation Cooperatives (LCC) are a DOI initiative and have the primary role of building scientist-manager partnerships that coordinate, prioritize, and fund landscape research that informs on-the-ground conservation within a geographic region. We are in the Desert LCC and DMG will provide the ideal framework to establish the LCC in this region.

11:30 AM Conservation Land Acquisition Work Group- Edwards Air Force Base

DMG chartered the Conservation Land Acquisition Work Group (CLAWG) in to coordinate the many conservation land acquisition programs in the desert. These programs include the DOD Readiness and Environmental Protection Initiative (REPI), Land and Water Conservation Fund acquisitions, land trusts, and mitigation. Opportunities now exist to coordinate with solar development mitigation to achieve common program goals.

11:45 AM Mohave Ground Squirrel-

Mohave ground squirrel (MGS) occurs in the West Mojave and is listed as threatened under the California Endangered Species Act. MGS has been petitioned for federal listing and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is conducting a twelve-month status review of the species. DMG is working with partners to develop a conservation strategy that could adequately conserve MGS in lieu of federal listing.

12:00 PM Lunch On site- Showing of USGS film *The Heat is on Desert Tortoises and Survival*

1:00 PM Mojave Desert Ecosystem Program- Fon Duke, DMG DOD Coordinator

- DMG websites
- Mojavedata.gov

The Mojave Desert Ecosystem Program (MDEP) is the central data repository and IT support group for the DMG and the Mojave Desert. From Geographic Information Systems (GIS) data to mobile data collection solutions, MDEP spans the digital domain to provide support services. MDEP works with DMG partners as well as other agencies and non-government organizations to consolidate, organize, and provide relevant information to DMG partners and stakeholders.

1:15 PM DMG Charter Review and Approval-

DMG's Chartered must be reviewed every five years. The Desert Managers are recommending minor changes to the Charter.

1:45PM DMG Strategic Plan Review and Approval- Teri Raml, BLM California Desert District Manager

DMG's Five-year plan has been revised as a Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan reflects Administration and agency objectives. DMG work plans will be derived from the Strategic Plan.

2:15 PM Executive Perspectives

3:00 PM Adjourn

Regular DMG meeting will occur the following day.