

September 17, 2003

Memorandum

To: California Desert Managers Group, Interested Parties, Invited Guests

From: John Hamill, Executive Coordinator California Desert Management Project,
Department of the Interior

Clarence Everly, Department Of Defense Coordinator

Subject: California Desert Managers Group Meeting, October 7-8, 2003, Death Valley
National Park

This is final confirmation of the next Desert Managers Group meeting that will be held on October 7-8, 2003, in the Marquiz Room at the Furnace Creek Inn in Death Valley National Park, California. The meeting is being hosted by J.T. Reynolds, Superintendent of Death Valley National Park. The draft agenda is attached. The meeting will begin at 8:00 am on October 7 and adjourn at 2:45 pm on October 8. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Furnace Creek Ranch under the name "Desert Managers Group" at the rate of \$60 per night (specify if you are a GOV employee and Booking #: 5874). The phone number for the Furnace Creek Ranch is (760) 786-2345. The Fax number is (760) 786-2514. Directions are attached.

If you have comments on the agenda or 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.

Attachments (2)

DRAFT Agenda
CALIFORNIA DESERT MANAGERS GROUP MEETING
Marquiz Room, Furnace Creek Inn, Death Valley National Park
October 7-8, 2003

October 7, 2003

- 8:00 am Welcome/Introductions/Review Agenda/Administration (JT Reynolds)
- 8:15 am Death Valley NP overview and issues (Reynolds)
- 8:45 am HAZMAT report (Key/Scofield)
- FY 03 Accomplishments
 - Dump prevention plan
 - IDEW--Palm Spring Dumping Workshop
- 9:15 am PACRAT Report
- Operation Indian Rock (Todd Swain, NPS)
 - Proposed Paleontological Resources Legislation (Kathy Springer, SB County Museum)
 - Break
 - ARPA Training (Kaldenberg)
 - Report/Recommendations on CHRIS (Bryson/Wood)
 - Summary and next steps (Bryson/Kaldenberg)
- 11:45 am Lunch
- 1:00 pm Park and Public Lands Stewardship through the Arts (Tim Terrell)
- 1:30 pm Californiadesert.gov –Update and next steps (Everly) (15 min)
- 1:45 pm Research database and Mojave Desert Science Symposium (Hughson) (15 min)
- 2:00pm Burro Management
- FY 03 Accomplishments; FY 04 work plan ((Sjaastad)
 - NPS/BLM MOU (Hamill)
- 2:30 pm Habitat Restoration Report (Scofield)
- San Felipe San Sebastian Wash MOA
 - Coachella Valley WMA
 - Work Group Meeting
- 3:00 pm The Nature Conservancy Activities and Plans in the Mojave Desert (Christian, Bair)
- 3:30 pm Adjourn

6:00 pm Social event to be announced

October 8, 2003

Desert Tortoise Recovery and Monitoring

- 8:00 am MOA/Recovery Action Program (Hamill)
- 8:30 am Recovery plan review/update – results of MOG meeting (Williams)
- 8:50 am DT Monitoring Update/FY 04 Plans (Medica)
- 9:10 am Science and Data Management Support (Hamill/Everly)
- 9:30 am Effectiveness Monitoring Project– status/support needs (Boarman)
- 9:50 am Break
- 10:05 am DT Education and Outreach Plan (Zarki)
- 10:30 am Tortoise Disease Report–overview/status/next steps (Jones)
- 11:00 am Raven Management Plan (Bransfield)
- 11:30 am Public Comment
- 11:45 am Next DMG meetings
- January 14-15, 2004, Helendale, CA, Host: Barstow, BLM; Theme to be determined
 - Spring Meeting; Location/Date/Theme to be determined
- Noon Lunch
- Executive Session – DMG Members and Staff Only**
- 1:15 pm Funding and Staffing for DMG Projects
- FY 04 Funding/Staff Needs for DMG/ activities (Hamill/Everly)
 - Accounting for current and planned DT expenditures
 - DT MOA
 - Next steps
- 3:00 pm Adjourn

**Directions to the Furnace Creek Ranch/Death Valley Inn
Death Valley National Park**

From the LA area:

Take I-15 North
Get off at the Baker, CA exit.
Take 127N to Death Valley Junction.
Then take 190 into Death Valley (30 miles).

From Las Vegas:

Leave the airport on Las Vegas Boulevard to State Highway 160. Turn right towards Pahrump. This is 65 miles. Go through Pahrump and turn left onto Stateline Road. (Need to watch for the sign that directs you to Death Valley.) This takes you to Death Valley Junction. Take a right onto Highway 127 and within 300 feet turn left onto Highway 190. It is 33 miles to Death Valley.

Or

Leave airport and head north to Highway 95. Drive 85 miles to Highway 127. Turn left and drive 25 miles to Highway 190. Take a right and drive 33 miles to Death Valley.