

DMG Meeting, 20 – 21 June 2000  
Camp Pendleton, California

1. Budget – no language concerning funding of the DMG. No language against funding the DMG. DOI funding must come from internal budgets. State budget for state coord. Submitted. Next key period for approval is Oct. Would become effective 1 July 01. FY 02 budget submitted.
2. Recognition guidelines
  - Retroactive recognition – yes
  - Create a small awards subcommittee – look at who should be considered under retroactive status
  - Change significant value award from \$100 to \$250
  - Value of award to be determined by the subcommittee
  - Coordinators can deal with informal honors and nominal value awards
  - Subcommittee members work on committee for one year. Positions then rotate.
  - Mary Martin and Greg Thompson are the subcommittee members.
3. DMG 5 year plan
  - Changes made to the plan document
  - Goal 6 – can it be fleshed out next year because all of the management plans hit the street next year. Need to assess then which of actions outlined in the plans can be implemented across the desert.
  - What role does the dmG play in this process. Science team should coordinate the application of science in this process.
  - Wait until tortoise coordinator comes on board to see what should be under this goal. Coordinator recommend to DMG what items should be.
  - \*\*\*\*\*when coordinator comes on board need USFWS to explain his responsibilities and relationships
  - wait until coordinator comes on board then coordinate with Science team for actions needed.
  - Conflict between management plans, coordinator duties, and DMG role.
  - Goal 7 – identify interagency participation in write up and who column. Identify HMLs for all the areas. Identify this as a task – define amls through land planning projects.
  - Goal 9 – managers meet with Dirt at their next meeting to assure them/identify for them the tasks on consolidated visitor centers
  - \*\*\*\*\*DOI position paper on natural quiet – get copies to DOD installations (Wes Henry in NPS)
  - Ernie Quintana expressed an interest in the airspace data over resources and land ownership
  - Military installations pay attention to new technology commo being proposed by FICC to insure there is no interference to DOD systems.

- Link Data Mgt team with Bob Shukar from Forest Service to discuss his GIS data project.
4. USGS participation in DMG (Mike Shulters)
    - Long term plan for USGS folks in SoCal is to put them in a facility at Scripps
    - Mike Shulters represents all USGS disciplines on the DMG
    - Can not participate in management decision making therefore can not chair groups. More appropriate for management agencies to do. USGS will bring resources to the teams to help provide info.
    - Responses on comments due? USGS MDESP
    - MDESP client is the national ecosystems program
    - What comments on MDESP?
    - Ray Bransfield and Mike Reynolds are two candidates for the Science Team
  
  5. Executive Coordination Meeting
    - Create ad hoc committee to flesh out agenda – Dick Martin, Steven Evanko, Dave Van Cleve, Jim Kenna
    - What are the objectives of the meeting
    - Send out high speed invitations to executives
    - Work with DoD installations to determine who will attend and how we will get them to the meeting
    - Provide them with a couple of major issues to take back
    - Do a poster session
    - Meeting location
    - Agenda items
      - talk more about what science is being done to address issues DMG has – proactive projects
      - tell them how great we are
      - can we do this in a shorter timeframe 8-12 then lunch or 1-4
      - address what the value added is of the accomplishments to date
      - subtitle – five years of challenges – successes and failures
  
  6. Next meeting 5-6 Dec. 00, location TBA
  
  7. FACA discussion – no major comments/discussion. Send slides presented to all DMG members.
  
  8. DMG general rules and operating procedures
    - Run rules by state attorneys to see if Brown Law applies
    - Dick Martin opposed to public participation in meetings; Woody concurs
    - Open part of the meeting to the public – designate certain portion/time of the meeting for the public to be able to attend

- Building constituency is not part of DMG mission per Dick Martin perspective. Opening meetings to the public may not be the best way to do this.
- Can we use the agency advisory council meetings to announce and inform the public what the DMG is and what it is doing and get some feedback.
- Need to include some way to keep the public involved in the DMG process
- Provide written materials that are available to the public to use to inform the public of what the DMG is doing
- FACA does not apply to work groups because they are operational
- DMG is a closed meeting. Can make portions of meeting or designated meetings open to the public. Work Groups are operational and full members are designated in writing regardless of whether they are official members of the DMG and subject to approval by the DMG. Private entities may participate in work groups but are excused from official voting. Only federal, state, and tribal members may actually vote.

#### 9. DMG MOU

- Accepted with proposed changes

#### 10. Charter

- Accepted with proposed changes
- Clarence send out revised MOU and Charter on Friday
- Send out attendance roster also

#### 11. Hazmat Tm

- California Integrated Waste Management Board presentation
- Get copy of presentation

#### 12. DIRT TM

- Logo
  - a. Candidate 2 was recommended alternative
  - b. Candidate 2 accepted by consensus
- Name change
  - a. California Desert Partnership is recommended name change alternative
  - b. Do we have equity in the DMG name
  - c. Is the preferred name already taken or is it too similar to something else
  - d. What about desert managers partnership
  - e. Work on a by line for the logo and name
  - f. No consensus achieved on name change therefore no name change
  - g. Copyright for the logo belongs to the DMG

- [www.californiadeserts.gov](http://www.californiadeserts.gov)
  - a. marketing – several different uses done by Joshua Tree
  - b. others need to do the same
- Lancaster Visitor Center
  - a. Opening scheduled for 31 Oct.
  - b. Need to confirm this date
  - c. Tom Tanner was going to draft up a general plan for the event

#### 13. Burro Management

- Get copy of presentation
- 18-20% increase rate in burros per year
- BLM requested \$9 mil to get a handle on overpopulation. If funding received will bring HMAs down to authorized levels by 2005.
- Bring a draft burro reduction plan to next DMG meeting for approval
- DMG needs to resubmit for \$600k for burros

#### 14. SERDP

- Agreed to send up the team to USU
- Need to address maint. cost, people requirements, skill levels etc.

\*\*\*\*\*No need for Cyn at next DMG meeting. Review on a meeting by meeting basis.