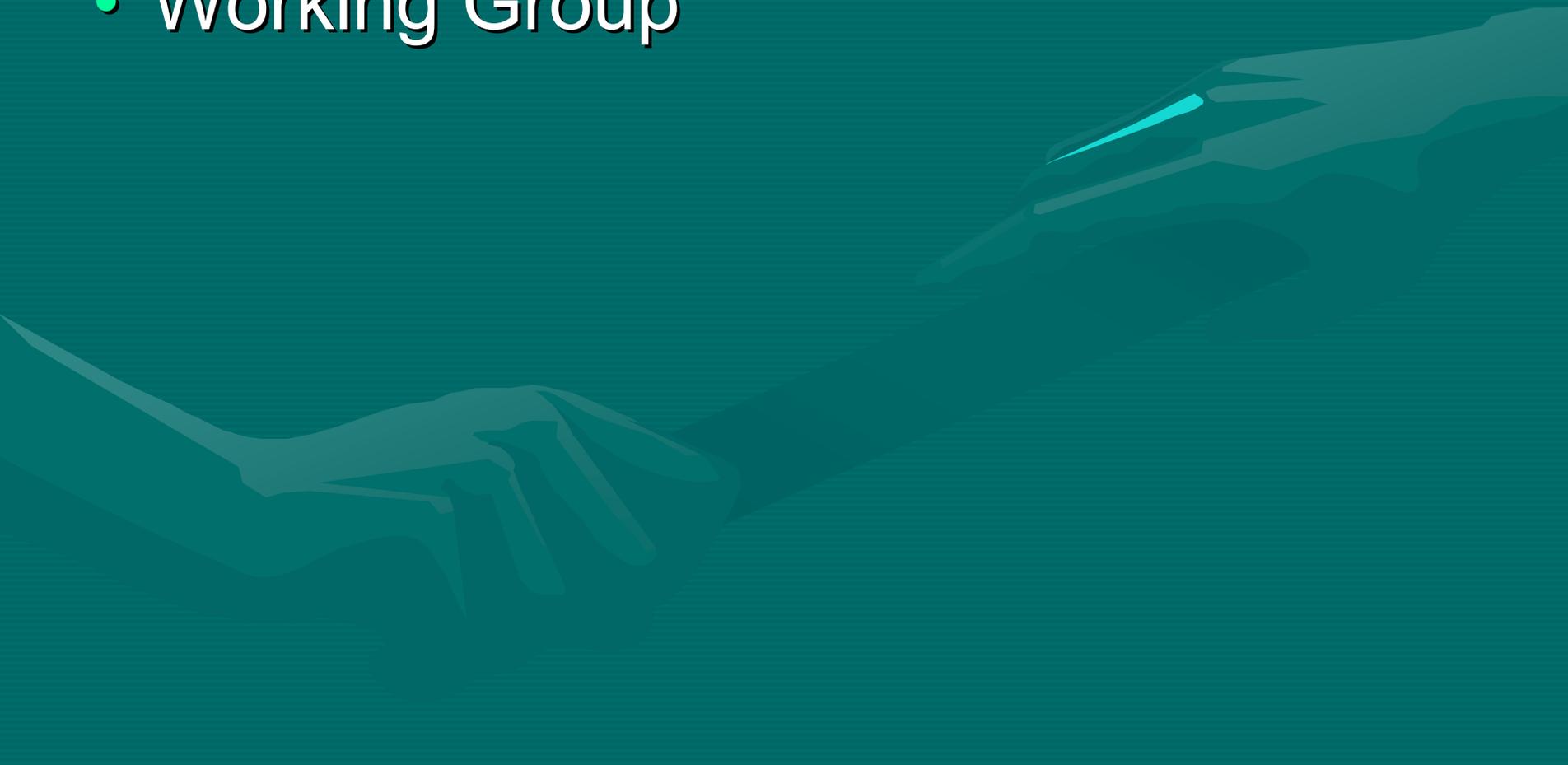


Reduce Common Raven Predation on the Desert Tortoise in the California Desert

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Status of the EA

- ▶ Draft sent to work group members in May
- ▶ Comments received in June
- ▶ Draft sent to solicitor in July
- ▶ Expect comments in late August

Meeting with Utility Companies

- ▶ Major electrical utility companies in California desert
 - identify raven issues
 - identify locations of facilities
 - discuss possible solutions
 - develop next steps

Working Group

- Meeting in June
 - Update on status of EA
 - Formed a Landfill subgroup
 - Identified upcoming tasks

Upcoming Tasks

- Request proposal to survey for nesting ravens and identify offending birds
- Request proposal to implement Wildlife Services activities (November 2006 deadline)
- Convene Landfill subgroup – request that representative from county health departments participate

Upcoming Tasks (cont'd)

- Work with local jurisdictions on ordinance enforcement
- Work with county public works departments to remove road-killed animals
- Work with utility companies to report problems associated with ravens and remove unoccupied raven nests

Upcoming Tasks (cont'd)

- Coordinate with DMG's Desert Tortoise Outreach Coordinator
- Coordinate with Defenders of Wildlife's Desert Program Associate

Working Group

- Next meeting August 9, Moreno Valley

