

July 24, 2002

Memorandum

To: Desert Managers Group and Interested Parties

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

Subject: Desert Managers Group Meeting, September 11-12, 2002, Marine Corp Air Ground Combat Center, 29 Palms, CA

The next DMG meeting will be held in the Commanding General's Conference Room at the Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command (MAGTFTC), Twentynine Palms, CA on September 11-12, 2002. The meeting will begin at 0930 on September 11 and adjourn at 1530 on September 12. A block of 14 rooms has been reserved at the MAGTFTC Bachelor Officer Quarters (BOQ) under the name "Desert Managers Group" at the rate of \$32 per night. The phone number for reservations is (760) 830-6642. The BOQ is within walking distance of the Conference Room/Officers Club and offers the benefit of eliminating main gate check-in and traffic congestion. Rooms at the BOQ will be issued on a first come/first serve basis. If rooms are not available at the BOQ, you may contact the Holiday Inn Express in Twentynine Palms at 760-361-4009. Additional logistical information and directions are attached.

A preliminary list of topics that will be discussed at the meeting is attached. If you have input on the agenda, please contact us by August 16, 2002. The meeting agenda and review materials will be sent out in late August.

If you need additional information, please contact John Hamill at 760-255-8888, or Clarence Everly at 760-255-8896. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Preliminary Discussion Topics
DESERT MANAGERS GROUP MEETING
September 11-12, 2002
Marine Air Ground Task Force Training Command
Twentynine Palms, CA

MAGTFTC Mission/Operations

Redlands Institute Desert Tortoise Project

Desert Tortoise Recovery Planning

- Population Update
 - Tortoise population status (CDFG)
 - Report of FY DT Monitoring (Medica)
- Political update (Williams)
 - GAO audit
 - IG audit
 - GPRA audit
 - Congressional Inquiry
- Review of Desert Tortoise Recovery Plan/MOG TAC Recommendations (FWS)
- Review of agency land management plans (RI)
- 5 Step planning for Desert Tortoise Recovery (DOD)
- DMG Desert Tortoise strategy and presentation to MOG on September 19
- Next steps

Cal Desert Fund

- Update (Brunner)
- Options for establishing a CDF
- Next steps

DMG Chair - final resolution

Executive Coordination Meeting - when/scope and objectives

Boxer Wilderness Bill

DIRT Report

- Review/approve DIRT work plan
- Caldesert.gov update

Overflight Work Group Report

- Brochure status

PACRAT report

- Data Sharing and CHRIS/GIS
- Conference proceedings

Burro Update (Sjaastad)

- Funding issues
- Population census protocols

Hazmat Work Group Report (Key)

- New Vice Chair - Gary Brown (Cal EPA)

- Status of clean up and prevention efforts

Habitat Restoration Report

- San Felipe Watershed Partnership
- Mojave River Partnership
- Wildlife Conservation Fund
- Restoration conference/workshop
- Weed Management Area MOU and activities

Coordinated Natural Resource Monitoring update

- Summary of climate data
- Next steps

Water Work Group Report

LOGISTICS INFORMATION

Meeting Location: Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center (MCAGCC), Twentynine Palms, California

Meeting Room: Commanding General's Conference Room (bldg #1559 – located behind base headquarters bldg # 1554)

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LODGING:(PER DIEM RATE: \$84 Lodging; \$38 MI&E)

MCAGCC 29 Palms BOQ/BEQ/Govt. Civilian Billeting
<http://www.29palms.usmc.mil/dirs/inl/housing/boqbeq.asp>

Local Accommodations:
<http://www.29palms.usmc.mil/dirs/inl/housing/localaccommodations.asp>
<http://www.29chamber.com/Lodging/lodging.html>
New Hotel: Holiday Inn Express 760-361-4009 Fax 760-361-3350.

AIRPORTS:

Palms Springs ([PSP](#)) [approx. 60 miles]
Ontario ([ONT](#)) [approx. 100 miles]
Las Vegas ([LAS](#)) [approx. 200 miles]

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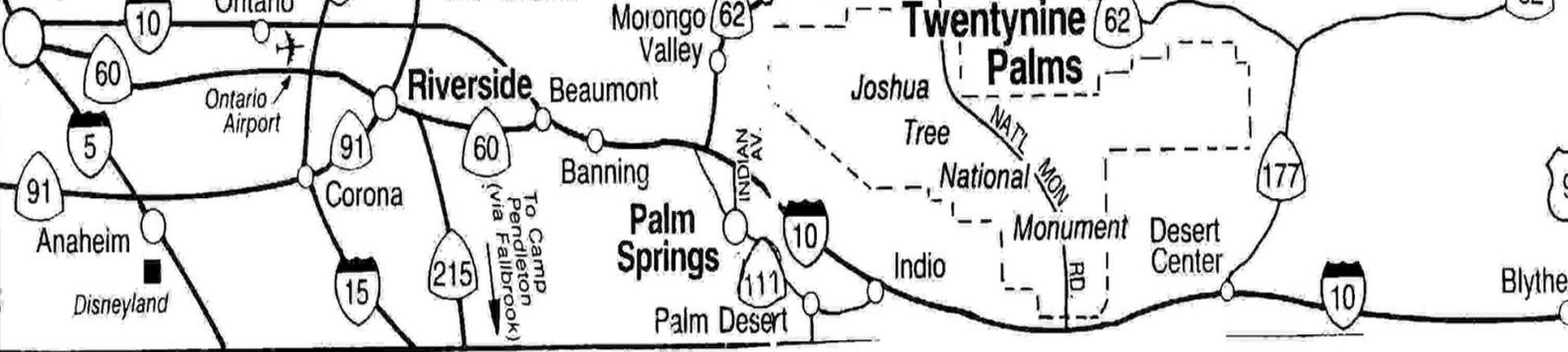
LOCATOR MAP FOR MCAGCC

Mileage from MCAGCC Base

Barstow	95 miles
Camp Pendleton	175 miles
Disneyland	130 miles
Las Vegas	220 miles
Laughlin, NV	158 miles
Los Angeles	155 miles
Ontario	110 miles
Palm Springs	55 miles
Riverside	88 miles
San Bernardino	90 miles
San Diego	185 miles

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MOJAVE DESERT

Twentynine Palms

Joshua Tree National Monument

Palm Springs

Riverside

To Camp Pendleton (via Fallbrook)

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