

**Desert Managers Group - Hazardous Materials Working Group
(DMG-HMWG)
June 8, 2000 Meeting Minutes
California Desert District Office
Riverside, California**

The DMG-HMWG meeting was called to order by Co-Chairs Dave Anderson, NPS-Mojave and John Key, BLM Riverside, at 10:00 AM.. 16 personnel were in attendance.

The previous meeting's minutes were handed out for review. Any corrections, additions or deletions should be sent to John Key.

Since the invited California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) staff were unavailable due to other commitments, there was no guest speaker. The Black Butte dump in Los Angeles County is being cleaned up this week by Los Angeles County and CIWMB. Representatives from the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Ridgecrest Field Office are participating in this cleanup.

Dave Anderson talked about the partnership between CIWMB and BLM/NPS for cost sharing cleanup projects. Mojave has one project (three sites) and BLM has four additional sites that will be cleaned up under this program. We should keep track of costs of all cleanups and forward to John Key and Dave Anderson for potential cost share credit with CIWMB on future projects.

Larry Caffrey reported that the BLM's El Centro Field Office has completed several fairly large open dump cleanups lately that totaled over 7000 man-hours using California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF&FP) fire crews.

John Hamill discussed the DMG five year plan. All of the DMG-HMWG goals were reviewed and the following changes made:

- Goal 2.1. Action deferred to FY02. Lack of funding and manpower.
- Goal 3.2. Action added for FY00. We are already doing this. We just need to market it under DMG.
- Goal 4.1. Action moved to FY01. Lack of preparation and time.
- Goal 4.2. Action moved to FY02. Lack of funding and plan.
- Goal 9.0 Possibly delete from the 5 Year Plan but continue to coordinate efforts through this working group. Contact Lt. Donna Davis and see what she wants to do with

this task. There was no clean vision of what the goal should be. It was suggested that "water" be removed from goal title.

John Hamill indicated that FY01 funding for DMG projects looks real bad. There was no mention of DMG in House Bill.

John Hamill reviewed the draft DMG business guidelines with the group.

John Hamill indicated that Doran Sanchez of BLM-CDD is now the DIRT representative to the DMG-HMWG.

Russell Scofield and Michael Kurth discussed the dump inventory data base. Molly Brady wanted to add environmental impacts to the exposure factor. Russell Scofield, Dave Anderson and John Key will provide Michael Kurth with several sites to test the formulas. The data base should be available to beta test soon. To have an adequate beta test, we will probably need to enter several sites in to the data base. The data base will be demonstrated at the September DMG meeting by Russell Scofield and Michael Kurth. Russell Scofield will prepare an action item asking the managers to direct their staffs to collect the and enter data for the database for each management unit. Hanta virus was recommended to be added to physical hazards. Forms will be customized like an Excel form. Russell Scofield pointed out that the two formulas represent a toxicity and exposure factor for the dump not a cleanup factor. Items that are important to know from the cleanup or for prioritizing cleanups don't necessarily play into these factors ie notice and orders and citizen complaints.

Clarence Everly is going to maintain a DMG calendar on the website. Dump Cleanup schedules should be sent to Clarence to be placed on this calendar.

John Key reported that the recent DMG-HMWG sponsored Law Enforcement in Environmental Compliance and Pollution Prevention course at Laughlin was a success - 23 attended: 1 from California Department of Fish and Game, 2 from NPS, 3 from USFS, and 17 from BLM. There will be an eight-hour HAZWOPER annual refresher training session on June 20, 2000 at the BLM-CDD Office in Riverside; John Key is the contact for the course. Louise Lampara indicated that the Fish and Wildlife Service had a new staff lead at their training center and might be interested in exporting training to the west. John Key will follow up on this opportunity. Mary Martin asked about ICS training. John Key will look into this training; Fire Management usually has the lead for all ICS training.

John Key talked about the upcoming 4th annual Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) - CIWMB conference in San Diego in August. Russell Scofield, John Key, and Dave Anderson, will make a presentation at the conference about the DMG-HMWG's dumping program. The DMG-HMWG will meet in conjunction with the conference. Particulars on the meeting will be determined after the conference's agenda is established. Items for the next DMG-HMWG agenda are: litter control on highways, the database, updates on Wire burning and Abandoned Mine Lands and an introduction to the DMG for HMWG visitors.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM for lunch at the Olive Garden in Moreno Valley.