

April 14, 2005

Memorandum

To: Desert Managers Group

From: John Hamill, Executive Coordinator, California Desert Management Project, Department of the Interior
Clarence Everly, DMG Coordinator, Department of Defense

Subject: Desert Managers Group Executive Coordination Meeting, May 24, 2005, Riverside, CA.

The DMG is in the process of reviewing and updating its Charter and implementing MOU to reflect current policies and priorities. As part of this process, the DMG is hosting an Executive Coordination Meeting. This meeting is specifically designed for Agency executives to review DMG accomplishments and goals and to help set its future direction.

- A draft meeting agenda is attached for your review. Please provide any comments to Clarence Everly (everlyc@mojavedata.gov) or John Hamill (john_hamill@partner.nps.gov) by May 2, 2005.
- Review materials and the final agenda will be posted on the DMG Website at <http://www.dmg.gov/announcements.html> approximately one week before the meeting.
- The meeting will be held at the historic Mission Inn, 3649 Mission Inn Avenue, Riverside, California (951-784-0300) on May 24, 2005 from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm. A social gathering and dinner will be held at the Mission Inn following the meeting.
- If there is sufficient interest, there will be a field trip on May 25 to review several DMG initiatives in the Coachella Valley, Joshua Tree National Park, and the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center.
- Attendance is restricted to DMG member agencies and invited speakers. Please RSVP to Cyn LaFever at (760) 256-7033 or clafever@mojavedata.gov by May 2, 2005. Indicate whether you will attend the meeting, dinner, and/or field trip.

If you have specific questions about the meeting agenda or the DMG, please contact John Hamill (760-252-6108, john_hamill@partner.nps.gov), or Clarence Everly (760-256-7033, everlyc@mojavedata.gov).



**Draft Agenda
Executive Coordination Meeting
Historic Mission Inn
3645 Mission Inn Avenue
Riverside, CA**

May 24, 2005

Goals/Objectives of Meeting:

1. Update agency executives on the activities/accomplishments of the DMG
2. Discuss/adjust the future of the DMG in light of current agency policies and priorities.

10:00 am Welcome and Introduction (Mike Pool, California BLM State Director)

10:15 am DMG update and accomplishments (Hamill and Everly)

- DMG History, Charter and Goals
- Role of Stakeholders and Partners
- Proposed revisions to the DMG Charter/MOU
- Discussion

11: 00 am DMG Goals, Accomplishments and Keys to Success (15 minutes each)

- Desert Tortoise Recovery and Monitoring (FWS and CDFG)
- Cultural Resource Management (PACRAT/SHPO)
- Illegal Dumping Cleanup and Prevention (BLM/DMG)
- Science support for the desert managers (GS)

Noon Lunch

1: 15 pm DMG Goals, Accomplishments, and Keys to Success (continued)

- Roadside Rest Area (NPS/Caltrans)
- Wild Burro Management (NPS/BLM)
- California Desert Funds (NFWF)
- Interagency Training and Workshops (DMG)
- County Government participation and expectations (County Supervisor)

2:15 pm Regional and State Office Perspectives on the DMG (Pool)

- Today's vision for the DMG
- Relation to Agency policies and priorities
- Budget opportunities/realities

2:45 pm

Future of the DMG (Pool)

- Roundtable discussion of issue, opportunities and new direction
- Charter/MOU revisions
- DC briefings

3:45 pm

Summary and Next Steps (Hamill and Everly)

4:00 pm

Adjourn

5:30 pm

No host social and dinner at the Mission Inn (DMG members, executives and invited guests)

May 25

Optional Field Trip to Coachella Valley, Joshua Tree NP, and/or Marine Corp Air Ground Combat Center (MCAGCC)

- Illegal dumping Cleanup and Prevention (Palm Springs)
- Desert Tortoise education/outreach (JOTR)
- Desert Tortoise Monitoring (JOTR)
- Raven Management (JOTR/MCAGCC)
- Military training and encroachment (MCAGCC)