

**MINUTES**  
**P.A.C.R.A.T. Meeting**  
**Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, CA**  
**16-17 November 1999**

**1. Welcome & intros:**

Meeting was held at the headquarters for the Desert District of the CA Dept. of Parks & Recreation, at Anza-Borrego State Park. Participants include:

Mark Allen	Ft. Irwin/USArmy	Rolla Queen	Riverside/BLM
Susan Wells	WACC/NPS	Eric Allison	Anza-Borrego/CA State
Ralph Giles	WACC/NPS	Russ Kaldenburg	Sacramento/BLM
Charlotte Hunter	JOTR/NPS	Roger Kelly	San Francisco/NPS
Rae Schwaderer	Anza-Borrego/CA State	Margaret Hangan	BLM
Blair Davenport	DEVA/NPS	George Jefferson	Anza-Borrego/CA State
Tim Canaday	DEVA/NPS	David Lawler	BLM
Uyen Doan	29 Palms/USMarines	Bill Seidel	SHPO/CA State
Susan Wolfe	Edwards/USAir Force	John Thomas	SHPO/CA State
Joan Oxendine	Riverside/BLM		

**2. DMG approves PACRAT Millennium Conference:**

- Conference will include consolidation of gray lit by scholarly discussions and presented papers.
- Goal at this time is to search for funding: possibly from grants/sponsorships from agencies and consulting firms.
- Still need to determine what the bottom line/product should be from this conference: manager's handbook? general proceedings? publish everything?
- Still need written support of the Desert Managers Group (DMG)
- Still working on location (Desert Hot Springs? Palm Desert?)
- (Conference planning convened later that evening to refine plans & direction)

**3. DMG update:**

- Budget for FY2000 = \$400,000
- Budget includes \$ for handbook - will hear from OMB in November for DMG funding
- Next DMG meeting in Death Valley, 18 DEC 1999: "Outreach Plans" to be discussed. DMG needs suggestions for Congress who'd rather hear ideas/concerns from constituents rather than Fed land managers. PACRAT needs to develop an outreach outline for Fed message for Congress (Roger Kelly has some DRAFT outreach plans). PACRAT needs to identify interested groups/constituents.
- Finally - there is an "outline" of DMG goals and objectives. Forest Service is not represented in the DMG but they and others are available to participate in sub/task/work groups.
- DMG has proposed a pilot information synthesis document
- Accomplishments for FY99/Goals for FY00 to be discussed at DMG 12/18 meeting.
- [www.californiadesert.gov](http://www.californiadesert.gov) DMG web site launched for general public. The site is administered in JOTR. Marketing of the site will commence. PACRAT needs to be represented on this site.
- DMG is requesting alternative "paradigms" for the protection of cultural & paleo resources - do interagency methods exist for this? Close-off sites or site stewardship? PACRAT needs to address this issue frequently - by working more w/ D.I.R.T., scopes of work, website, etc. DMG needs direction on resource protection.
- DMG is discussing the hiring of resource "coordinators/managers" for specific high profile projects (i.e. dump sites, habitat restoration, etc.)

**4. Ecological Restoration:**

- Cultural/Paleo comments are needed for the Science & Data Mngmnt workgroup (see interesting paper on land restoration time-line by Jeff Loveich, USGS, "Human-induced Changes in the Mojave

Resources - Great Basin, pp. 529-531.)

- Cultural/Paleo comments also needed for the Fire Mngmnt & DIRT workgroups
- Need to choose PACRAT representative for Science & Data Mngmnt workgroup, to replace Doug Scovill.

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**5. National Congress of American Indians update:**

- Concerns with archeological information available on the internet
- Good info on contemporary Indian issues
- Major speakers attended including Sec of Interior Babbitt

**6. PACRAT workplan for FY2000:**

- Fire management - CR involvement section needs editing
- Mojave Initiative - protection strategy needs to be added
- Went over FY99 accomplishments - edited for comments and changes

**7. Tour of new curatorial storage & research facility at Anza-Borrego State Park - Very Nice!!!**

**8. Mining properties update:**

- WACC staff is systematically streamlining the compliance process for mine safe-ing w/ the development of a PA w/ SHPO; archival research; determination of eligibility; safety issues; and natural resource concerns (endangered species).
- They are not developing a "regional" research design for the small mines
- Developed a protocol which can be applicable to all lands (private/public/multi-agency)
- Hope to finalize PA w/ SHPO in late spring 2000.
- DMG is requesting \$40,000 in FY01 for streamlined environmental compliance to be added to the BLM budget - this was discussed at the HAZMAT workgroup.

**9. CHRIS (CA Historical Resources Information Systems) overview:**

- Paleo component is still being reviewed.
- Native American concerns w/ CHRIS: SHPO will begin concerted dialogue w/ tribes to "get the word out", re: Mojave project - progression w/ project will continue dialogue w/ tribes.
- In JAN 2000, John Thomas (SHPO/CA State), Eric Allison, & Doug Mindy (U of Redlands) will take over CHRIS development in anticipation of Bill Seidel's retirement in JUNE 2000.
- CHRIS hub configuration manual (Draft) was handed out for review

**10. Miscellany & next PACRAT meetings:**

- Secretary Babbitt may attend the upcoming SAA meeting in Philadelphia. SAA seeking a "hook" to get him to speak
- 1870 Mining Law vs. property & cultural resources?
- Santa Rosa designation?
- Ft. Irwin expansion?
- 2001 SAA meeting in Riverside, CA?
- PACRAT meeting: 7-8 FEBRUARY 2000, in Redlands, CA
- 13-15 JUNE 2000, in Barstow or Ft Irwin?
- FALL 2000: unknown date or location at this time
- Next DMG meeting: 4-5 APRIL 2000, in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park