

Desert Managers Group Executive Coordination Meeting Desert Tortoise Summit

Goals:

- Builds on the DMG desire to show more leadership in the Desert Tortoise recovery arena
- Create awareness of the status of the desert tortoise populations and factors that contributed to its decline
- Create awareness of agency efforts and accomplishment to recover the desert tortoise
- Create awareness of the multiple uses of the California desert and the role of different agencies in providing those uses.
- Promote a dialogue and collaborative approach to resolving ESA (desert tortoise) issues in the Cal deserts among government, stakeholders, and business (implementation of the Secretaries 4 C's).
- Create awareness and support of the actions needed for recovery
- Create awareness and support for the DMG agenda related to Desert Tortoise recovery
- Create awareness and support for the role science in tortoise recovery
- Give the Regional Executives more of a direct stake and role in the DMG.

Host: DMG Executives

Target Audience:

- **Government:** DOI/DOD/State Executives; Agency WO/SO Staff; Senators Feinstein and Boxer; Congressman Lewis, McKeon, Bono, Hunter, Thomas; local communities, San Bernardino, Riverside and Imperial counties; Desert Advisory Council
- **NGO's:** National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, National Parks Foundation, Environmental Groups, Off Highway Vehicle Groups
- **Business:** DaimlerChrysler Corp
- **Academia:** University of Redlands
- **Media**

Time Frame/Location: January/February 2003; Palm Springs, CA