

Desert Managers Group - Hazardous Materials Work Group  
(DMG-HMWG) Meeting Minutes  
Bureau of Land Management - Ridgecrest Field Office  
Ridgecrest, California  
August 20, 2002 10:00 A.M.

After introductions, the meeting was opened by Co-Chair Garry Brown at 10:00 A.M.

Eight people were in attendance: BLM ( 4 - John Key, Russell Scofield, Charles Sullivan, and Peter Graves), NPS (1 - Gerry Wolfe), DOI-DMG (1 - John Hamill), Edwards Air Force Base (1 - Tom Merendini), and Cal-EPA (1- Garry Brown).

**Minutes Review of Previous Meetings:** John Key reviewed the meeting's minutes from the last meeting held in May. There were no corrections, additions or deletions and the minutes were approved. as read.

**Guest Presentations:** Peter Graves (Resource Management Specialist, BLM's Ridgecrest Field Office) was the guest speaker and gave a powerpoint presentation on their illegal dump cleanup program. He talked about some of the ways that Ridgecrest Field Office was using to cleanup small and large illegal solid waste sites including partnerships and increased enforcement..

**Initiative Reports:**

**1. Illegal Dumping:** John Key and Russell Scofield updated the group concerning the DMG's illegal dump cleanup projects that are being conducted on a cost-share basis with funding provided by the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) under the AB 2136 program. The Vidal illegal disposal site is ready to go - we're just waiting completion of formal biological consultation from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the new fiscal year (2003).. Russell Scofield updated the group on status of the CIWMB's Farm and Ranch cleanup grant projects in the Landers-Yucca Valley area. Russell also talked about our illegal dump project prevention program and our prevention strategy to include prevention as a component of each individual project plan.

**2. Wire Burning:** Nothing new to report.

**3. Abandoned Minelands:** Nothing new to report.

**DMG Collaborative Training Meeting (June 12-13, 2002 - Ventura, CA):** Russell Scofield reported on the training meeting.

**2003 DOI Conference on the Environment (May 13-16, 2003 - Phoenix, AZ):** John Key reported that the planning for the conference was being developed and that a call for papers and

presentations would be coming out soon.

**Training Update:**

**Environmental Crime Scene Investigations Seminar (September 19-20, 2002 - University of California Extension, Riverside, CA)**

**Hazardous Materials Investigations Training (October 21-25, 2002 - San Luis Obispo, CA)**

**CERCLA - Cost Recovery/Cost Avoidance Training (December 10-12, 2002 - BLM National Training Center, Phoenix, AZ)**

**New Business:** No new business.

**Roundtable discussion followed:**

BLM - (Barstow FO) - Sullivan reported on the waste water release during the Kern River Pipeline construction.

Edwards Air Force Base - Merendini reported on hazardous waste management activities.

Cal EPA - Brown reported on ECSI course coming up in September and the reactivation of the Mono-Inyo Counties Environmental Crimes Task Force - meeting planned for December 2002.

Death Valley National Park - Wolf report it was quiet and hot in Death Valley.

BLM - (Ridgecrest FO) - Graves reported that the final report was in on the Black Butte illegal disposal site and that the Hi Vista/Crevasse illegal disposal site was complete and he was waiting for the final report.

DTSC - Forman reported that the Continuing Challenge was coming up on September 3-6, 2002 in Sacramento, CA and Hazardous Materials Sampling training on September 10, 2002 in Clovis, CA

The meeting adjourned about 1:00 P.M. The **next meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2002** at 10:00 A.M. in Riverside, California at the Cal EPA Office.