



Briefing Statement

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Title: Desert Landscape Conservation Cooperative Update (LCC)

- Based on the Scoping Team's recommended Steering Committee composition, the LCC convened its first Steering Committee meeting in Phoenix on April 27-28. Sixty partners, including Russell and Fon, attended the meeting. The group was briefed on the draft governance document, which included a proposed steering committee structure and composition. The meeting attendees identified and selected the steering committee members from among their respective organizations. The steering committee is currently composed of six NGOs, five state agencies, five tribes, nine federal agencies, and one international organization. The state and federal members are generally regional executives. DMG agencies are represented by:
 - DOD- Fon Duke
 - State of California- Armand Gonzales
 - NPS- Chris Lehnertz
 - FWS- Benjamin Tuggle
 - BLM- Julie Decker
 - BIA- Sharron Pinto
 - U.S. Forest Service- Dave Stewart
 - U.S. Geological Survey- Mark Sogge
- The LCC Science Working Group is being formalized and will be tasked with identifying and prioritizing preliminary science needs based on stakeholder input, and an assessment of available science to address those needs.
- Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) has allocated \$1 million to a funding opportunity announcement (FOA) to target applied science projects that meet the shared science needs identified by stakeholders within the Desert LCC. The FOA for the LCC is online at <http://www.grants.gov> by searching for funding opportunity number R11SF81307. Applications are due by August 4.
- The Steering Committee is currently planning the agenda for its second meeting to be held in Albuquerque September 27 and 28.
- MDEP has offered to host a website for the LCC as part of DOD in-kind support of the LCC.
- The [regionalization concept](#) proposed by DMG and Southern Nevada Agency Partnership is still on the table and will be discussed at the Albuquerque meeting.

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