



**Final Agenda  
April 27-28, 2005  
Ridgecrest, CA**

**April 27- Open to stakeholders**

- 9:00 am Welcome/Introductions (John O’Gara, Hector Villalobos, Jon McQuiston)
- 9:10 am NAWS China Lake and BLM mission and activities (Capt. Gleason and Villalobos)
- 9:40 am Habitat Restoration and Illegal Dump Report (Russ Scofield)
- Riparian Habitat Restoration Strategy and funding proposals
  - Lower desert WMA update
  - Saharan Mustard runs wild
- 10:10 am Valley Wells Rest Area design and next steps (Elaine Downing/Ray Dresselle)
- 10:30 pm Mojave Ground Squirrel Conservation (Becky Jones/Larry LaPre)
- 11:00 am Stakeholder comments
- 11:15 am Break
- 11:30 am Desert Tortoise (DT) Recovery Action Reports
- DT Education and Outreach Project Update (Zarki) – 15 min
  - Feral Dog Management Plan update (Black/Leo Grillo-DELTA Rescue)- 15 min
  - Raven Management EA (Fesnock/FWS)- 15 min
  - DT Implementation/Planning Work Group report (Hamill) --15 min
- 12:30 pm Next Meetings
- Summer meeting: July, 2005 Ventura, CA. Host: FWS
  - Fall Meeting: date, location and host TBD
- 12:40 pm Stakeholder Comments
- 1:00 pm Lunch/Field Trip
- 5:30 pm Return from field trip
- 6:00 pm Barbeque at the Ridgecrest Wild Horse and Burro Corrals

**April 28—DMG members and staff only**

- 8:00 am Follow up from day 1 (Villalobos and O’Gara)
- 8:20 am DMG update (Coordinators)
- 5 year plan
  - County government participation in DMG
  - wilderness training
  - upcoming events
  - Scenic Byways Feasibility Meeting
  - [www.californiadesert.gov](http://www.californiadesert.gov) Meeting
- 8:40 am Kinder Morgan pipeline spill- lessons learned (John Key)
- 9:00 am Ivanpah Airport development plans (Mike Loghides, Clark County Aviation Dept)
- 9:20 am Break
- 9:35 am California Desert Conservation Fund (Claire Thorpe-NFWF/Hamill)
- 10:00 am Mojave Desert Historic Resources GIS database Update (Bryson)
- 10:15 am USGS Science and Research Reports (Karen Phillips)
- 10:30 am DMG Charter and MOU (Everly and Hamill)
- Review recommended changes/finalize draft
  - Next steps
- 11:45 am Lunch
- 12:45 pm Desert Tortoise
- Monitoring and Blood Sampling Update (Averill-Murray) – 15 min
  - Monitoring Agreement/MOU (Hamill/BLM) – 15 min
  - DT Recovery Coordination (Williams) – 15 min
- 1:30 pm DMG Executive Coordination Meeting (Hamill and Everly)
- Agenda and Action Items
  - Speakers and Participants
- 2:00pm Roundtable Report (Managers)
- 2:30 pm California Desert Interagency Fire Operations Plan (Tom Patterson)
- Background
  - Issues and Concerns
  - Approval/ Next steps
- 3:30 pm Adjourn



**Meeting Action Items**  
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**Saharan Mustard workshop:** Approve DMG co-sponsoring a 1 day workshop in the summer of 2005 to discuss the spread and control of Saharan mustard in the California desert.

**DT Education and Outreach Project:** *Approve Work Group Charter*

**Raven Management EA:** *Concur in scope and direction of the EA as described in the Environmental Screening Form*

**Summer DMG meeting-- July ??, 2005 Ventura, CA Host: FWS:** *Agree on new date for the Summer DMG meeting*

**Fall DMG Meeting:** *Agree on the date, location and host for the Fall DMG meeting*

**Scenic Byway Feasibility meeting:** *identify managers and staff to participate in a one day meeting to assess the feasibility and benefits of designating scenic byways in the California desert*

**www.californiadesert.gov meeting:** *: identify managers and staff to participate in a one day meeting to review the website and prepare recommendations for consideration by the DMG.*

**California Desert Conservation Fund:** *Provide the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation a vote of support for and concur with their efforts to secure seed funding to establish a California Desert Conservation Fund.*

**DMG Charter and MOU:** *Review recommended changes and agree upon a draft Charter and MOU for presentation to the DMG Executives*

**Desert Tortoise Monitoring Agreement/MOU:** *Approve the development of a MOU that identifies roles, responsibilities, deliverables, etc. that are associated with the interagency desert tortoise monitoring effort*

**DMG Executive Coordination Meeting:** *Agree on the agenda, action items, and presenters at the May 24 DMG executive Coordination Meeting*

**California Desert BLM/NPS Interagency Fire Operations Plan (NPS Superintendents and BLM Field Managers):** *Sign the proposed Interagency Fire Operations Plan or identify issues which need to be resolved*