



Briefing Statement

Date: October 23, 2012

Title: Desert Landscape Conservation Cooperative (DLCC) Update

Issues: 1) Development of a Mojave-wide science needs assessment with the Southern Nevada Agency Partnership and 2) collocation of DLCC and DMG spring meetings.

Updates

- This May, Reclamation issued a funding opportunity announcement (FOA) on grants.gov for DLCC research that had a water nexus. At the same time, Reclamation issued an interagency agreement opportunity (IAO) for federal bureaus. No projects submitted by DMG partners were selected for funding.
- Aimee Roberson has been hired as the new DLCC Science Coordinator. Aimee works for Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) R2 (Albuquerque) and will be collocated in Tucson with the USGS Southwest Climate Science Center (SWCSC).
- Armand Gonzalez, California Department of Fish and Game's (CDFG) Special Advisor for Climate Change, Renewable Energy, and Conservation Priorities is the new DLCC Co-chair.
- The DLCC started development of a FY 2013 annual work plan at its recent meeting. The work plan is formed around DLCC's four goals, which are:
 - Science Development and Delivery
 - Collaboration and Communication
 - Monitoring and Evaluation
 - Outreach and Education

The DLCC Coordinators are condensing meeting results and will get out a draft annual work plan in early November.

- The DMG Coordinators feel the greatest DLCC benefit for the DMG right now is information management through knowledge sharing, technology transfer, and science need assessment.
 - **Knowledge Sharing**- Much science that is directly applicable to public land management is occurring throughout the Desert Southwest and DMG is contributing to that body of work through several projects. DLCC would provide a valuable service to participants and specifically to DMG members if past, current, and planned research were cataloged. This would reduce research redundancy, allow for synergies between studies, and make specialists aware of applicable work they were otherwise unaware existed.
 - **Technology Transfer**- As knowledge is gained, it must be shared with technical specialists so it can be applied by agencies. DLCC would provide a service by

developing publication briefs for science it supports and by hosting webinars and symposia for applicable regional science. Because of DMG's history of sponsoring scientific webinars and science symposia, there is opportunity for DMG to partner with DLCC for this task.

- **Science Needs Assessment-** The DLCC Science Work Group has assembled a database of over five-hundred science needs from throughout the region. With syntheses and refinement this database could become a valuable resource for scientists and managers. Some of DMG's science needs were captured for this database; however, a more complete compilation would benefit DMG members.
- The spring DLCC will be in held in California and Russell will be helping to host that meeting in the Coachella Valley.

Proposals

- Collocate the spring DMG meeting with the DLCC meeting so managers can attend all or a portion of the DLCC meeting.
- DMG work with the Southern Nevada Agency Partnership (SNAP) to develop a Mojave-wide science strategy and needs assessment. SNAP currently has both a [strategy](#) and a [science needs assessment](#) from which we could tier. BLM is also beginning work on a statewide National Landscape Conservation System (NLCS) science strategy that will contain major desert components.

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