

***Mojave Desert Region
Joint Land Acquisition and
Conservation Concept***

The Needs

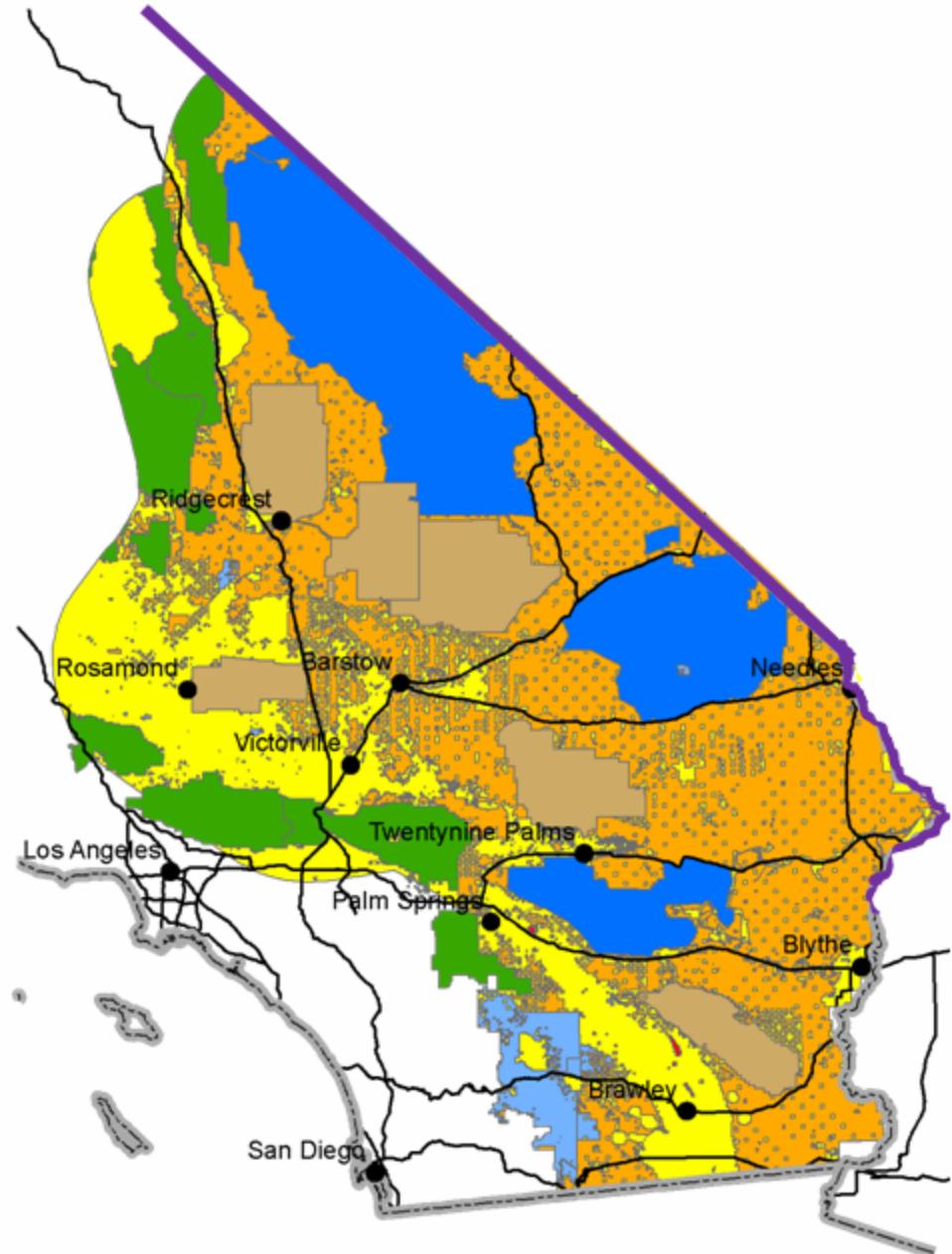
- All recognize the need to avoid becoming islands of habitat—avert impacts to our missions
- Must take a regional approach to protect key habitat areas/corridors against new threats
 - Risks of fragmentation with onset of green power initiatives and other commercial developments
- Smartly select conservation/mitigation lands to give threatened/at-risk species a better chance
 - Ultimately enable delisting—reduce impacts to our parks and installations
- Work together smarter to make it happen

Regional Desert Facts

- Surrounded by 40 million people
- 54 million acres – 80% public
- Multiple jurisdictions
 - 3 national parks
 - 10 state parks
 - 6 military bases
 - 4 National Wildlife Refuges
 - 11 million acres BLM land
 - 37 Native American tribes
 - 7 counties
 - 100 communities

Legend

	BLM
	CA_State_Parks
	USFS
	USFWS
	NPS
	DOD

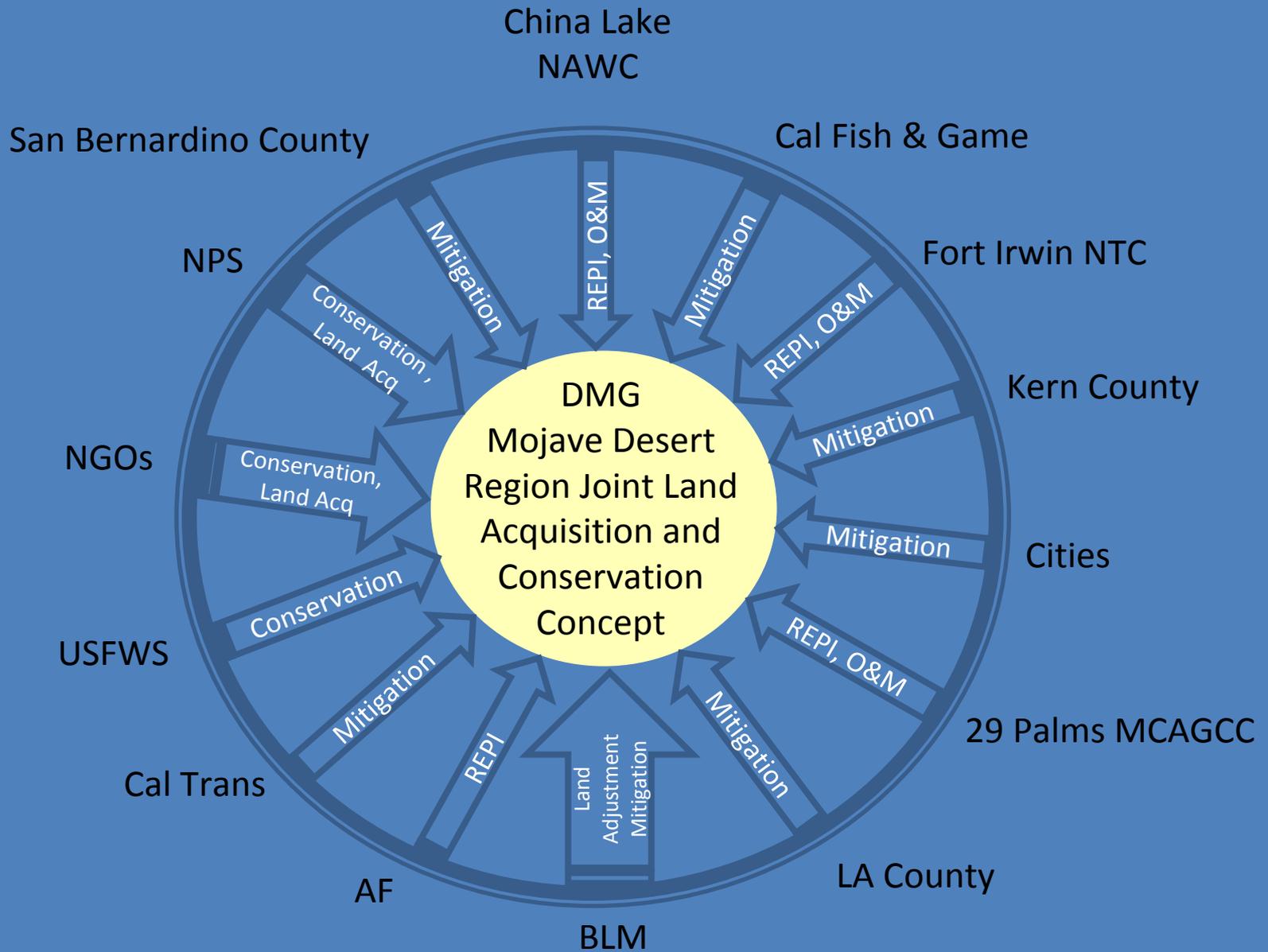


Why Should DMG Sponsor Joint Mojave Region Land Acquisition/Conservation?

- DMG already consists of groups with common conservation interests and goals
 - Teaming on illegal dumps, line distance sampling
- Members agree in general on what lands should be conserved and strive to do so
- DMG recognizes the need/is working more closely in our individual efforts to avoid stepping on each other
 - CLAWG opened channels of communication-- provided forum/tools for all to put their cards on the table

Currently Executing Individually

- There's a benefit in pooling various methods, resources & programs currently being executed individually
- The need to couple regional planning under the DMG with focused acquisition planning/execution
- DMG joint regional effort would be true ecosystem level project; would ideally link key conservation corridors
- Would pull together/maximize each member's funds, expertise & capabilities in a common pool
 - DOD REPI funds, other federal, state & city funds, NGO funds, mitigation skills/funding, diverse expertise



The DOD Connection

- Potentially rich source of funds with REPI
 - Congress likes land conservation/avoidance of impacts to military installations--each year Congress increases the REPI budget
- More weight given to purple REPI funding requests, especially if the four military services play together
 - Could potentially bring in \$4M or more annually in DOD funding—would represent significant ability to secure habitat when combined with non-DOD funds
 - OSD is source of funds--really likes big joint efforts!
- However--REPI efforts must meet certain criteria

REPI Requirements & Possibilities

- First--must have a DOD connection to get REPI funds
- Must address both military mission and environmental concerns
 - Military mission impact + habitat impact = valid REPI effort
- Could apply to five mile buffer area around bases/posts and lands under air space corridors throughout Mojave Desert Region; not limited to R-2508 Complex



How It Could Work

- DMG acts as supervisory board
- Each agency participates in developing and managing common regional mission and habitat protection strategy
 - Establish critical wildlife corridor designation-- would address installation island of habitat issues & allow use of REPI funds
- Each agency participates in parcel selection and votes on parcel priorities
- Each agency contributes what they can via funding or in-kind services