

**West Mojave Plan
Steering Committee Meeting
April 24, 2000
Green Tree Inn, Victorville**

Agenda Item #1 Review of Progress of Task Groups

Alana Knaster, facilitator, provided an overview of the progress of each of the Task Groups from a substantive and procedural perspective. She indicated that there were two significant problems, from her perspective. First, Task Groups are too large to make meaningful progress at meetings. Second, the West Mojave Team staff do not have sufficient time or resources to fulfill all of the requests of the groups for information and proposals to consider. She recommended that the Steering Committee become more involved in the process again.

After consideration of several options, the Steering Committee decided that it should play a greater role than it has to date, providing direction and structure to the process and ensuring that task group work is focused and productive. It decided to meet again in May. As preparation, the Steering Committee would review the background information that has been provided to each Task Group and the decisions that have been reached thus far. Current roadblocks on substantive and procedural matters would be discussed and resolved.

The Steering Committee felt that priority should be given to completing the work of Task Group 1 and 2. This is recommended because these two groups are developing the conservation strategy that Task Group 3 and 4's work must be based upon. For example, the implementing structure will flow out of the conservation program developed by Task Group 1. Therefore, it was suggested that Task Groups 3 and 4 not meet until substantial progress had been made on the other two groups, particularly Task Group 1.

Meetings were scheduled for May 15th at 10 a.m. and May 31st at 9:30 a.m. in Victorville.