

August 21, 2001

Memorandum

To: California 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: DMG Meeting, September 19-20, 2001, Riverside, California

This is final confirmation that the next DMG meeting will be held on September 19-20 at the Holiday Inn Select, 3400 Market Street, Riverside, CA beginning at 10:00 am on September 19 and ending at 4:15 pm on September 20. The meeting will be held in the Empire Ballroom. Riverside is located about 30 minutes southeast of the Ontario Airport.

A block of 20 room has been reserved under the name "Desert Managers Group" at a price of \$79/night. The reserved rooms will be released on September 5, 2001. The Holiday Inn's phone number is 909-784-8000.

The agenda for the meeting is attached. Paul Ideker and Kay Dalton will facilitate the second day of the meeting, which will focus on the effectiveness and future of the DMG. Work Group leaders and other interested staff are strongly encouraged to attend and participate in this discussion.

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.

Attachment

DRAFT Agenda
CALIFORNIA DESERT MANAGERS GROUP MEETING
Holiday Inn, Riverside, CA
September 19-20, 2001

September 19, 2001

10:00 am Welcome (Tim Salt, California Desert District Manager, Riverside)

10:05 am Introductions/Review Agenda/Administration (Everly/Hamill)

10:15 am Desert Managers Group Update (Hamill and Everly)

1. DMG Dump/Restoration Coordinator position status (Read)
2. Update on BLM Cal Desert Lawsuit (Salt)
3. Lancaster Visitor Center Map (Everly)
4. Data Management Standards/Corporate data sets (Everly)
5. Redlands Grant update (Everly)
6. Salton Sea Tour (Hamill)

10:30 am FY 01 Project Review and FY 02 Work Plans

1. Desert Tortoise Monitoring and Recovery (Medica, FWS)
 - Draft FY 02 Work Plan
 - Priority Recovery Actions
2. Illegal Dump Project Clean-up and Prevention (Key/Scotfield)
 - Draft FY 02 Work Plan
3. Habitat Restoration Projects (DLRTF/BLM)
 - Draft FY 02 Work Plan

11:45 Lunch

1:00 pm FY 01 Project Review and FY 02 Work Plans (continued)

4. Draft FY 02 Burro Management Plan (Sjaastad)
5. DMG Water Study (Lines)
 - Support for FY 02 Springs Conference
 - Water Right Training
 - Draft FY 02 Work Plan
6. Overflight Work Group- (Schramm)
 - Brochure status
 - Overflight issue update
 - Downed Aircraft Procedures
7. Law Enforcement Work Group Report (McGuinness)

2:00 pm US Forest Service Membership in the DMG (USFS)

2:30 pm Break

2:45 pm Role of DMG in Addressing ESA Issues

1. Introduction (Hamill)
2. Work Group Report (Work Group)
3. Discussion (all)
4. Next Steps

5:00 pm Adjourn

September 20, 2001

8:00 am Future of the DMG (Paul Ideker and Kay Dalton, Facilitators de jour)

1. Introduction and Ground Rules
2. Effectiveness of the DMG - review and discuss survey results
 - Identify key issues and concerns

9:30 am Break

3. Priority DMG goals/activities - review and discuss survey results
 - Identify priority goals/activities

Noon Lunch

1:15 pm Future of the DMG (continued)

4. Institutional considerations
 - Role of the managers
 - Role of the work groups
 - Role of Regional Executives and Washington Office
 - Role and involvement of the public and stakeholders
 - Staffing (DMG Coordinators, Program Coordinators, other)
 - Incentives to accomplish DMG work

2:45 pm Break

5. Funding/budget strategies
6. Recommendations to revitalize/refocus the DMG
7. Summary and Next Steps

3:30 pm Executive Coordination Meeting Agenda

- Agree on desired outcomes, topics, and speakers

4:00 pm Next DMG meetings

- October 22, 2001 - Executive Coordination Meeting - Hilton Ontario Airport, Ontario CA
- December 12-13, 2001, Death Valley National Park, Theme to be determined
- Winter Meeting; Location/Date/Theme to be determined

4:15 pm Adjourn

Directions to the Holiday Inn Select
3400 Market Street
Riverside, CA

Take the 10 or 15 freeway to 215 freeway. Go south on the 215 to the 91 freeway. Go south on the 91 to the Mission Inn Avenue exit. Go right (west) on Mission Inn Ave. to Market Street, then right (north) on Market. Holiday Inn is 2 blocks down on the right side - 3400 Market Street.