

Agenda
DESERT MANAGERS GROUP MEETING
March 4-5, 2003
Doral Palm Springs Resort

March 4, 2004

9:00 am Introductions and Review/Modify agenda (Kenna)

9:15 am Welcome and Overview of Palm Springs Field Office (Kenna)

9:30 am Desert Tortoise Recovery

- Clarify Expectations and Desired Outcomes for the Day (Kenna) (15 min)
- Results of the MOG meeting (Williams) (15 min)
 - o Recovery plan review - process and timeframe
 - o Science Committee
 - o DOD/DOI MOA
 - o other
- Review Status of DT Action Items (15 min each)
 - o Tortoise Disease Management - next steps/action items (Jones)
 - o DT Population Monitoring - next steps (Williams)
 - o Effectiveness Monitoring - next steps (Kenna)
 - o Raven Management Plan - next steps (Benz)
 - o Feral Dog Management - next steps (Jones)
 - o Stakeholder Discussions and Participation -(Hamill/Williams)
 - o Public Education and Outreach - next steps - (Sanchez/Zarki)
- Public Comment on Executive Session (Kenna) (15 min)

12:00 noon Lunch

1:15 pm **Executive Session (Managers and Staff only)** - Desert Tortoise Recovery Action Implementation/ Budget Strategies (Todd Jones, National Conservation Training Center)

4:30 pm Adjourn

5:30 pm -- Social event and dinner to follow at the Top of the Palm Springs Tram. (Dinner at 6:30 pm)

8:30 pm -- Return to Palm Springs

March 5, 2003

8:00 am Arid Lands Restoration Conference

- Managers will attend the opening session of the Arid SW Lands Restoration Conference

10:00 Break

10:15 am Report on Executive Session (Kenna)

10:30 am Californiadesert.gov (Everly)

- Response to request for input to Californiadesert.gov
- Next steps

10:45 am Hazmat Work Group Report (Key/Brown)

- Dump prevention plan
- Work group update

11:00 am Habitat Restoration Report (Scofield)

- Mojave Weed Management Area Long Range Plan (Val Page)
- RVDE Project Update (Scofield)
- San Felipe/San Sabastian Watershed update (Thomsen/Van Cleve)

11:45 am PACRAT Report (Thomsen)

- Future plans/activities

Noon -- Lunch

1:15 pm Water Work Group (Kearns)

- Level 1 spring inventory protocols and field studies

1:30 pm Review/Finalize 5-Year Plan(Hamill/Everly)

2:15 pm Soil Survey Update (David Smith, USDA-NRCS)

2:45 pm Point Reyes Bird Observatory Bird plan for the Cal desert (Chris McCreehy, PRBO)

3:15 pm Break

3:30 pm DMG Roundtable reports (Group)

4:30 pm Next Meetings

- June 18-19, 2003, Big Bear, CA Host: Max Copenhagen
 - o Request date change
- Spring Meeting, location/host to be determined

4:40 pm Adjourn

6:30 pm Restoration Conference Social Mixer - Doran Palm Spring Resort