



Amargosa Vole Monthly Conference Call
August 21, 2013
Meeting Notes

Attendees

Deana Clifford, CDFW
Erin Nordin, FWS
Janet Foley, Davis
Judy Hohman, FWS

Rob Klinger, USGS
Russell Scofield, DMG
Scott Osborn, CDFW

Meeting Notes

- There was discussion of the use of trail cameras for presence confirmation. Russell has access to some older Reconyx RC-60s that we can use for the project. The cameras belong to Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) and are part of a Mohave ground squirrel project that Russell has been involved with. This fall a group will try to get together on the Amargosa with the ACE researcher to test those cameras versus newer models.
- Berkeley is now successfully extracting vole DNA from fecal material. Next step will be to test on museum skins. If successful, Berkeley will request samples from Smithsonian and other museums that have older specimens.
- The education call occurred and its notes are attached.
- Austin will start work for CDFW September 2 and will be in Shoshone in late September.
- The Davis website is more or less complete but still needs BLM and FWS regional office review.
- Rob is waiting on internal USGS peer review comments for the BLM report.
- Next call will be September 20, 2013 at 9:00 PDT. Call in number is 888-790-2388; 2972879#



Amargosa Vole Education Conference Call
August 9, 2013
Meeting Notes

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Action Items

- Serena to conduct outreach to the Tecopa and Shoshone schools in September/October
- Dustin to put together a rough budget to establish a 4-H club
- Russell to schedule a follow up meeting for later October/early November
- Everyone to seek funding opportunities
- Chris O to discuss with BLM management about BLM staff providing programs in the schools once we get something established