



**Draft Agenda
DMG Meeting
July 14-15, 2004
San Diego, CA**

July 14, 2004 – open to Stakeholders

- 10:00 am Introduction and administration (Mike Carr, USGS)
- Stakeholder participation guidelines
- 10:10 am USGS mission and activities in the Cal Desert (Mike Carr, USGS)
- 10:30 am HAZMAT and Illegal Dumping report (Scofield)
- Sacramento Meetings
 - illegal dump database
 - future of the Hazmat Group (Key)
- 11:00 am Science and Research Reports
- Research database and Mojave Desert Science Symposium (Hughson)
 - Road Ecology study and Uplands Restoration Review (Scofield/Esque)
 - Chromium Contamination along the Colorado River near Topock (Peter Martin)
- 12:00 pm Working Lunch: Hotel guests will receive free box lunches; other will be able to order a lunch
- 12:15 pm Desert Tortoise (DT) Recovery Actions
- DT Education and Outreach Plan (Hamill)
 - Feral Dog Management Plan (Black)
 - Translocation Plan/Activities (Esque)
 - DT Landscape Model (Esque)
 - Raven Management EA update (Benz)
 - Recovery Plan update (Williams)
 - Effectiveness of Recovery Actions– draft report (Bill Kristan, USGS)
- 1:45 pm Stakeholder Comments
- 2:00 pm Field Trip to the Sweetwater River (Details Attached)
- 6:00 pm Social Event (no host--details to be announced)

July 15, 2004—DMG members and staff only

- 8:00 am Manager follow-up on day one discussions (Carr)
- 8:30 am **Special Session:** Role of DMG in DT recovery (relationship to MOG; West Mojave Plan, FT Irwin mitigation, FWS DT Recovery Office, etc, (see attached)
- 11:00 am Stakeholder Involvement Guidelines (Everly and Hamill)
- Review Manager survey results
 - Review final Guidance
- 11:30 am Habitat Restoration Report (Scofield)
- San Felipe-San Sebastian Wash MOA (State Parks)
 - Draft Riparian Habitat Restoration Strategy (Scofield)
- Noon Lunch
- 1:00 am Caltrans Rest Area MOA and Update (Hamill/Woolsey)
- 1:30 pm PACRAT Report
- CHRIS GIS update (Bryson)
 - PACRAT meeting Report (Bryson)
 - ARPA Training Class (Hamill)
- 2:00 pm DMG Wilderness Training Class (Hamill/Roholt)
- 2:15 pm Agency Roundtable Reports (Managers)
- 3:15 pm Next Meeting
- October 5-6, 2004 Edwards Air Force Base
 - Winter Meeting: To be determined
- 3:30 pm Adjourn

Attachment
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Special DMG Session:
Coordination of DT Recovery Actions in California
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Purpose: Clarify the role and responsibility of the DMG in planning and implementation of recovery, monitoring, and research activities for the desert tortoise in California.

Desired Outcome:

- Improve effectiveness and coordination of recovery actions for the DT
- Clarify the role and responsibility of various organizations/groups in the planning and implementation of DT recovery, monitoring and research activities

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1. Review roles and responsibilities for various organizations involved with DT recovery planning and implementation in California (see attached work sheet)
 - DT Management Oversight Group (FWS)
 - Desert Managers Group (Hamill/Everly)
 - West Mojave Plan Implementation Group (BLM)
 - Fort Irwin Mitigation Group (DOD)
 - Desert Tortoise Monitoring Implementation Committee – (FWS)
 - Desert Tortoise Recovery Plan Assessment Committee – (FWS)
 - FWS DT Recovery Office (proposed) (FWS)
 - DT Recovery Team (FWS)
2. Brainstorm possible role/responsibilities for the DMG
3. Evaluate options
4. Conclusions and Next Steps

Attachment
Sweetwater River Field Trip

Trip Overview: Field Trip to the Sweetwater River to review several USGS science projects in the watershed. BRD will discuss the arroyo toad risk assessment and it's relationship to habitat conservation planning. WRD will talk about their modeling and air monitoring and sedimentation projects. The group will then visit the Cuyamaca Rancho and look at the post burn work on toads and chaparral recovery in the upper watershed (transportation to be provided)

Date/Time: July 14, 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

WHO: DMG members, Staff, stakeholders and interested parties

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What to Bring:

- Windbreaker
- Sun screen
- Hat
- Hiking shoes
- Camera
- Binoculars