

July 11, 2005

Memorandum

To: Desert Managers Group

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

Clarence Everly, Department of Defense Coordinator

Subject: Desert Managers Group Meeting, July 27-28, 2005, Ventura CA

This is final confirmation of the Desert Managers Group meeting that will be held on July 27-28, 2005, at the Fish and Wildlife Service Field Office, 2493 Portola Road, Suite B Ventura, CA. The theme for this meeting is Partnering and Streamlining: examples and opportunities. The meeting will begin at 10:30 am on July 27 and adjourn at 3:00 pm on July 28. Diane Noda is the FWS host for the meeting. Please note the following important information:

- A draft meeting agenda is attached. Please provide comments by July 22, 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.
- Lodging is available at the Sheraton Four Point Hotel in Ventura (\$100 for feds; \$84 for state). Call 1-805-658-1212 for reservations and mention that you will be attending the Desert Managers.
- Directions to the FWS Office can be found on the FWS website at <http://www.fws.gov/pacific/ventura/about.html#>
- A social event will occur on the evening of July 27 to bid a good farewell to two members of the DMG: Mary Martin and Linda Hansen
- FWS is looking into an NPS guided boat/field trip to Santa Cruz Island (Channel Island National Park) on Friday, July 29. The all day trip would consist of a 30 mile boat trip and a 3 hour +/- walking tour of Santa Cruz Island. The focus of the trip would be on the history of the Islands, cultural resources and control of exotic animals. To help plan this trip please indicate the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ I am coming to the meeting but am NOT interested in a boat/field trip.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am coming to the meeting and am interested in a field/boat trip only if it's at no cost.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am coming to the meeting and am interested in a field/boat trip even if I have to pay my own expense (at a bargain price of about \$42 per person).

FWS will review the responses and notify you by July 21 whether there will be a field/boat trip.

Please let Cyn LaFever know by **July 20, 2005** if you will be attending the social event on July 28 and/or your interest in the Channel Islands field trip on July 29. Cyn can be reached at 760-256-7033 or [clafever@mojavedata.gov](mailto:clafever@mojavedata.gov).

If you have questions, please contact John Hamill at 760-252-6108, or Clarence Everly at 760-256-7033. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Attachment