



## **Briefing Statement**

**Date:** July 21, 2011

**Title:** DMG Habitat Restoration Workshop

- At the November 2010 San Diego DMG meeting, DMG decided to sponsor a habitat restoration workshop. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the University of California Extension (UC Extension) cosponsored the workshop. The goals of the workshop were to:
  - provide new information from recent studies relevant to successful restoration projects,
  - challenge participants to carefully plan projects for a changing climate,
  - share knowledge, experience and lessons learned, and
  - identify opportunities for future collaboration and knowledge sharing.

Workshop Speaker Emphases were:

- challenges in restoration
  - scientific studies applicable to on-the-ground restoration,
  - planning for climate change, and
  - collaboration and the collaborative process
- The workshop occurred July 13 and 14 at the Hampton Inn in Barstow.
  - Registration was capped at one-hundred for logistical purposes and one-hundred-fourteen participants showed up.
  - The average of *overall quality of the workshop* was 8.7 in the workshop evaluation and the most frequent comments were that the workshop was overdue and to have similar workshops more often.
  - All workshop material is available online at <http://www.dmg.gov/announcements.php?id=128>. The organizing committee will reconvene in August to work on additional products from the workshop. Products will include workshop notes, an updated restoration webpage, and possibly an update to the *1995 Beginners Guide to Desert Restoration* and/or journal articles.
  - Special thanks to the organizing committee! The committee consisted of Ilima Hawkins-NRCS, Josh Hoines- Joshua Tree, Christina Lund- BLM, Chris McDonald- UC Extension, Fred Edwards- BLM, Scott Abella- University of Nevada Las Vegas.

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