

August 22, 2002

Memorandum

To: Desert Managers Group and Interested Parties

From: John Hamill, Executive Coordinator California Desert Management Project, Department of the Interior
Clarence Everly, Department Of Defense Coordinator

Subject: Desert Managers Group Meeting, September 11-12, 2002, Marine Corp Air Ground Combat Center, 29 Palms, CA

This is final confirmation of the next DMG meeting that will be held in the Commanding General's Conference Room at the Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command (MAGTFTC), Twentynine Palms, CA on September 11-12, 2002. The meeting will begin at 0930 on September 11 and adjourn at 1530 on September 12. Information on lodging, meeting logistics and directions are available at <http://dmg.gov/announcements.html>.

A preliminary meeting agenda is attached. If you have input on the agenda, please contact us. Meeting review materials will be sent out in early September.

Security considerations on military installations are very high. To provide easy access to MAGTFTC for our upcoming meeting, the Installation Provost Marshal (Military Police) requests that attendees provide the following information.

1. Names
2. Drivers License State and #
3. Addresses
4. Vehicle Make/Model/License # and State (vehicle you will use to attend mtg)
5. Insurance Company Name and policy #

For those individuals driving federal or state agency vehicles to the meeting please provide the following information:

1. Name of driver
2. license plate number
3. agency

Please submit the above information to Cyn LaFever at clafever@mojavedata.gov no later than close of business, 3 September, 2002. For those that provide the above information, access passes will be prepared in advance and you will only need to show the following to pick up your pass at the main gate:

1. License
2. Registration
3. Insurance

Those individuals not able to provide the above information prior to 3 September will still be allowed access to the installation for meeting purposes. However, the same information will be required and you will have to fill out the necessary paper work at the front gate on the day of your arrival.

Major Bruce Soderberg and his wife have graciously consented to hold a no host reception at their home on MAGTFTC the evening of 11 September 2002. Bruce requests that you RSVP to Clarence Everly by phone (760-255-8896) or email (everlyc@mojavedata.gov) no later than 5 September 2002.

If you need additional information, please contact John Hamill at 760-255-8888, or Clarence Everly at 760-255-8896. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Preliminary Agenda
DESERT MANAGERS GROUP MEETING
September 11-12, 2002
Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command
Twentynine Palms, CA

September 11, 2002

- 0930 Introductions and Review/Modify agenda (Hamill and Everly)
- 0945 Welcome and MAGTFTC Mission/Operations (Soderberg)
- 1030 Desert Tortoise Population/Monitoring Update(Becky Jones and Phil Medica)
- 1100 GAO Audit of the Desert Tortoise (GAO -- tentative)
- Summary of findings
 - FWS response
 - Discussion - implications for the DMG
- Noon - Lunch
- 1300 Desert Tortoise Political Update (Bob Williams)
- IG Audit
 - GPRA
 - Congressional Inquiry
- 1315 MOG/MOG TAC Meeting Summary and Next Steps (Bob Williams)
- 1345 University of Redlands Desert Tortoise Project (Mark Sorenson/Jill Heaton)
- Review of agency land management plans (RI)
- 1430 Break
- 1445 DMG Tortoise Strategy and Presentation to MOG (Kenna)
- AD Hoc Desert Tortoise Work Group Recommendations
 - o Discussion and approval
 - Implementation of Work Group Recommendations
 - o Identify lead, staff/funding, schedule
 - o Budget strategy
 - Next steps
- 1700 Adjourn
- 1730 Social Function to be announced

September 12, 2002

- 0800 Cal Desert Fund (Tentative)
- Update (Brunner)
 - Options for establishing a CDF
 - Next steps
- 0900 DMG Chair - final resolution (Hamill)
- 0915 Executive Coordination Meeting - when/scope and objectives (Hamill)
- 0945 Break

1000 Boxer Wilderness Bill (Evanko)

1015 DIRT Report (Zarki)

- Caldesert.gov update
- DT info education
- DIRT participation/work plan

1045 Overflight Work Group Report

- Brochure Status
- Other

1100 PACRAT report(Thomsen)

- Data Sharing and CHRIS/GIS
- Conference proceedings

1115 Burro Update (Sjaastad)

- FY 02 Accomplishments
- FY 03 draft work plan
- Population census protocols

1145 Hazmat Work Group Report (Key)

- New Vice Chair - Garry Brown (Cal EPA)
- Status of clean up and prevention efforts
- Draft FY 03 Work plan

Noon Lunch

1300 Habitat Restoration Report (Scofield)

- San Felipe Watershed Partnership
- Mojave River Partnership
- Restoration conference/workshop
- Weed Management Area MOU and activities

1330 Coordinated Natural Resource Monitoring update (Kenna/Hughson)

- Summary of climate data
- Next steps

1400 Water Work Group Report (Kearns)

- Field form/data base revision
- FY 02 accomplishments
- FY 03 activities
- Next steps

1415 Research Work Group Update (Hughson)

1430 Meeting Summary (Everly)

1445 Next Meetings

- December 3-4, 2002, Needles, CA Host: Molly Brady
- Winter Meeting, location/host to be determined

1500 Adjourn