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1 PALM DESERT, CALIFORNIA; SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2003

2 9:04 A.M.

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5 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Okay. We will call the  
6 June 7th meeting of the Monument Advisory  
7 Committee to order. The first order of business  
8 is to review the last meeting minutes.

9 Do we have those?

10 MS. GEORGE: We do.

11 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: I have reviewed them  
12 carefully and made some changes, and Danella made  
13 some changes and corrections. I think they're  
14 correct.

15 MS. HENDERSON: Where are the minutes?

16 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Pardon?

17 MS. HENDERSON: Are they out there on the  
18 table?

19 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: No. They're at your  
20 position there.

21 MS. HENDERSON: At my position. Okay.

22 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Everybody should have  
23 reviewed them. Any comments?

24 MS. ROCHE: Terry is not Anderson. She's  
25 Henderson.

1           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: I changed that.

2           MS. ROCHE: Okay. It's not on the one  
3 that I have. That's okay.

4           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: It was Anderson and  
5 Henderson all the way through it.

6           MS. HENDERSON: That's okay. Let  
7 somebody else take the blame.

8           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Any other comments?  
9 Thank you for that.

10          Okay. Housekeeping. Feel like cleaning  
11 house, Danella?

12          MS. GEORGE: You bet.

13          CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Okay. Go for it.

14          MS. GEORGE: Okay. First, I'll go over  
15 the packets that are laying in front of you this  
16 morning. You all have a copy of the Mountain  
17 Summit. That was provided to us by the Forest  
18 Service this week. Some of you will be getting  
19 invitations. Laurie Rosenthal will speak to that  
20 this morning.

21          You also have our first newsletter that  
22 Tracy Liegler helped pull together with everyone.  
23 You have a copy of that.

24          CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Excuse me. Before you  
25 leave that, what was the distribution on this?

1 MS. GEORGE: The distribution right now  
2 is at the visitor center as a handout. And we are  
3 working on getting a mailing to our district  
4 office, and the National Monument mailing list.

5 Is that correct?

6 MS. LIEGLER: And distribution also  
7 through the natural science education agencies in  
8 the valley and school districts.

9 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: I would suggest you  
10 also distribute it through various chambers and  
11 visitor centers throughout the valley. I suppose  
12 they can put copies on their counters.

13 MS. LIEGLER: We have three local  
14 chambers -- Palm Springs, Cathedral City and Palm  
15 Desert.

16 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Well, let's not forget  
17 all the rest of them and any other place there's  
18 visitor centers.

19 MR. FREET: The visitors bureau.

20 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: The visitors bureau  
21 would be a good one. We want a wide distribution  
22 on this.

23 MS. WATLING: I think city councils  
24 too -- send a package.

25 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Copies to the city

1 council members. Anybody else have a suggestion  
2 before we leave that?

3 Good morning, Rob Parkins.

4 MR. PARKINS: Good morning.

5 MS. HENDERSON: What about the Parks  
6 & Recreation district office?

7 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Good idea. Any other  
8 suggestions? How about the tribe visitor center?

9 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: I was going to say  
10 that, but I figured it would be done. The tribal  
11 councils plus the Indian Canyons would be a good  
12 place to have some for the visitors there, and  
13 Tahquitz.

14 MS. GEORGE: Danella George. I've heard  
15 from all of you, and we will add this list to  
16 Tracy's group of folks.

17 We may need a little assistance on  
18 helping find a process to facilitate a quick  
19 printing. We have been printing these in a pretty  
20 slow process. So we'll work on that and get a  
21 large printing figured out -- how we'll do that.

22 Maybe we'll go to the Friends of the  
23 Desert Mountains to help us so we can do a massive  
24 printing and get this to all the folks that were  
25 listed today -- the visitors bureaus, chambers of

1 commerces for our community here, the city  
2 councils, the Park & Recreation district, tribal  
3 visitor center and tribal councils.

4 Did I miss anyone?

5 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: You had one other,  
6 didn't you?

7 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: There's both  
8 Tahquitz Canyon, and then we have the Trading  
9 Post.

10 MS. GEORGE: Okay. And within that  
11 newsletter you also have a sheet that Tracy has  
12 prepared. We coordinated a whole group of  
13 activities this summer that focuses more on the  
14 high elevation over a three-month period, which is  
15 "Summer is Discovery Season." So that is in your  
16 packet of information to take back or keep in your  
17 notebook.

18 You also have a document that Connell  
19 will go over with some help from Greg Hill today  
20 on the comments on the Draft Resource Management  
21 Plan and Draft Environment Impact Statement.

22 Ed has passed out a copy of a letter from  
23 the city council of Palm Springs.

24 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: It's a draft action for  
25 their next meeting which involves comments on the

1 plan.

2 MS. GEORGE: So those are the materials  
3 that were handed out today.

4 Just an update on the appointments. The  
5 one-year stagger is in Washington, DC. It's in  
6 the White House liaison office -- the office of  
7 the liaison to the White House from the  
8 department.

9 When Barbara was back there, I asked her  
10 secretary if she could ask Barbara to see if she  
11 could facilitate getting that moved on, just  
12 jokingly.

13 The two-year stagger, all of the  
14 nominations are in. We had those in and closed  
15 last weekend. So what I need to do is get  
16 together with Jim and Laurie and Gene Zimmerman  
17 and look at the applications and make the  
18 recommendations.

19 And then we'll start the process just  
20 like the one-year stagger where we have to do a  
21 coordinated response. It has to go up the chain  
22 to the regional forester and state director. They  
23 have to bless it. And it goes on to the chief of  
24 the Forest Service and the director of the BLM.  
25 And then from there it goes on up to the

1 secretary's office.

2           We're hoping that Jim Kenna will be able  
3 to help us get those one-year staggers on court  
4 when he goes back to Washington shortly. So  
5 that's the status of those. The charter is back  
6 there for rechartering as well.

7           The other thing I just thought I'd update  
8 folks on, because we'll probably want to talk  
9 about this I'm hoping at the October meeting if  
10 not the August meeting, is thanks to Buford and  
11 the Friends of the Desert Mountains, we're having  
12 a consultant look at the future of having a  
13 nonprofit partner for the National Monument who  
14 will focus on not just land acquisition but  
15 environmental education, outreach, you know, a  
16 whole host of things that the National Monument  
17 plan charges us to do.

18           So that's something we're working on in  
19 the future. He may call you or contact you. His  
20 name is Gene House. We'll have a report from him  
21 sometime in the future of how to do that in the  
22 future.

23           Just a reminder to keep October 25th on  
24 your calendar. In the morning we'll have three  
25 events at the Highway 74 visitor center.

1 Currently we have David Largo from the Santa Rosa  
2 tribe who will teach pottery. His mother will be  
3 doing basketry.

4 We'll have artists again from the La  
5 Quinta Arts Foundation. We're working with the La  
6 Quinta Arts Foundation to help us with the  
7 announcement, the invitation for the dinner.  
8 We'll be using the winning painting from last  
9 year.

10 We have Elizabeth Green. She's actually  
11 here. She's helping with this effort with us.  
12 The afternoon will be from 2:00 to 5:00 in the  
13 Indian Canyons. We'll be out there. We'll have  
14 the contest. We'll have a focus with Cahuilla  
15 speakers on the Cahuilla focus for our theme and  
16 entertainment and so forth like that.

17 And then at the October meeting for the  
18 MAC, we have invited a gentleman that's the  
19 executive director for Trails Mix, the group that  
20 John Able discussed.

21 And Don Shotler is interested in coming  
22 and speaking to us about how they are doing  
23 implementation of their trails management plan or  
24 trails plan in Juno, Alaska, which is a whole host  
25 of different entities working together to do this

1 on the ground.

2           So he's going to come and give a talk.  
3 By then we'll be moving closer to a trails plan.  
4 We need to be thinking about implementation. And  
5 that came out this week. We've been talking about  
6 the trails plan.

7           We have really solicited the wildlife  
8 agencies to look at the Monument Advisory  
9 Committee as a subgroup, a trails group, to be  
10 tasked for the implementation when we get to that  
11 stage with the trails plan implementation and a  
12 trails subcommittee. So you guys are going to be  
13 very important for that. With that, I'm done.

14           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Questions?

15           MS. GEORGE: Oh, field trip.

16           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Oh, the field trip.

17           MS. GEORGE: I just wanted to say we had  
18 a lovely field trip for those who were able to  
19 attend. That was Ed, Ruth, and Laurie and  
20 Norm Walker took us up to the Pinyon fire house.  
21 We visited and met the crew up there. We saw the  
22 die-back which is occurring right now with the  
23 Pinyon Pine, which is pretty incredible and pretty  
24 rapid.

25           We then went on up the road, and we went

1 to Hummer Park and saw the new construction in the  
2 parking lot up there and the trail access. We had  
3 a beautiful morning view of Lily Rock. We then  
4 had a nice lunch.

5           And we then saw the Strawberry Field fuel  
6 break and listened to the work that folks are  
7 doing up there to try and get ahead of  
8 catastrophe. And Laurie will probably discuss  
9 that too. So with that, I'm done.

10           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Questions?

11           Jim Kenna.

12           MR. KENNA: Yes, sir. I will keep my  
13 remarks pretty brief, I think. One, building a  
14 little bit on something that Danella mentioned, we  
15 have been working pretty intensively on the trails  
16 issues. I think some of this stuff is starting to  
17 get pretty mature.

18           I would encourage people to use the  
19 forums that are available with the multiple  
20 species planning process. I think in the next  
21 month, there will be a lot of good information and  
22 good dialogue on some fairly specific items.

23           The forums that CVAG has been using, of  
24 course, are the energy and environment committee,  
25 which the meeting on that, Buford, I believe is --

1 MR. CRITES: Thursday.

2 MR. KENNA: -- Thursday. I hope there  
3 will be at least some discussion on the progress  
4 that's been going on and the discussion that's  
5 been going on.

6 And then the PAG meetings, which are the  
7 last Thursday or the fourth Thursday of the  
8 month. The 26th, if I remember the dates  
9 correctly.

10 We had a very good PAG meeting this last  
11 month. We walked people through not so much the  
12 trails plan aspect itself but more a lot of the  
13 data and information that's out there in terms of  
14 knowledge about sheep and knowledge about  
15 recreationists and what they do in the Santa  
16 Rosas. I had a very good discussion at that  
17 point.

18 What I told folks at the last PAG meeting  
19 was to please stay tuned for coming attractions.  
20 I think the next PAG meeting should be one of  
21 those coming attractions. It should be a chance  
22 to really delve into some of the details of the  
23 trails planning process that CVAG has been  
24 graciously leading.

25 The second thing that I was going to

1 mention is that for those of you -- and I've had a  
2 chance to talk to some you personally, obviously  
3 not everybody. But in the last -- about a week  
4 ago, I was asked to go back to Washington, DC as  
5 the deputy assistant director of resources for BLM  
6 on a 60- to 90-day detail. That's an estimate.

7           The purpose is to cover the position  
8 while they seek to fill it. It's currently  
9 vacant. I agreed to do that. I will be heading  
10 for Washington, DC next Monday, but I will be  
11 doing my best, my other duties allowed, to keep my  
12 ear to the ground here in the Coachella Valley.

13           So I want to give everybody, I guess,  
14 that piece of information. They did work this out  
15 in such a way that there was a bit of negotiation  
16 that had to occur. My wife is staying here. So  
17 that put me in a position of doing a bit of  
18 negotiation as well.

19           I am going to be coming back a couple of  
20 times anyway for things like a family reunion.  
21 And they did agree to let me watch my son get  
22 married. I will be back a couple of times, and I  
23 will probably check on many of you out of  
24 friendship or whatever.

25           But I wanted to make sure that everybody

1 knew that that was in the offering, and for a few  
2 months I probably won't be around too much.  
3 That's it.

4           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Would it be fair to say  
5 that this is kind of grease for the permanent  
6 position?

7           MR. KENNA: I don't think it would be  
8 fair to say that.

9           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: You don't think so?

10          MR. KENNA: No. I certainly did not  
11 agree to that. I suppose they could ask me to  
12 agree to it at a later point, but I don't think  
13 that there's any way that that's in the offer.

14          My understanding is that they have a list  
15 for that position. I did not apply to be on that  
16 list. So if they use the list that they have, I  
17 don't see that happening.

18          CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Questions? Yes.

19          MR. MORGAN: Who is going to be doing  
20 your job while you're away?

21          MR. KENNA: I'm still working on that.  
22 Obviously, I hope to have some answer to that  
23 question in the next week. My feeling is that the  
24 office at this point has a very strong group of  
25 supervisors other than field management

1 positions.

2           You're obviously very familiar with  
3 Danella, the manager for the Monument. We have  
4 Elena Misquez in the associate role. So I guess  
5 should there be a small gap in time, Elena would  
6 be the next in line by delegation to fill that  
7 role.

8           I did ask to kind of keep everybody in  
9 their existing roles and not disrupt the office  
10 too much. So John Kalish should stay in the  
11 recreation role. Elena will stay in the associate  
12 role, and Danella will stay in the Monument  
13 manager role.

14           There may be some short acting periods  
15 that may need to be bridged, but my hope is to  
16 have an experienced existing field manager come in  
17 and sort of bridge that time period and hopefully  
18 just help coordinate things and keep everything  
19 all in order. I'm pretty confident with the level  
20 of skill and the other management team ranks that  
21 that should be very doable.

22           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Ruth?

23           MS. WATLING: That was my question.

24           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: We look forward to you  
25 coming back.

1 MR. KENNA: I appreciate that.

2 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Thank you for your  
3 report.

4 MR. KENNA: Okay.

5 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Laurie Rosenthal.

6 MS. ROSENTHAL: Good morning. I have  
7 just a few things to talk about today. The thing  
8 that, of course, is most heavy on everybody's mind  
9 up on the mountain is the safety of the community,  
10 as I tell you every time, both saving lives and  
11 secondarily property, and then third forest.

12 The die-off is just getting worse and  
13 worse. It's a good possibility, according to the  
14 entomologist, that the die-off will double over  
15 the summer.

16 We're talking not just about even stress  
17 trees but all trees. When you have millions of  
18 beetles right on the tree, it doesn't really stand  
19 a chance. So that's the situation up there.

20 We're doing what we can with a limited  
21 budget. Speaking of budget, we have some money  
22 that Congressman Lewis was able to secure from  
23 FEMA that was just sitting in a pot. That was  
24 back in February.

25 Unfortunately, I guess there had to be

1 all kinds of weird grant proposals done. This  
2 isn't like a normal thing that happens that FEMA  
3 even gives money for dead trees. So I guess  
4 Riverside and San Bernardino County had to keep  
5 changing their grant proposals and everything.  
6 Now it's just kind of sitting there.

7           You may have read in the newspapers that  
8 we like need the money right now. This would go  
9 to private lands, 19 percent of this. How much is  
10 it? I wrote it down here. \$3.3 million would go  
11 to Riverside and Idyllwild.

12           They have a bunch of different variables  
13 such as population and number of acres and some  
14 other things. So about \$600,000 would go to  
15 Idyllwild for private property.

16           Other funding for private lands, Forest  
17 Service is awarding \$7.5 million this year to CDF  
18 for the whole state of California. But I imagine  
19 again, a lot of this will also go to the Idyllwild  
20 and San Bernardino County situation for private  
21 property.

22           We have not heard anything yet -- as you  
23 know, the governor declared a state of disaster.  
24 We have not heard anything from the president on  
25 whether he's going to approve getting FEMA funds

1 and make this a national disaster. We're still  
2 waiting on that.

3 I want to thank those of you that have  
4 called -- Congresswoman Bono or, you know,  
5 others -- to inquire about that. I know a few of  
6 you have.

7 And Governor Davis I think it was two  
8 weeks ago flew through the area. That always  
9 helps, these tours. There's just nothing that  
10 substitutes for seeing it, and especially flying  
11 over it and seeing the damage. So I'm hoping that  
12 will also push things through.

13 And as far as federal lands, we're still  
14 waiting to hear if their's going to be any kind of  
15 an add-on or special appropriation for the federal  
16 lands. All the other things I just talked about  
17 have to do with the private lands.

18 It's extremely expensive as a private  
19 land owner to get rid of these trees. They're  
20 right next to your house. You have to get  
21 somebody professional to fell the tree, or they're  
22 near a power line.

23 Edison has been extremely helpful. They  
24 have really geared themselves up now. They have  
25 six crews up in the Idyllwild area, and 12 crews

1 over in the Lake Arrowhead area clearing trees  
2 near high voltage. So we're really, really  
3 fortunate.

4 Caltrans, at the latest meeting we had  
5 with them or at least the folks that we were  
6 talking to said, "We don't have the funds. We  
7 don't have the stuff. We're working in another  
8 area on another emergency somewhere else."

9 So as far as our emergency corridors,  
10 they pretty much said, "If you can do it, fine.  
11 But at this point, we don't have the staffing, et  
12 cetera." So we're going to be probably going to a  
13 higher level of Caltrans regarding that.

14 The governors's state of declaration did  
15 say that all state agencies would be involved in  
16 this. But anyway, that's the situation right  
17 now.

18 Slash is a huge challenge right now. We  
19 have these piles and piles at our transfer  
20 station. It's just getting a little out of hand.  
21 We have cleared some other land, forest land, that  
22 will be used for -- what is it called. It's a  
23 whole tree grinder.

24 MS. WATLING: Chip.

25 MS. ROSENTHAL: No. A grinder. This is

1 different. Yeah. I'm not all that familiar until  
2 I see these actual machines, but a grinder is a  
3 little different. It will get a whole tree in  
4 there.

5           Fire restrictions. We had a meeting with  
6 some of the community members last month. It's a  
7 really hard thing, as I told you last time, to  
8 balance between, you know, the safety of the  
9 community and the recreation opportunities,  
10 economic stability in the community.

11           So we are still in the process of writing  
12 a plan and doing a lot of soul searching as to  
13 what would be the best way and bringing in fire  
14 signs as well. Like historically where would the  
15 fire start and how would the fire start, although,  
16 we have a very different situation right now with  
17 all the dead trees. But we're still going through  
18 that.

19           To answer your question, Buford, I got a  
20 message from him. We're still working on that.  
21 He asked about the Santa Rosa area. One thing, if  
22 we were to have a fire up there today, the  
23 helicopters would be making announcements either  
24 to go down the hill or to go up the hill to the  
25 Torro area, which is a safe place.

1           If you're out there, you oftentimes don't  
2 know where the fire is coming from. It's not  
3 always evident. So that would happen.

4           And having vehicles -- you know, it is a  
5 fairly small area. The fact that you would see a  
6 vehicle, if there was nobody in the vehicle, then  
7 the helicopters would be looking for those folks.  
8 So that answers the question a little bit. But as  
9 far as the actual fire restriction plan, that's  
10 still in the making.

11           And then lastly, we have something called  
12 "Creating a Positive Future for our Forest and  
13 Communities." It's a summit. It's going to take  
14 place on June 27 through June 29th, which is a  
15 Friday, Saturday and Sunday, at the University of  
16 Redlands Ordinance Center.

17           This is bringing together community  
18 leaders to focus on the forest health crisis right  
19 now and the short-term and the long-term. To  
20 develop a community vision, the facilitators have,  
21 I guess, gone around the country and used this  
22 process called appreciative inquiry.

23           Has anybody ever heard of this? I've got  
24 a few copies of it and the Web site also. I don't  
25 know -- did you print it out?

1 MS. GEORGE: Yeah, we did. We handed it  
2 out to all the folks. I didn't get the  
3 appreciative inquiry.

4 MS. ROSENTHAL: That was part of the Web  
5 site. I've got five copies here. This is some  
6 kind of a process where there's about 10 percent  
7 monologue and about 90 percent dialogue. It  
8 requires three days, a commitment of three days.

9 But at the end of this process, which I  
10 guess has been tested many times and it really  
11 works, you end up with a community vision and an  
12 action plan for the community.

13 I talked to Ed a little about this, that  
14 maybe at least one person from the MAC could be a  
15 representative for this, as well as Danella is  
16 going to try as well to get there. She's got some  
17 other commitments.

18 So I'm going to hand this back over to Ed  
19 who is going to talk a little bit about maybe if  
20 there is somebody here who would like to represent  
21 the MAC.

22 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Before we get to that,  
23 would it help if this committee were to address a  
24 letter to our political persons in Washington  
25 about the concern?

1 MS. ROSENTHAL: Well, off the record,  
2 that would always help. It can't hurt. Yeah.  
3 Because you know the thing about the politicos,  
4 and I think Ed said the same thing, is even though  
5 this is definitely -- I think Mary would say this  
6 is an extreme priority for her.

7 She's also got a huge amount of other  
8 priorities, plus I guess something like this. But  
9 there probably still are a lot of other  
10 congressional people out there that are not aware  
11 of this situation.

12 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Okay. I wanted to add  
13 that.

14 Yes, sir, Allan.

15 MR. MUTH: Allan Muth. Are emergency  
16 actions exempt from the environment review?

17 MS. ROSENTHAL: No. We are looking into  
18 the possibility of getting something from CDQ,  
19 which would be an EIS that would cover the entire  
20 area -- one EIS for the entire situation. We're  
21 looking into this. This I'm sure will come with a  
22 lot of parameters and stipulations and everything  
23 on its own.

24 We also have been talking about emergency  
25 consultation with the Fish & Wildlife Service as

1 well so we can get out there and start working on  
2 some projects before there's no habitat left for  
3 the wildlife.

4           But there is still a lot we don't know.  
5 Like even with the emergency declaration, if we  
6 get it from FEMA, I still think we have to do  
7 something, if that's your question.

8           MR. MUTH: I just wanted to know how it  
9 fit in with the latest forest declarations coming  
10 out of the White House.

11           MS. ROSENTHAL: The president's health  
12 and forest initiative?

13           MR. MUTH: Yes.

14           MS. ROSENTHAL: That hasn't been approved  
15 yet by congress, as far as I know. What has been  
16 approved right now is the new categorical  
17 exclusion which talks about prescribed burning and  
18 I think up to four or five thousand acres.

19           So that would mean that we could do a  
20 decision MO without waiting the 60 to 90 days.  
21 That just came out this past week. So we're still  
22 waiting for a little bit of interpretation on  
23 that.

24           So that will help us quite a bit, because  
25 most of the areas we're talking about right now

1 are within that. They're not huge, huge areas.  
2 We can do small pockets, which means we can get  
3 those projects out quickly.

4 The situation has to do with we don't  
5 have a staff. We don't have even the contractors  
6 to help us with that. So it's very, very  
7 complex. There are some abilities now with this  
8 new categorical exclusion to be able to do some  
9 things quicker.

10 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Terry.

11 MS. HENDERSON: Terry Henderson,  
12 La Quinta. If we could request a copy of your  
13 letter -- I presume that you will do one from the  
14 group -- and have it sent to the cities at the  
15 very least, and maybe every organization that's  
16 represent.

17 Cities are really good at doing  
18 resolutions and support of. I'm sure we could do  
19 a resolution supporting the letter and maybe get  
20 some mass mailings going in here.

21 MS. ROSENTHAL: Well, that could  
22 certainly help Bono and Lewis as well.

23 MS. HENDERSON: Right. Yeah.

24 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Other comments,  
25 questions?

1           Thank you, Laurie. Thank you for the  
2 tour. It was scary.

3           MS. ROSENTHAL: It's not even Halloween.

4           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: No.

5           MS. ROSENTHAL: Do you want to talk a  
6 little bit more about this mountain summit?

7           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: I cannot make the  
8 mountain summit. I have a district conference  
9 that weekend.

10           Is there anyone that would care to go as  
11 a representative of this organization?

12           MR. MORGAN: I shall be attending the  
13 mountain summit but as a representative of the  
14 Sierra Club. I can let you know what happens  
15 after the fact at the next meeting.

16           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Thank you.

17           Anybody that can make that weekend or a  
18 portion of the weekend?

19           MS. ROSENTHAL: Unfortunately, the way it  
20 was described to me is that we really need to have  
21 a three-day committment because of the process  
22 that's involved. That's what I was told.

23           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Well, we can give them  
24 a three-day commitment, show up for one and say we  
25 lied.

1 MS. ROSENTHAL: That's true.

2 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Anybody? Okay. If you  
3 do change your mind, get in touch with Laurie, I  
4 guess, and let her know that you would like to  
5 go.

6 Jeff, thanks. We'll look forward to the  
7 report from you.

8 Yes, Ruth.

9 MS. WATLING: My thought was even though  
10 they want a three-day commitment, if we can  
11 individually make one day or two days and put that  
12 together.

13 MS. ROSENTHAL: I've got five copies that  
14 describe this process. I'm giving them to  
15 Danella.

16 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Yes, sir.

17 MR. FREET: Bary Freet. Do we have  
18 specific timing on those days written somewhere?

19 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: My understanding is  
20 it's all day every day.

21 Is that correct?

22 MS. ROSENTHAL: Did she pass out the  
23 agenda? I have 15 agendas here as well.

24 MS. GEORGE: No. You didn't give me the  
25 agendas.

1 MS. ROSENTHAL: I'm glad I brought them.

2 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Any other questions?

3 Connell Dunning, Draft National Monument  
4 Plan Comment Review Presentation. Good morning to  
5 you.

6 MS. DUNNING: Hello.

7 Did you say O.J. wasn't going to make it  
8 today?

9 MS. GEORGE: Danella George. Yes.

10 O.J. Vanegas was invited from the Agua Caliente  
11 Cultural Museum today to give a presentation on  
12 what they do there. He had a family emergency.  
13 So we're going to reschedule him. Buford had  
14 asked that I invite him to give a talk about the  
15 museum. So we'll have to reschedule.

16 MS. DUNNING: Well, the first thing that  
17 I wanted to do today was -- pick up this piece of  
18 paper. Oh, I can't get that. The first thing I  
19 wanted to do was summarize what happened at the  
20 public scoping meetings. We had three of them.  
21 They turned out very well.

22 We had a total of 85 people from the  
23 community come over the three meetings. The  
24 largest attendance was up in Pinyon where we had  
25 55 members of the public come.

1           The summary of those meeting notes is  
2 going to be put on the Web once we get them back.  
3 I was able to kind of go through them and look to  
4 see if there were any errors. I gave those back  
5 to Sonja, and she will be getting those back to me  
6 within the next week. And then we're going to be  
7 posting them on the Web for everyone to take a  
8 look at.

9           The comment period still closes  
10 June 19th. We will be taking the comments as they  
11 came at the public meetings and also as they come  
12 in via letters. And after June 19th beginning  
13 after we get all the letters in, we will have an  
14 interagency meeting, go through all of the comment  
15 letters, and identify the substantive comments  
16 there were there.

17           Then we take all of the comments and we  
18 create comment statements -- kind of general  
19 cement statements that reflect all of the comments  
20 that came in. And then again, as an interagency  
21 group, we sit down and respond to those comments  
22 representing all of those who were a part of the  
23 development of the draft plan.

24           So the response of those comments will  
25 appear in the proposed final, which depending upon

1 the number of comments that come in, we hope to  
2 have completed near the beginning -- very  
3 beginning of August. We would like that to  
4 happen.

5           So the next phase that you will see the  
6 plan in will be the proposed final. There will be  
7 some regional Forest Service and state office BLM  
8 review once we get our completed proposed final.  
9 And there will be some Washington office level  
10 reviews. And then we'll get it out to the public  
11 hopefully in September. So that's the time line  
12 of the next steps of the process.

13           There will also be a protest and appeals  
14 process. There were some questions about that at  
15 the last meeting. I did bring some additional  
16 information regarding that specifically. So if  
17 you have questions at the break or afterwards, we  
18 can talk about that.

19           The proposed final will very clearly  
20 identify what that process is, should someone have  
21 concerns about the comments -- excuse me -- about  
22 the proposed actions as they show up in the  
23 proposed final.

24           So today what we're going to do --

25           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Connell, before you

1 leave that, could you just take a moment or two to  
2 characterize the comments you did receive from the  
3 public? Was there anything really that would  
4 affect our recommendations?

5 MS. DUNNING: Many times when we come  
6 back to the public with a plan like this, a lot of  
7 the comments appear -- like scoping -- like "We  
8 want the trails open. We want this closed." So  
9 there were a large number of comments that were  
10 just general thoughts about the area.

11 There were some specific comments about  
12 actions that were in the documents. I did bring  
13 kind of the draft versions of all of the  
14 meetings. I have those here to go through if you  
15 want to flip through them and take a look at  
16 them.

17 Some example comments were related to the  
18 shooting areas that we were proposing to prohibit  
19 recreational shooting -- not hunting, but  
20 recreational shooting -- throughout the Monument.

21 There were some concerns about what  
22 impact that would have and did we properly  
23 characterize that. Questions about hang gliding,  
24 that we were proposing to limit hang gliding in  
25 the Monument -- prohibit it in some areas and not

1 in others.

2           So the questions that the public focused  
3 very much on was anything that we were changing,  
4 which is normally the case.

5           We did have some comments about the  
6 coordination process. Barbara was at one of the  
7 meetings where we had a couple of comments -- we  
8 like those -- complimenting the process of going  
9 out to the public, but very confused about the  
10 multiple plans that are out there.

11           So that was something that we know is  
12 always going to be the case no matter how much we  
13 try to outline the various plans and how they  
14 interact. So what we hope to do is add to what we  
15 have in the draft and hopefully make it even more  
16 clear how the different plans relate. So that was  
17 something that came up.

18           Other than that, there was nothing -- no  
19 shockers, I guess, that we don't see as a  
20 potential in affecting the time line. It's kind  
21 of how we look at it. Is there anything so major  
22 that we're going to have to shift the time line to  
23 address it, and we haven't seen that yet.

24           We have received a number of letters.  
25 I'd like to thank those of you who are

1 representing groups who sent those letters in and  
2 also remind you that obviously, city councils and  
3 such take a long time for resolutions and letters  
4 to get out.

5           But if we could get a letter from your  
6 groups by June 19th, it would really supplement  
7 the record and show the level of coordination that  
8 you guys have had. So it's your homework. Get  
9 out there and get those letters in.

10           Are there any more questions about that?

11           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Danella.

12           MS. GEORGE: Just a comment about what  
13 Connell said. La Quinta had us come to city  
14 council, and Cathedral City had us come to city  
15 council. Palm Springs is going happen this week.  
16 Connell will be at city council. So Buford, if  
17 you want us to come and just do a short one at  
18 Palm Desert, time is running out. All right.  
19 That's all. Okay.

20           MS. DUNNING: Any other groups, if  
21 there's more information that you need -- if  
22 there's a certain person writing the letter who  
23 needs some information, just give Danella or  
24 myself or Greg Hill a call, and you can get that  
25 information.

1           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY:  Yes, Terry.

2           MS. HENDERSON:  Terry Henderson,  
3 La Quinta.  Specifically are you requesting a  
4 letter of support for the adoption of this plan?

5           MS. DUNNING:  Not the adoption of the  
6 plan because it will get adopted in some form.

7           MS. HENDERSON:  Okay.  We can all go home  
8 now.

9           MS. DUNNING:  Well, it's true.  In some  
10 form it will be adopted.  And you're here to give  
11 us recommendations on what it looks like.  So what  
12 we're looking for from any of the groups out here  
13 are specific comments about what we're proposing,  
14 specific recommended changes if you feel there  
15 need to be any.

16           But if you're okay with it, a letter  
17 saying you're glad to be a part of the process,  
18 whatever you feel your group needs to say.  Of  
19 course, if you don't have a letter to send, it  
20 just won't show up in the final.

21           MS. GEORGE:  Danella George.  In the  
22 front of the draft plan, the letter that I sent  
23 out is in there of who to send it to and the time  
24 line.  So it's in there in the draft plan.

25           MS. DUNNING:  Are there any other

1 questions about that?

2           Okay. Did you all bring a copy of the  
3 report? I guess one was handed out. We're going  
4 to be going through this report. We're going to  
5 go through the report in the same process that  
6 Austin McInerny and Dave Sepos developed in  
7 November.

8           Austin did compile this from all the  
9 comments that we received. Once you gave them to  
10 me, I e-mailed them directly to Austin. He  
11 compiled what you see here.

12           So we're going to going through them  
13 number by number, which will go quite quickly, I  
14 think, because a number of them are grammatical  
15 corrections which hopefully we won't need to  
16 discuss.

17           We do have a technical editor going  
18 through and hopefully catching the recommended  
19 grammar changes that you provided and I'm sure  
20 will also be finding others.

21           So what we'll do upon reading each  
22 numbered statement, we'll first ask the question  
23 does everybody understand it. Some of them might  
24 be a little vague. Those people who provided the  
25 comment can provide some further clarification if

1 it's needed.

2           So the first is do you understand the  
3 comment? The second thing is does everybody  
4 support the comment? If not, are there minor word  
5 changes that we can talk about to support them, or  
6 will there be a minority opinion contrary to the  
7 comment?

8           So that's the process. Greg Hill is  
9 going to help. He's going to be taking some notes  
10 as we're talking. I'm going to project the report  
11 onto the screen so that we can all see it at the  
12 same time.

13           You'll have an opportunity, once we pull  
14 this together and send it back out like we did  
15 last time for a few days -- Ed, I know you sent it  
16 out to everybody, and I think everyone had three  
17 days or so to review it to make sure it sounded  
18 like what you thought it did. So that will be the  
19 process as well for this.

20           Okay. And the other thing to review is  
21 what the information says at the beginning. You  
22 did have a chance to look at it.

23           Were there any comments about the  
24 background information or the introductory  
25 paragraphs? No comments.

1           Okay. We are moving quickly. We are on  
2 page 2 -- no -- page 4. Look at that. We just  
3 zipped through three whole pages.

4           MS. GEORGE: Connell?

5           MS. DUNNING: Yes.

6           MS. GEORGE: Does everyone have a plan?  
7 We need to cross-reference. Does anybody need a  
8 plan?

9           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Yeah. I like that.

10          MS. DUNNING: That's nice. Is that  
11 good? Okay. The first comment, No. 1, "The  
12 entire draft plan needs a careful reading by a  
13 good editor to catch minor editorial, punctuation,  
14 and grammatical errors."

15          Agreement? Consensus. Beautiful.

16          Okay. Comment No. 2, "There are  
17 too many strategies that focus on  
18 'seeking partnerships' to accomplish  
19 objectives. While the committee  
20 understands that many policies and  
21 strategies cannot be successfully  
22 implemented without other agency  
23 assistance, the emphasis should be  
24 on the desired action, not the  
25 partnering process. The committee

1 supports the federal agencies'  
2 promotion of collaboration and  
3 recommends the use of 'in partnership  
4 with . . .' language where appropriate."

5 Does everybody understand the comment?

6 Does anybody not support the comment?

7 Okay. No. 3, "Be consistent throughout  
8 the draft plan. Make sure the document is  
9 consistent with the usage of the words tribe,  
10 tribes, Native Americans, and various acronyms."

11 Does everybody --

12 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Danella.

13 MS. GEORGE: Danella George. I just want  
14 to go back to No. 2, because, you know, it really  
15 needs some thought to think about. I've read this  
16 a couple of times and gone back to No. 2 of  
17 General Comments. It's probably because I read  
18 the legislation all the time. And the focus on  
19 cooperation and consultation, there's really not  
20 collaboration language in the legislation.

21 I don't know. I just don't want to lose  
22 that that really is what makes this so different.  
23 This isn't like a plan for one piece of contiguous  
24 landscaping in one jurisdiction like a Forest  
25 Service plan or a Park Service plan, but a plan

1 that reflects having to work with all the  
2 different entities.

3 MS. DUNNING: So you would like to make  
4 sure that we maintain the cooperative nature of  
5 the entire document?

6 MS. GEORGE: Yeah. Yep.

7 MS. DUNNING: Is everyone in agreement  
8 with that, as a tone throughout the document, just  
9 making sure we keep that cooperative information  
10 throughout? Okay.

11 MR. MUTH: Isn't that accomplished by  
12 this specific wording?

13 MS. DUNNING: We'll make sure that it's  
14 emphasized.

15 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Barbara.

16 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: Right.  
17 Barbara Gonzales-Lyons. That is what I was  
18 wondering. Is seeking partnerships different than  
19 in partnership with? How is that different?

20 MR. BROCKMAN: I guess I'm the guilty one  
21 here. I think it is different.

22 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Bob Brockman.

23 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: That's what I'm  
24 asking. How is it different?

25 MR. BROCKMAN: It seems like the focus of

1 many of the strategies was solely on the  
2 partnership seeking aspect. Once that partnership  
3 has been sought, regardless of any accomplishment,  
4 the strategy or the objective was met.

5 I felt we really ought to be going  
6 farther than that to try to get to accomplishing  
7 something more than just a partnership. So I felt  
8 that using the language of "in partnership with"  
9 recognizes the cooperative aspect but still  
10 allowed the plan to focus on the ultimate  
11 on-the-ground objective.

12 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: Yeah.

13 MS. GEORGE: I agree. Going back to what  
14 Laurie talked about, that dialogue versus  
15 monologue, I just think that this is a general  
16 comment that needed a little dialogue from the MAC  
17 between themselves. It's very important.

18 MS. DUNNING: Okay.

19 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Terry.

20 MS. HENDERSON: That's okay. I just  
21 simply read this as something that in fact we are  
22 doing. It's been made clear from day one that we  
23 are not independent here.

24 This plan has to be integrated with so  
25 many other plans that are out there that it isn't

1 a fault of the plan. It is a reality of what is  
2 happening. And everything we do is going to be in  
3 cooperation or in partnership with some other  
4 agency.

5 MS. DUNNING: Okay. So with that  
6 clarification, is everybody in support of the  
7 wording as stands? Yes.

8 Okay. No. 3 was --

9 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Can I -- Barbara, go  
10 ahead.

11 MS. GONZALES-LYONS:  
12 Barbara Gonzales-Lyons again. So are we then  
13 keeping "seeking partnerships," because that's  
14 what we're trying to do, seek the partnerships  
15 with each other, or are we trying to go even  
16 further than that "in partnership with" each other  
17 trying to work with each other?

18 MS. DUNNING: I believe we can accomplish  
19 both goals by having some general information at  
20 the beginning emphasizing how important seeking  
21 partnerships is and then throughout the actions  
22 that we're proposing. We can keep this language  
23 "in partnership with" all the groups X, Y, and Z  
24 apply.

25 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: Okay. I agree with

1 that, that we're seeking them, and that in the  
2 rest of the document, it's "in partnership with."

3 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Getting to go your  
4 comment is everybody satisfied with this, I'm  
5 going to ask is anyone not satisfied with this?  
6 Fine. Thank you.

7 MS. DUNNING: No. 3, "Be consistent  
8 throughout the draft plan. Make sure the document  
9 is consistent with the use of the words tribe,  
10 tribes, Native Americans and various acronyms."

11 Is anyone not in support of this? And as  
12 a side note, we did have some suggestions from the  
13 cultural resources working group on which words to  
14 use. So we'll be probably making sure upon  
15 reading those notes, that kind of went back and  
16 forth. So we'll go back to your group and  
17 confirm.

18 MR. FREET: Bary Freet. Also other than  
19 just tribes and Native Americans. In other words,  
20 CDCA is used. District office is used. Some of  
21 those are difficult.

22 MS. DUNNING: Yeah. This is something  
23 that our editor is on top of. I've been getting  
24 lots of little comments, "Does it need to be this  
25 or this or this?" So he is picking up a lot of

1 those inconsistencies as we speak.

2           Okay. Moving on to No. 4. This is in  
3 reference to the Executive Summary section. It's  
4 identifying that one of the actions in the  
5 Executive Summary was duplicated. So that  
6 duplication can be removed.

7           Is anybody not in support of that? I  
8 don't know why I'm asking that. Sorry.

9           Again, No. 5, a duplication that will be  
10 removed.

11           No. 6, a duplication that will be  
12 removed.

13           No. 7. This is a comment to correct the  
14 sequence. "Strategic recreation management  
15 elements are not numbered in sequence." So we  
16 will correct that.

17           No. 8, "Bottom of page -- The  
18 reference to Section 2-C.3 is  
19 misleading as the more informative  
20 description of how Native American  
21 coordination and consultation is  
22 provided on page 2-14. Description  
23 of policy and management guidance  
24 included in Table 2-1 on page 2-37  
25 should be included in a more robust

1 discussion on page 2-14."

2 So the comment here is that we increase  
3 the discussion that we have about Native American  
4 consultation.

5 Does everybody understand the comment?  
6 Is anybody not in support of this comment?

7 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: We're trying to look  
8 it up still.

9 MS. DUNNING: Okay.

10 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Are you asking to hold  
11 on that, Barbara?

12 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: No. No. I think  
13 some people are still looking for the information.

14 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Okay. Hold just a  
15 minute.

16 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: Connell is trying to  
17 go really fast.

18 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Everybody ready to move  
19 forward? Okay.

20 MS. DUNNING: Okay. Moving forward.  
21 No. 9, there was a suggestion to add the Soboba  
22 Band to the list of consulted tribes.

23 MS. HENDERSON: Were they?

24 MS. DUNNING: Yes. They were included in  
25 Chapter 5, but they were excluded from this page

1 for some reason.

2 Anybody not in support of that comment?

3 Okay. Comment 10, "Preferred plan  
4 bullet -- change 'significant cultural and  
5 historical sites and events' to 'significant  
6 cultural and historical events.'"

7 Does anybody not understand the comment?

8 Does anybody need clarification? Is anybody not  
9 in support of this change?

10 Okay. No. 11, "Change 'desert district'  
11 to 'CDCA. '" Again, this is in reference to our  
12 inconsistency comment above.

13 No. 12, "Last paragraph, last sentence.  
14 Change 'Native American' to 'Native American  
15 Tribes' as identified during the public scoping  
16 process and through consultation."

17 Is anybody not in support of that  
18 comment?

19 Okay. No. 13, "Page 2-11, paragraph 3,  
20 fourth sentence - Replace 'fencing' with  
21 'protective barriers to.'"

22 Is anybody not in support of this  
23 change? Great.

24 No. 14, "Page 2-11, paragraph 4 - Review  
25 Section 304 of the National Historic Protection

1 Act and provide more detailed description of what  
2 law provides for."

3 Is anybody not in support of this?

4 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: I would make sure that  
5 staff understands the real meaning of what they're  
6 saying here. It does not need further  
7 explanation? You do?

8 MS. DUNNING: Uh-huh.

9 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Okay.

10 MS. DUNNING: Okay. Next, "Page 2-12 -  
11 Alternative A, B, and C, fifth bullet, change the  
12 work 'ceramics' to 'pottery.'"

13 Is anybody not in support of this  
14 change?

15 Okay. You guys are doing great. Look  
16 how many we've blazed through. Give yourselves  
17 all a clap.

18 Okay. No. 16, "First bullet --  
19 capitalize 'Cultural Resources Management Plan.'"

20 Is anybody not in support of that?

21 No. 18, "Management of educational  
22 resources. The work group" --

23 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Wait. You missed 17.

24 MS. DUNNING: Yeah. Sorry about that.  
25 No. 17, "Last paragraph, fourth sentence on page

1 2-14, remove 'in most cases.'"

2 Is anybody not in support of that  
3 change? Does anybody need clarification?

4 Okay. The question was how does it  
5 specifically change? Terry Henderson.

6 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Barbara.

7 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: Yeah. Could Connell  
8 say the whole sentence and where the change would  
9 be?

10 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Connell.

11 MS. DUNNING: Yes.

12 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: I can read it. "Tribal  
13 governments are considered dependant domestic  
14 sovereignties with primary independent  
15 jurisdiction (in most cases over triable lands)."

16 MS. DUNNING: So a clarifying sentence  
17 can either be added if that's included or  
18 completely remove it. The comment was from the  
19 cultural resources group that that is confusing.

20 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: Uh-huh.

21 MS. DUNNING: So we will clarify that.

22 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Yeah. Jeff, you had a  
23 question?

24 MR. MORGAN: Yeah. I think this says --  
25 what we just read. I won't read it again -- in

1 most cases. That means there must be some cases  
2 where it is different.

3 MS. DUNNING: The clarifying language can  
4 be added to make that more clear.

5 MR. MORGAN: All right.

6 MS. DUNNING: Okay.

7 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Is there any indication  
8 of what the clarifying language might be,  
9 Barbara?

10 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: No. We were leaving  
11 it up to staff to work on this to bring it back.

12 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Connell, have you  
13 landed on any clarifying language?

14 MS. DUNNING: I'm not going to speak on  
15 that. I'm going to wait for the cultural  
16 resources group to respond. I did think that  
17 there was something that our archeologist said.  
18 There were some cases.

19 So with this addition to the comment, add  
20 clarifying language if maintained, is everybody in  
21 support of this comment? Is anybody not in  
22 support?

23 Okay. No. 18, "The management of  
24 educational resources. The work group would like  
25 the committee to further discuss the proposed

1 approach and consider including more specific  
2 actions."

3           This actually was a comment kind of  
4 rewritten from a "this section needs to be  
5 reworked." Tracy Liegler is our educational  
6 resources person.

7           Does this comments make sense to you as  
8 staff is going to be helping?

9           MS. LIEGLER: Yes, it does.

10           MS. DUNNING: Does anybody need  
11 clarification?

12           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Bary?

13           MR. FREET: I have a comment on the  
14 comment that we're reading.

15           MS. DUNNING: Okay.

16           MR. FREET: It says "the work group."  
17 What work group? Is that even necessary?

18           MS. DUNNING: At this point this was a  
19 comment brought to the MAC from the cultural work  
20 group.

21           MR. FREET: Yes. Should we not interject  
22 "cultural work group" or take out "the work  
23 group"?

24           MS. DUNNING: It's your preference. It's  
25 your comment to us. If we leave "cultural" in

1 there, there's at least some tracking of who read  
2 it.

3 MR. FREET: Right.

4 MS. DUNNING: So add the word "cultural"?  
5 Okay.

6 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: I think Tracy had a  
7 handle on things, but "the work group would like  
8 the committee to further discuss the proposed  
9 approach and consider including more specific  
10 actions."

11 Barbara, I'd like to ask what you're  
12 looking for, please.

13 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: I was just looking  
14 for something. What?

15 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: You're asking this  
16 committee to further discuss the proposed approach  
17 and consider including more specific actions.  
18 What are you looking for here? What are we to  
19 discuss?

20 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: Let me get to that  
21 first, because I can't remember that comment.

22 MS. DUNNING: Tracy Liegler was at that  
23 meeting.

24 Would you like to give a summary of when  
25 that comment came up? Or Bary Freet.

1 MS. LIEGLER: It was at the last meeting,  
2 Barbara.

3 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: Okay. I wasn't  
4 there.

5 MS. LIEGLER: There were about five of us  
6 there. There were points made. It wasn't written  
7 clearly where one idea flowed to another idea. It  
8 was taken from the interpretive plan originally,  
9 the one that I presented about two meetings ago.

10 It was lacking fluidity, and it was also  
11 lacking thoroughness. There are some educational  
12 strategies that weren't mentioned in there that  
13 are obvious things that we're going to be doing.  
14 Like interpretive signage.

15 MS. DUNNING: Are you comfortable as a  
16 committing recommending that staff take a look at  
17 it and clean it up a bit but maintaining the same  
18 general content?

19 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: No response. We'll  
20 take that as a yes.

21 MS. DUNNING: Okay. No. 19, "Page 2-25,  
22 Last sentence. Delete the sentence 'The following  
23 would be implemented as a sign strategy' as it is  
24 unnecessary."

25 Does anybody not understand the comment?

1 Is anybody not in support of this comment?

2           Okay. Number 20. "Page 12-26, under  
3 preferred plan, Alternative A, B, and C, 8th  
4 bullet - Add tribal organizations to list of  
5 parties to coordinate with."

6           Is anybody not in support of this  
7 comment?

8           Okay. No. 21, "Management of  
9 scientific resources, fourth  
10 bullet. 'All applications for  
11 research within the National  
12 Monument would be addressed and  
13 approved by the National Monument  
14 manager.' This wording could be  
15 interpreted to mean that the  
16 manager would approve all  
17 applications for research. Delete  
18 the quoted sentence and insert  
19 a new bullet with this wording:  
20 'All applications for research  
21 within the Monument would be  
22 reviewed by the National Monument  
23 manager, and approval or denial  
24 of a permit application would  
25 be based on compliance with the

1 conservation objectives, land  
2 health standards, and standards  
3 and guidelines for the area of  
4 interest.'" "

5 Does everybody understand the comment or  
6 need clarification?

7 MR. HAVERT: Question.

8 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Yes, Bill.

9 MR. HAVERT: Bill Havert. What's the  
10 role, then, of the individual agency, BLM and the  
11 Forest Service, in reviewing grant applications  
12 and making decisions on this?

13 MS. DUNNING: The current process is both  
14 BLM and Forest Service. Depending upon the area  
15 of land where the research is proposed, the  
16 corresponding BLM research staff reviews it and  
17 makes recommendations. The manager makes the  
18 decision, signs the permit.

19 The same is true for Forest Service where  
20 the district ranger approves the permits for  
21 research. The proposed action is to identify a  
22 shared permit that would ask the same questions,  
23 and the process may go through both Forest Service  
24 and BLM representatives with the manager signing  
25 the permit.

1           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Does that answer your  
2 question, Bill?

3           MR. HAVERT: Uh-huh.

4           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Another question?  
5 Jeff.

6           MR. MORGAN: Jeff Morgan. So the way the  
7 permits will be approved will be following  
8 existing regulation regarding how they are handled  
9 right now?

10          MS. DUNNING: Yes.

11          MR. MORGAN: In other words, there will  
12 be no change?

13          MS. DUNNING: The only change that we're  
14 proposing is a shared permit application asking  
15 similar questions across both agencies. That  
16 would need to be developed and approved. But  
17 until that point, the same permit papers will  
18 still continue to apply to both Forest Service and  
19 BLM.

20          MR. MORGAN: Thank you.

21          CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Danella.

22          MS. GEORGE: Danella George. Once again  
23 trying to make it more seamless out there within  
24 the Monument. Go to one person and not be  
25 confused who we go to in the future. That's what

1 we're trying to do.

2 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Any other questions or  
3 comments?

4 MS. DUNNING: Is anyone not in support of  
5 the comment as stated?

6 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Barbara.

7 MS. GONZALES-LYONS:  
8 Barbara Gonzales-Lyons. So then you're saying  
9 what we have written down here where it would be  
10 approved by the National Monument manager really  
11 isn't the way it would be done? The actual  
12 correct way would be the new language?

13 MS. DUNNING: Actually, the new language  
14 is clarifying that the manager makes a decision  
15 based on compliance with conservation objectives,  
16 land health standards, and standards and  
17 guidelines, the existing land use of the area.

18 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: So they don't have  
19 the choice just to say yes or no? There are  
20 guidelines?

21 MS. DUNNING: There's a process, exactly.

22 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: Okay. So the new  
23 language is better?

24 MS. DUNNING: The new language, yes,  
25 clarifies the process.

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1 Al, I believe this was your comment.

2 MR. MUTH: I think it's brilliant  
3 language myself, yes.

4 MS. GEORGE: Danella George. I have a  
5 question for Al. Was that yours, Al?

6 MR. MUTH: Yes.

7 MS. GEORGE: So were you thinking along  
8 the thought that somebody is not going to go out  
9 and blitz an area, that the area is going to have  
10 to stay within the land health standards or amount  
11 of cover standards that we need to have on site or  
12 the amount of water barring? What was your  
13 thought process for this?

14 MR. MUTH: The thought was simply, as  
15 Barbara wondered, can the manager say yes or no?  
16 Well, if I wanted to go out and to research and  
17 remove eggs from a bird's nest, and you happen to  
18 be a member of PETA, you might object to that.

19 But adding in the conservation  
20 objectives, land health standards, et cetera, was  
21 just putting on paper the basis for a decision  
22 that is rendered by the manager. You can't just  
23 arbitrarily base it on your own personal likes and  
24 dislike. That is what you have to abide by.

25 MS. GEORGE: And actually going even a

1 step further, it says that we have to still follow  
2 the forest plan and Regional Forest Service  
3 Guidelines for research permits, or BLM has to  
4 follow the CDCA. It's real clear in there what  
5 has to be done. And we have to require back  
6 information. The researcher needs to provide back  
7 to the public, because it's public domain, when  
8 they're doing the research, a public domain  
9 document.

10 MR. MUTH: Correct.

11 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Mary.

12 MS. ROCHE: I see one problem here.  
13 Mary Roche, Indian Wells. Because you've broken  
14 it up into two segments, it says "All application  
15 for research within the Monument would be reviewed  
16 by the National Monument manager," and it doesn't  
17 go on to say that then the manager would make a  
18 decision based upon approval or denial.

19 It just says the National Monument will  
20 review it. It takes out the clarification that  
21 the manager will then make the decision. It  
22 doesn't tell you who is doing it here.

23 MS. DUNNING: If I add "an approval or  
24 denial of a permit by the National Monument  
25 manager" --

1 MS. ROCHE: Or "and base approval." You  
2 know, put another verb in there and base the  
3 approval or denial of the permit. Something has  
4 to be in there to tie it back to the manager.

5 MS. DUNNING: Okay. Does the added  
6 wording "All applications for research within the  
7 Monument will be reviewed by the National Monument  
8 manager, and the approval or denial of the permit  
9 application by the National Monument manager would  
10 be based on compliance with" --

11 MS. ROCHE: Yeah. That's clear.

12 MS. DUNNING: Okay. Is anybody not in  
13 support of the comment as changed? Okay.

14 Next, No. 22. "Management of  
15 visitation, facilities, safety,  
16 and uses-access. The narrative  
17 begins with a description of access  
18 to non-federally owned land across  
19 public land. The preferred strategy  
20 addresses access to federal land  
21 across non-federal lands. There is  
22 either narrative or another policy  
23 missing. Please clarify."

24 Does anybody need clarification of this  
25 comment? Is anybody not in support of this

1 comment?

2 MR. HAVERT: Bill Havert. I'm not sure  
3 it's necessary. To me, the wording in there is  
4 okay. I think what it was referring to is that  
5 the agency would either accept and potentially  
6 permit uses on their lands whatever they might  
7 be.

8 I didn't think it said anything in there  
9 about access to federal lands across non-federal  
10 lands. I didn't really see that in there.

11 It seemed to me that it was talking about  
12 either one instance BLM or the Forest Service  
13 might issue somebody the right of way to use BLM  
14 or Forest Service land. Or alternatively, they  
15 might issue a right of way to get across those  
16 lands to get to federal lands.

17 The one thing I have a question about is  
18 at the top of page 2-28, after BLM you need to add  
19 the words "and USFS administered lands." It  
20 seemed like you were talking about both. At least  
21 you had both BLM and the Forest Service continuing  
22 to accept applications. So presumably it's both.

23 MS. DUNNING: Yes.

24 Okay. So we have a suggested additional  
25 comment which was to add "Forest Service managed

1 administered lands."

2           And the first part of your comment was  
3 that you don't think that the change in wording is  
4 necessary or any clarification is needed.

5           Whose comment was this?

6           MR. BROCKMAN: My comment.

7           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Bob Brockman.

8           MR. BROCKMAN: I'm still confused because  
9 I see it's a disconnect between what you see on  
10 page 2-27 under 2-B.8, wherein the second sentence  
11 it talks about private land owners within the  
12 National Monument are assured access to their  
13 property as both the National Monument legislation  
14 and existing law requires, so on and so forth. To  
15 provide reasonable access to non-federally owned  
16 lands surrounded by public.

17           Okay. But the preferred plan language  
18 then seems to reverse that and talks about  
19 securing legal access across non-federal land to  
20 something.

21           MS. DUNNING: To public land.

22           MR. BROCKMAN: To public land.

23           MS. DUNNING: We need to add the words  
24 "to public land."

25           MR. BROCKMAN: There was a reverse in the

1 flow of the thought. So I thought something was  
2 missing, either a policy or perhaps it was worded  
3 in reverse. I'm not sure.

4 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Bill, does that  
5 answer --

6 MR. HAVERT: Yeah. I was looking at it  
7 differently. Now I see what you're looking at,  
8 and I concur.

9 MS. DUNNING: So we need to provide a  
10 little bit more language about our commitments to  
11 provide access to public lands.

12 MR. HAVERT: And the private lands across  
13 public lands.

14 MR. BROCKMAN: Yeah.

15 MS. DUNNING: Just clarify those two.  
16 Okay. Does anybody need further clarification?  
17 Is anybody not in support of the proposed  
18 comment?

19 Okay. No. 23, "Coordination  
20 of acquisitions. Is a policy on  
21 land disposition or exchange missing?  
22 In light of the attempted exchange  
23 of Department of Fish & Game land  
24 that the committee opposed, the  
25 work group thinks there should be

1 a policy against the disposition of  
2 federal land in the Monument. The  
3 work group noticed on page 3-81  
4 that there is a summary of two land  
5 exchanges and the statement that  
6 'no other land is currently available  
7 for exchange within the National  
8 Monument.' This would imply that  
9 other exchanges could be considered  
10 later. This reinforces the committee's  
11 suggestion that an exchange policy be  
12 included."

13 Does anybody need further clarification?

14 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Barbara.

15 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: Well, I just wanted  
16 to bring up there will be further land exchanges,  
17 at least with BLM and the tribe, in the future.  
18 There was just one done, but there will be more  
19 coming, because we're trying to consolidate our  
20 land in the tribal area, and they're trying to get  
21 us to help them get land in other areas.

22 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Jeff.

23 MR. MORGAN: Yeah. I have a question on  
24 the land exchange -- proposed land exchanges, et  
25 cetera, et cetera. Are they still going to go

1 through the standard BLM public process and  
2 comment period?

3 MS. DUNNING: Yes. All future exchanges  
4 require future environmental review.

5 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Bill.

6 MR. HAVERT: Maybe you can just quote the  
7 legislation, because I think the legislation is  
8 pretty clear on the disposition of federal lands.  
9 And also note, though, that it wouldn't apply to  
10 Fish & Game lands since that's not federal land.

11 So this document doesn't really constrain  
12 Fish & Game. I guess we have to be internally  
13 vigilant and express comments to state agencies  
14 through another venue.

15 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Bob Brockman.

16 MR. BROCKMAN: Again, this was a comment  
17 that I made because of that issue that we had  
18 about Fish & Game land. It seemed to me that  
19 there was a strong opinion on the part of the  
20 committee that such exchanges even of BLM and  
21 Forest Service land or dispositions of those lands  
22 shouldn't occur.

23 If there is a policy that already governs  
24 that process, then I would agree that if we insert  
25 that in there, at least it's addressed.

1           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY:  Allen.

2           MR. MUTH:  I'm wondering if we come out  
3 with just a blanket opposition to exchange of  
4 lands within the Monument if that might not work  
5 against us in the future.

6           There may be situations where land within  
7 the Monument is in private hands.  You could  
8 exchange lands within the Monument to achieve a  
9 better management area or for some other  
10 objective, as long as the land is within the  
11 Monument.  Does that make sense to everybody?

12          CHAIRMAN KIBBEY:  Danella.

13          MS. GEORGE:  Danella.  Yes, it does.  It  
14 makes a lot of sense because there's always that  
15 weird situation that can occur -- just what you  
16 described.

17          Going back to what Bill said with the  
18 legislation, Section 6, Appendix A-7.  Somehow  
19 taking that language in Section 6, A, you know,  
20 that's what the law says.  That's what we're  
21 supposed to do with the federal because we don't  
22 have jurisdiction over the private.

23          CHAIRMAN KIBBEY:  Barbara.

24          MS. GONZALES-LYONS:  Yeah.

25 Barbara Gonzales-Lyons again.  This is what we've

1 been trying to do. Agua Caliente is working with  
2 BLM. We just picked up the Lovekin pieces. We  
3 were able to do that.

4           What we were able to do then is BLM is  
5 taking over some of the Lovekin pieces in exchange  
6 for some of the ones we're receiving from them to  
7 consolidate our reservation.

8           So we in turn have a more controlled  
9 canyon area. Instead of us constantly going over  
10 BLM land or Forestry land, we're trying to  
11 consolidate it so it's tribal land, and it's held  
12 in the tribe's hands and we have more control and  
13 respect with all the things we have to do with  
14 it.

15           In turn we have exchanged it with the  
16 Lovekin pieces where they were able to consolidate  
17 their parcels outside the reservation. Basically,  
18 this is what it is.

19           Within this Monument, we will also be  
20 getting more private land hopefully in the  
21 future. And hopefully they can consolidate their  
22 land and we can get our land again more  
23 consolidated. It's a process. It's already part  
24 of this whole Santa Rosa/San Jacinto Mountains  
25 National Monument process.

1           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY:  Bob Brockman.

2           MR. BROCKMAN:  Yes.  I would agree with  
3 what you're saying, Barbara.  I don't think there  
4 should be a blanket policy that restricts  
5 exchanges or prohibits it.  I'm still looking for  
6 how that exchange process works.

7           Does it come back to this committee, or  
8 does it take a different process?

9           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY:  Barbara.

10          MS. GONZALES-LYONS:  Yeah.  There's a  
11 process already in place through this legislation  
12 that there are land exchanges.

13          MR. BROCKMAN:  I understand that.

14          MS. GONZALES-LYONS:  There are laws that  
15 the BLM has to follow when they do these land  
16 exchanges.

17          CHAIRMAN KIBBEY:  Bill Havert.

18          MR. HAVERT:  The legislation speaks to  
19 two things.  One, is the existing agreement with  
20 Agua Caliente.  So that's spelled out in their  
21 agreement.

22          The other is the provision that provides  
23 for exchange in addition to that if the secretary  
24 determines that it would further the protective  
25 purposes of the Monument.

1           So what that seems to say is that BLM or  
2 the Forest Service would go through its process,  
3 but the ultimate determination, I assume, by this  
4 wording elevated to the secretarial level either  
5 interior or agriculture to have to make that  
6 finding.

7           MS. DUNNING: I've added some language to  
8 your comment. "The committee does not support a  
9 blanket opposition to exchange land within the  
10 Monument but would like clarification on future  
11 exchanges or policy."

12           Does that capture it?

13           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Danella.

14           MS. GEORGE: Danella George.

15           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: The committee does not  
16 support a blanket opposition to exchanging. I  
17 don't think the committee opposes exchanging land  
18 because that is part of what we're charged to do.

19           MS. DUNNING: Okay.

20           MS. GEORGE: I think what it would  
21 like -- it sounds like what I'm hearing, it's  
22 some sort of process. And this is outside of the  
23 charge of the legislation, but what happened with  
24 that piece of property that was discussed here  
25 with the Fish & Game folks, some way to work a

1 partnership with Fish & Game or State Parks, if  
2 State Parks was going to do something, that they  
3 would know about it, know what's being proposed  
4 and that it wouldn't be a surprise. I mean, that  
5 was what the issue was.

6 MS. DUNNING: How does this wording need  
7 to be changed? Does anyone have a suggestions for  
8 changing the sentence?

9 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Before we get to that,  
10 Barbara.

11 MS. GONZALES-LYONS:  
12 Barbara Gonzales-Lyons. I like Bill's language,  
13 what he said. Just pull it out of the legislation  
14 and leave it basically at that. I'm not sure if  
15 we want to add to that or not, but I would at  
16 least like to have the language that we have in  
17 the legislation as that sentence.

18 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Bob Brockman.

19 MR. BROCKMAN: Is there a way that this  
20 plan or this committee can do something to add to  
21 what's already in the legislation? Because it  
22 sounds like that legislation takes any exchange  
23 decision out of our hands and places it at some  
24 other level.

25 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Danella.

1           MS. GEORGE: With the federal and the  
2 tribal stuff, I think it's pretty well we've got  
3 the road map here. It's in process. Maybe one  
4 day what we need to do is have a presentation on  
5 the land exchange to the MAC, if the tribe is  
6 comfortable with that. So we already have that  
7 road map. It's already in existence.

8           The state stuff, yeah. We're powerless  
9 against what the state choose to do in any sale or  
10 land exchange.

11           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Bill.

12           MS. GEORGE: Bill is probably the one.  
13 He's the expert.

14           MR. HAVERT: Yeah. I think maybe the  
15 question that's being raised now is is it  
16 appropriate for the plan to suggest that if this  
17 body is going to continue to exist, that federal  
18 exchanges would at least be brought to the  
19 attention of this committee for comment.

20           Obviously, we're not a decision making  
21 body, but at least we can review and provide  
22 input, if that fits into the BLM or Forest Service  
23 exchange process.

24           The second part of it would be an effort  
25 to at least request that other entities in the

1 Monument, if they were entertaining an exchange,  
2 would bring it to the attention of the MAC for  
3 comment. Obviously, we can't compel anybody to do  
4 that, but we can just put out the request,  
5 basically.

6 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Barbara.

7 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: I would just say the  
8 same thing, that we would request the state or any  
9 other entities -- cities, whatever -- that when  
10 they are going to do this that maybe they can  
11 advise us that they're going to do this. But we  
12 don't govern them because that is federal. This a  
13 federal law or a federal charter. We have no  
14 jurisdiction over states, tribes and private land.

15 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Danella.

16 MS. GEORGE: Right. I'm just trying to  
17 kind of reword this. Okay. To capture what Bill  
18 said, "Future federal land exchanges would be  
19 brought before the National Monument Advisory  
20 Committee."

21 Does that capture that one, the federal  
22 future or future -- proposed future federal lands  
23 exchanges would be brought before the National  
24 Monument Advisory Committee?

25 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Barbara.

1 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: I think again, we're  
2 not saying they need to be brought forward here.  
3 We're asking them to cooperate with us in letting  
4 us know.

5 MS. GEORGE: Okay. I was going to do the  
6 non-federal. This is the federal.

7 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: Oh, I'm sorry.

8 MS. GEORGE: Future federal land  
9 exchanges or future land exchanges involving  
10 federal lands would be brought to the attention.  
11 That captures it.

12 And then next one, something along the  
13 lines of the National Monument Advisory Committee  
14 recognizes they have no jurisdiction over state  
15 and tribal and private lands but would encourage  
16 cooperative something -- you know, bringing it to  
17 the board in the spirit of cooperation or  
18 something.

19 MR. BROCKMAN: For comment.

20 MS. GEORGE: For comment.

21 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Jeff.

22 MR. MORGAN: I think it's important that  
23 all exchanges of land within the Monument be given  
24 as much public forum as possible because there  
25 is -- the BLM's process is not always the best, as

1 we found out in recent times in other areas.

2           So if we're going to swap one section of  
3 land for one section of land, we need to make sure  
4 they're pretty much of equal value, because some  
5 sections are worth 10, 20 or 50 times more than  
6 others.

7           MS. GEORGE: Danella. When it comes to  
8 the tribal matters, you know, somebody above would  
9 have to give me a little more guidance because  
10 that's a nation-to-nation discussion, and I don't  
11 know -- I'll defer to Barbara.

12           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Barbara.

13           MS. GONZALES-LYONS: Again, just going  
14 back to what we're just doing right now with BLM,  
15 it has to be land value to land value. BLM cannot  
16 exchange their land value for anything less than  
17 what that value of land is.

18           And of course, the tribe is the same way  
19 basically. We're not going to let somebody have  
20 our land for less than what we have value in that  
21 land. So the appraisals are done on those  
22 properties, and then the land exchange is done.

23           We were told too that there is always  
24 going to be a plus or minus side constantly going  
25 forward saying that we may have given more land

1 value to the BLM, and we may have \$1,000 worth of  
2 excess value from our property.

3           Then in the future, that would go as a  
4 credit towards any other future ones. Or we may  
5 owe them a credit of valued land. So that's  
6 always going to be going is what I'm being told.

7           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: We have new wording on  
8 the screen. Perhaps, Connell, you can go over  
9 that.

10           MS. DUNNING: The suggested additional  
11 wording is "Quote the legislation  
12 regarding future land exchanges  
13 applying to BLM and Forest Service  
14 lands. Future land exchanges  
15 involving federal lands will be  
16 brought to the attention of the  
17 Monument Advisory Committee for  
18 comment. The MAC would request  
19 cooperation with other non-federal  
20 land managing entities in providing  
21 information about future land  
22 exchanges."

23           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Barbara.

24           MS. GONZALES-LYONS: Again, I don't know  
25 if we have the jurisdiction over making anybody

1 tell us when something is going to happen -- a  
2 land exchange is going to happen.

3 MS. DUNNING: This is a committment from  
4 BLM and Forest Service. We're making a  
5 committment through this federal plan to bring it  
6 to your attention. The second sentence is we're  
7 requesting other entities to be a part of the  
8 process and to coordinate. We're not requiring  
9 it.

10 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: Do you still have  
11 jurisdiction over BLM and forestry to tell this  
12 body when they're going to do a land exchange?

13 MS. DUNNING: We're committing to that.  
14 If we put it in here, we're committing that any  
15 future land exchange by BLM or Forest Service will  
16 be brought to this group. So we're making that  
17 commitment.

18 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Bob Lyman.

19 MR. LYMAN: Are those land exchanges  
20 subject NEPAR or SEQA?

21 MS. DUNNING: Yes.

22 MR. LYMAN: So we can be a notified  
23 agency?

24 MS. DUNNING: Yes.

25 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: Maybe put it that

1 way, to be notified as an agency or something.

2 MS. DUNNING: Hopefully you would be  
3 apprised it before it even started. Even ideas  
4 for land exchanges could be brought to this  
5 group. We can add the additional NEPA wording  
6 that the advisory committee be treated as a --

7 MS. HENDERSON: A notifying agency.

8 MS. DUNNING: -- notifying agency.

9 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Danella.

10 MS. GEORGE: Put other non-federal land  
11 managing entities within the National Monument  
12 boundaries. Because I'm thinking of . . .

13 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: You're hiding over  
14 there.

15 MR. WATTS: Gary Watts. I think we're  
16 nitpicking this to death on wording. I think the  
17 staff understands the intent here and is charged  
18 to come with back some type of process that would  
19 include the Monument Advisory Committee on any  
20 type of potential exchange, whether it involved  
21 federal lands or some process that the Monument  
22 manager would put in place to contact state  
23 agencies or others to ask their cooperation in  
24 informing and collaborating on any type of land  
25 exchange.

1 MS. DUNNING: Okay. With the addition of  
2 adding that the Monument Advisory Committee would  
3 be treated as a notifying agency in the National  
4 Environmental Protection Act documentation, are  
5 there any additional changes suggested for this  
6 proposed comment? Does anybody oppose the comment  
7 as worded?

8 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: The comment not as  
9 worded, but as worded and suggested.

10 MS. DUNNING: As worded and suggested,  
11 yes.

12 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Barbara.

13 MS. GONZALES-LYONS:  
14 Barbara Gonzales-Lyons. That's the comment I was  
15 going to make, because that's what Gary was  
16 saying. We know you'll come up with maybe a  
17 little cleaner language. So not as is but as  
18 suggested. And you've got the suggestions and  
19 bring it back to us.

20 MS. DUNNING: Okay. Is anybody opposed  
21 to the comment? Okay.

22 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Oh, I'm sorry. Jeff.

23 MR. MORGAN: That's all right. I have a  
24 request that the BLM and the Forest Service  
25 together and the tribe put together some kind of

1 outline with which land is being exchanged for  
2 which with a visual and have someone address this  
3 group, the advisory committee, to give us a clear  
4 picture of just what is happening at some future  
5 meeting.

6 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Good suggestion.

7 Danella has taken that note.

8 MS. DUNNING: Okay. Would you like to  
9 take a short break?

10 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: We're not due for  
11 another 10 minutes.

12 MS. DUNNING: All right. No. 24,

13 "Adaptive Management and Monitoring

14 Program - plan monitoring.

15 There is mention of 'the task  
16 force' at the top of page 2-37.

17 We could not find an earlier  
18 reference to this task force.

19 The task force needs to be  
20 described in greater detail in

21 the draft plan."

22 Does anybody need clarification on the  
23 comment?

24 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: It is factual?

25 MS. DUNNING: Let's take a look. Yeah.

1 The proposed idea was that there would be a task  
2 force through adaptive management in monitoring  
3 that would be identified to help with plan  
4 monitoring to make sure that what we say we're  
5 doing we're doing. I thought that it was in the  
6 above section, but I don't find it.

7 MR. WATTS: Gary Watts. Is that what you  
8 call a technical review team?

9 MS. DUNNING: Yeah.

10 MR. WATTS: That's referenced on the  
11 bottom of page 2-35.

12 MS. DUNNING: So then the suggested  
13 comment is to be consistent in what we're calling  
14 these teams and to refer to on the top of  
15 page 2-37, the technical review team as previously  
16 identified.

17 Okay. Is anybody opposed to that?

18 Okay. No. 25, "Table 2-1 on page 2-37  
19 should have introductory language that describes  
20 the table."

21 Is anybody opposed to this? Okay.

22 No. 26. Moving to Chapter 3,

23 "Page 3-17-18, Appendix G -

24 Species accounts are incomplete.

25 Page 3-18 indicates that accounts

1 for endemic, sensitive and proposed  
2 species are in Appendix G. American  
3 Badger is not listed in the text (3-17  
4 and 18). Jerusalem Cricket is  
5 duplicated. Black-tailed Gnat Catcher  
6 has no account."

7 Does anybody need clarification of this  
8 comment? Is anybody opposed to this comment?

9 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: This, then, would just  
10 direct cleanup.

11 MS. DUNNING: Cleanup, yes. No. 27,  
12 "Page 3-23, third paragraph. The  
13 California Department of Fish  
14 & Game has additional requirements  
15 for collection in a game refuge.  
16 Insert the following: 'Game refuges  
17 are a specific exclusion on  
18 scientific collecting permits.  
19 Collecting within a game refuge  
20 requires a specific amendment to  
21 the permit.'"

22 Does anybody need clarification on this?  
23 Is anybody opposed?

24 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: My comment would be the  
25 second sentence. Collecting within a game refuge

1 requires a specific amendment to the permit by  
2 whom?

3 MS. DUNNING: By Fish & Game.

4 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: I would suggest that  
5 that be in there.

6 MS. DUNNING: Okay. Added. I think I  
7 should save really quickly to make sure we don't  
8 lose any of this.

9 Okay. No. 28, "Page 3-23, second  
10 paragraph, fourth sentence." Hold on a second.  
11 One minute for a technical pause, please.

12 Okay. "Page 3-23, second paragraph,  
13 fourth sentence - change 'are be' to 'will be.'"

14 Is anybody opposed to this suggestion?

15 Okay. No. 29, "Page 3-23, last  
16 paragraph, third sentence - replace 'Eastside'  
17 with 'Diamond Valley.'"

18 Is anybody opposed to this?

19 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: My only question was is  
20 this factual?

21 MS. DUNNING: Yes. It's a reservoir that  
22 was previously called the Eastside Reservoir. It  
23 is now referred to as Diamond Valley.

24 MR. MORGAN: Diamond Valley Lake is what  
25 I think they call it.

1 MS. DUNNING: Diamond Valley Lake?

2 MR. MORGAN: Yes.

3 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: That was my question.  
4 Diamond Valley isn't what it's called.

5 MS. DUNNING: Thank you for that  
6 clarification.

7 Is anybody opposed to the comment as  
8 changed? Okay.

9 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: Wait a minute.

10 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Barbara.

11 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: Yeah. Diamond  
12 Valley or Diamond Valley Lake?

13 MS. DUNNING: I've added the word "lake"  
14 to the comment.

15 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: Okay. I was  
16 writing. I didn't see that.

17 MS. DUNNING: Okay. No. 30, "Page 3-25,  
18 forth paragraph - Who are Garces, Diaz and  
19 Bautista?" So the comment is to add additional  
20 biographical information about these three  
21 individuals.

22 Is anybody opposed to that?

23 MR. FREET: I think that was --

24 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Bary, let's -- go  
25 ahead.



1           Okay. No. 32, "Page 3-25, last  
2 paragraph, sixth sentence - change 'cement' to  
3 'concrete.'".

4           Is anybody opposed to this?

5           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Sounds like a concrete  
6 suggestion to me.

7           MR. FREET: Is it factual?

8           MS. DUNNING: No. 33, "Page 3-26, second  
9 paragraph - insert description of earlier attempts  
10 to establish a National Monument in the 1920s."

11          Is anybody opposed to this?

12          CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: My question, then,  
13 would be who would provide the wording? Who made  
14 this suggestion?

15          MR. CRITES: Frank was here then, so he  
16 can provide the wording.

17          CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Ruth.

18          MS. WATLING: I was in the committee in  
19 the working group. As long as we know, National  
20 Monuments were in existence earlier than that.  
21 There was an attempt to set aside this area.

22          MR. HAVERT: It's described in the San  
23 Jacinto --

24          CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Bill Havert, say that  
25 again.

1           MR. HAVERT:  It's described in the book  
2  called the San Jacinto Mountains if you need a  
3  place to look it up.

4           MS. DUNNING:  Right.  Would you be  
5  comfortable with that being added to the section  
6  3-3 -- I'm sorry -- page 3-3, History and Setting,  
7  History of Activities to Protect Land Within the  
8  Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains?  Would that  
9  be an okay spot for it?

10          MS. GEORGE:  Where are you?

11          MS. DUNNING:  On page 3-3 we already have  
12  a section labeled "History of Activities to  
13  Protect lands Within the Santa Rosa and San  
14  Jacinto Mountains."

15          Okay?

16          CHAIRMAN KIBBEY:  Okay.  With that, we'll  
17  take our planned break.  Please be back sharp at  
18  11:00 for public comments.

19                           (Brief recess taken.)

20          CHAIRMAN KIBBEY:  Okay.  We're back on  
21  the record.

22          MS. DUNNING:  Okay.

23          CHAIRMAN KIBBEY:  I guess I should  
24  officially ask.  We have done a poll and found out  
25  that no one wanted to speak, but I guess we should

1 officially ask that. Oh, we had someone arrive.

2 It's time for public comments.

3           Connell, do you have any cards for  
4 persons who wish to speak?

5           MS. DUNNING: We had a last minute --  
6 would you like to speak, Jim?

7           MR. SULLIVAN: Just for a second.

8           MS. DUNNING: Okay. I don't have a  
9 card.

10           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Jim, if you'd please  
11 introduce yourself.

12           MR. SULLIVAN: I'm Jim Sullivan. I'm the  
13 director of environmental resources for the  
14 Coachella Valley Association of Governments.

15           All I wanted to say was basically that  
16 the Monument Plan is part of larger planning  
17 effort within the valley here. We have a multiple  
18 species plan that is coming to fruition hopefully  
19 in the next few months.

20           It's really, I think, a big change in the  
21 way things have been done in terms of really true  
22 integrated regional planning instead of this kind  
23 of project by project sort of thing that results  
24 in no benefit for anybody, including the people  
25 who did the developing.

1           We've worked with BLM. BLM is a big  
2 partner in it. They're deferring a lot of their  
3 things like the trails plan to the multiple  
4 species plan. I just wanted to say that the local  
5 jurisdictions here are through CVAG working very  
6 closely with BLM.

7           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Thank you.

8           Is there anyone else who would like to  
9 speak? Hearing none, the public comment section  
10 is closed. Now we'll resume with Connell.

11           MS. DUNNING: Okay. Going back to the  
12 document comments on the Draft Resource Management  
13 Plan and Draft EIS from the Advisory Committee, we  
14 are now on Comment No. 34.

15           The cultural resources working group  
16 provided information that Joe Nixon from the Agua  
17 Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians will provide  
18 specific comments which were sent to BLM and  
19 Forest Service in a separate letter.

20           That working group didn't see those  
21 comments. I do have them here. So I wanted to  
22 ask that working group if it would be okay to go  
23 over those after we go through the itemized  
24 comments.

25           MS. GONZALES-LYONS: Sure.

1 MS. DUNNING: Okay. No. 35, "Page 3-27,  
2 third paragraph, sixth sentence, add comma in  
3 9,850."

4 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Pretty controversial.

5 MS. DUNNING: Yeah. That's a tuffie.  
6 No. 36, "Page 3-28, Under Section 3.C.3 text -  
7 change references to 'tribe' to 'tribe members.'"

8 Is anybody opposed to that?

9 MR. BOGERT: Shouldn't that be "tribal  
10 members"?

11 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Tribal members,  
12 Barbara?

13 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: Yeah. It should be  
14 "tribal members."

15 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: That was my thinking  
16 when I read it, but I certainly didn't want to go  
17 up against the tribe.

18 MS. DUNNING: Okay. Change references to  
19 "tribe" to "tribal members." Is anybody opposed  
20 to that comment?

21 Okay. No. 37, another grammar problem.  
22 "Page 3-29 - add 'Monument' after the word  
23 'National.'"

24 No. 38, "Page 3-29, Under Section 3.D.1 -  
25 add the geographic location of the visitor

1 center."

2 Is anybody opposed to that comment?

3 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: I wasn't sure that I  
4 understood it.

5 MS. DUNNING: Whose comment was this?

6 MR. FREET: Mine.

7 MS. DUNNING: Bary.

8 MR. FREET: It doesn't say where it's  
9 at. It just says there's a visitor center. This  
10 document should say in Palm Desert or on  
11 Highway 74 or someplace, because there could be  
12 other visitor centers in the future, and this is  
13 referencing a specific location.

14 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Doesn't it have a  
15 proper name? I believe it does.

16 MS. DUNNING: It does. However, what was  
17 excluded from 3-29 was an address. So we can add  
18 that sentence very easily.

19 MR. FREET: That would do it.

20 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Danella.

21 MS. GEORGE: Can we attach on 3.D.1 the  
22 Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National  
23 Monument Visitor Center, that title? Could you  
24 correct that?

25 MS. DUNNING: Yes.

1 MS. GEORGE: Okay.

2 MS. DUNNING: Okay. Any other comments  
3 about that section?

4 Moving to 39. "Page 3-29, Under section  
5 3.D.1, seventh sentence - delete the word  
6 'volunteer.'"

7 Does anybody have any comments regarding  
8 that? Is anybody opposed to that?

9 Okay. Comment No. 40. "Page 3-29, Under  
10 Section 3.D.1 - add quotations around 'extremely  
11 hot.'" That's related to the temperature during  
12 the summer. We had another suggestion following  
13 this to just remove the word "extremely."

14 So the sentence is "The facility is open  
15 seven days a week, though hours of operation may  
16 be reduced during the extremely hot summer  
17 season."

18 Is everyone okay with the comment as  
19 listed?

20 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: I would agree. I think  
21 "extremely" is superfluous.

22 MS. HENDERSON: Yeah. I'm not sure that  
23 it has to say "extremely hot." I mean, it's just  
24 during the summer season.

25 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Summer season, yeah.

1           MR. CRITES: How about "remarkably  
2 miserable"?

3           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: That was Buford Crites.

4           MR. MORGAN: How about "warm summer  
5 season"?

6           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Summer season.

7           MS. DUNNING: Change it to "warm summer  
8 season"?

9           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Summer season.

10          MS. DUNNING: "summer season" it is.  
11          Okay. No. 41, "Page 3-45, Under  
12 Section 3.F add '& environmental education'  
13 between the words 'interpretive' and 'concept.'"     
14 That's in reference to the name of that plan.  
15          Is anybody opposed to that?

16          All right. Next comment. No. 42,  
17 "Page 3-45, Section 3.F, The work group believes  
18 this section should be rewritten." This is the  
19 cultural resources and educational resources  
20 group.

21          Could we get some clarification? I  
22 believe that's what Tracy spoke to earlier as  
23 well. The comment was that the fluidity -- it  
24 needs to be more fluid, and there were some things  
25 that were vague.

1           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Does the work group  
2 have specific language, Bary?

3           MR. FREET: No.

4           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: The work group does not  
5 have specific language. Do they have a  
6 suggestion?

7           MR. FREET: We discussed that the staff  
8 would revise this section.

9           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Terry.

10          MS. HENDERSON: Question. The Santa  
11 Rosa/San Jacinto National Monument Interpretive  
12 Environmental Education Concept Plan, does that  
13 not relate directly to this paragraph, Connell?  
14 Is this more of a comprehensive?

15          MS. DUNNING: You're talking about  
16 Comment No. 42?

17          MS. HENDERSON: Right.

18          MS. DUNNING: It is. And some things  
19 were taken directly from there and put in here,  
20 but they can be clarified.

21          MS. HENDERSON: I understand. But can  
22 reference be made to this document, so therefore  
23 they will be advised to go to this document for  
24 the more comprehensive --

25          MS. DUNNING: Yes. It's in the first

1 paragraph of that section.

2 MS. HENDERSON: That it says that?

3 MS. DUNNING: Yes.

4 MS. HENDERSON: Well, geez. Somebody had

5 a good idea.

6 MS. DUNNING: Yes. It is there.

7 Are there any other further comments

8 about this number?

9 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Barbara.

10 MS. GONZALES-LYONS:

11 Barbara Gonzales-Lyons. I just again would

12 suggest staff help clean up the language and bring

13 it back to us.

14 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: So the total comment,

15 Bary, is lack of fluidity?

16 MR. FREET: Correct.

17 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: And the staff

18 understands it?

19 MS. DUNNING: Yes.

20 MR. FREET: They do.

21 MS. DUNNING: Yes.

22 MR. FREET: They do?

23 MS. DUNNING: Yes.

24 Okay. No. 43, "Page 3-46 - what are

25 short trail signs? This needs to be clarified."

1           Okay. Does anybody not understand the  
2 comment?

3           MS. GONZALES-LYONS: Short trail signs  
4 versus long trail signs?

5           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Well, is there an  
6 understanding of what this should be based upon  
7 the preceding verbiage?

8           MS. DUNNING: The wording needs to be  
9 clarified to refer to trails that are short in  
10 length -- signs that are placed on trails that are  
11 short in length.

12          MS. ROSENTHAL: So brief?

13          MS. DUNNING: No. No. Trails that are  
14 not very long. The length of the trail.

15          CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Barbara.

16          MS. GONZALES-LYONS: Maybe that's what it  
17 means. Just state the length of the trail -- you  
18 know, the distance of the trail.

19          MR. CRITES: Distance-challenged trails.

20          MS. DUNNING: Yes.

21          CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Okay. Remember, we're  
22 trying to take all this down. She can only refer  
23 to one person at a time.

24          Barbara.

25          MS. GONZALES-LYONS: Yeah.

1 Barbara Gonzales-Lyons again. Besides the  
2 distance, maybe just is it a strenuous, easy or  
3 medium hike also maybe on that.

4 MS. DUNNING: Yes.

5 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: That answered your  
6 question, Bary?

7 MR. FREET: Yes, sir.

8 MS. DUNNING: Okay. Is anybody opposed  
9 to that comment?

10 Okay. No. 44, "Page 3-47 - The work  
11 group believes this section should be rewritten."  
12 Again, it's in reference to the -- it's the same  
13 section as Comment No. 42. It's just the second  
14 part of that. So this is emphasizing that this  
15 section needs to be rewritten. It's referring to  
16 the same section.

17 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Again, fluidity is a  
18 question?

19 MS. DUNNING: Yes.

20 MR. FREET: Yes.

21 MR. MORGAN: This is regarding the  
22 signage and things like that.

23 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Jeff Morgan.

24 MR. MORGAN: Yes. Jeff Morgan. Sorry.

25 This is regarding the signage and the interpretive

1 signs, et cetera, and just making it read better.

2 MS. DUNNING: Okay. Moving to Chapter 4,  
3 Comment No. 45. "Page 4-73 - As part of the  
4 discussion of population" --

5 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: A moment, please.

6 Danella.

7 MS. GEORGE: Danella George. It takes me  
8 just a moment to kind of process. I think a lot  
9 of this stuff, it could just be referenced back to  
10 that education interpretive plan because it comes  
11 from there. It's the bulk. It's not fluid. It  
12 came straight out of this. It can just be  
13 referenced.

14 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: You're back on 44,  
15 Danella?

16 MS. GEORGE: Yes. I'm back on No. 44.  
17 Thanks.

18 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Yes.

19 MR. KELLNER: I'm Michael Kellner. There  
20 was a question in the cultural working group if  
21 that document, the one you just held up --

22 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: "That document" meaning  
23 this?

24 MR. KELLNER: -- was a draft or had been  
25 finalized. We were under the impression it was

1 finalized.

2 MS. GEORGE: Danella George. Yes. It's  
3 been signed by the Forest Service and the BLM. So  
4 it's final. It's a conceptual plan. That's what  
5 it was called in its title. It's a conceptual  
6 plan that will evolve.

7 We did come to MAC and did a presentation  
8 essentially and did ask for some comments before  
9 me make it final final and print it, because we  
10 never had that opportunity to come to the MAC with  
11 the document.

12 We wanted to wait until Tracy filled that  
13 position or whoever filled that position because  
14 that was a responsibility for them, a role for  
15 them. So yes, it has been signed off on, but we  
16 still want to add any comments that come from the  
17 MAC, through the MAC, or through the work group  
18 that was assigned that task as well, as the work  
19 was reviewing it as well.

20 There's two things. There's MAC people  
21 or the work group basically because we had no  
22 folks to handle that until the last year.

23 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Barbara.

24 MS. GONZALES-LYONS:

25 Barbara Gonzales-Lyons again. I also just wanted

1 to clarify, yes, the cultural work group was  
2 handed this task. We did state at the time we  
3 were given this task that we were also having to  
4 do the Monument draft. So this is put to the next  
5 meeting because we needed to get these comments in  
6 before the June 19th date. So the next meeting we  
7 have, we'll be focusing on that aspect.

8 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Danella.

9 MS. GEORGE: Danella. That all fits with  
10 what's in the notes -- the minutes from the last  
11 meeting, the dates that we went over and we agreed  
12 to because of that.

13 We have it digitally -- electronically,  
14 that is. We have an electronic version of this  
15 document. So we will be able to revise it with  
16 the comments. But it needed to be out in the  
17 open. There was a feeling of staff and folks that  
18 it needed a further review and what had occurred  
19 when Rita was working the program.

20 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Does that answer your  
21 question, Mike?

22 MR. KELLNER: I think that's why the  
23 fluidity and some of the language isn't there,  
24 because it hasn't had a real good review in the  
25 language.

1           So if the language in the draft  
2 management plan was taken from that text, then  
3 that text hasn't had a proper review. So when  
4 that text has a proper review and it's tied back  
5 to this document, then I think it will be fluid.

6           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Okay.

7           MS. DUNNING: Okay. No. 45,  
8 "Page 4-73 - As part of the  
9 discussion of population and  
10 tourism impacts to resources  
11 beginning on this page, some  
12 mention should be made of the  
13 recently installed bighorn sheep  
14 fence in Rancho Mirage. This fence  
15 is a good example of the cooperative  
16 efforts of federal, state, local and  
17 private entities to protect bighorn  
18 sheep from the impact of growth.  
19 Maybe in the second paragraph on  
20 Page 4-75."

21           Does everybody understand the comment?

22           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Again, if we could be a  
23 little more specific, whoever made that  
24 recommendation. Bob Brockman.

25           MR. BROCKMAN: That was my comment, but I

1 think the way it's been described here by Connell  
2 is precisely what I had in mind.

3           This paragraph seems to reference a  
4 number of efforts by local jurisdictions and  
5 organizations to take measures to reduce  
6 disturbance to sheep. That seems to be another  
7 logical thing to insert here.

8           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Do you have that  
9 wording?

10           MS. DUNNING: Well, yeah. There is a  
11 paragraph that Bob was referring to where it would  
12 fit nicely, and that sentence could be added as  
13 written to that section.

14           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Okay. Al Muth.

15           MR. MUTH: Al Muth. Just out of  
16 ignorance here, isn't this a protective barrier?  
17 Well, you all approved it the first time around,  
18 whatever page that was. I'm just striving for  
19 consistency, Ed.

20           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Rob Parkins.

21           MR. PARKINS: Rob Parkins. That was  
22 Item 13 under Chapter 2. It should be "protective  
23 barrier" to be consistent.

24           MS. DUNNING: Okay.

25           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Change noted. Yes,

1 sir.

2 MR. CRITES: Buford Crites, Palm Desert.

3 We should then in the definition section in the  
4 back note that "protective barrier" is a fence.

5 MR. PARKINS: Rob Parkins. I presume it  
6 will also say that a fence is protective barrier  
7 in the definition.

8 MS. DUNNING: A fence will be noted as  
9 one type of protective barrier, yes. Okay. With  
10 that clarifying language added, use the term  
11 protective barrier here and add to definitions,  
12 are there any other comments on this? Is anybody  
13 opposed to this comment?

14 All right. We're getting there. The  
15 next comment is No. 46, "Page 4-7-13 - Change  
16 references to 'tribe' to 'tribal members.'"

17 Is anybody opposed to this?

18 Okay. Comment No. 47.

19 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Barbara.

20 MS. GONZALES-LYONS:  
21 Barbara Gonzales-Lyons. I just want to make sure  
22 wherever you're changing it, it does mean they are  
23 referencing tribal members.

24 MS. DUNNING: Yes.

25 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: Okay.

1 MS. DUNNING: Okay. Comment No. 47,  
2 "Page 4-7 - Under Section 4.B.2, the work group  
3 believes this section should be rewritten."  
4 And clarifying language from the work  
5 group as to why? Is there anybody here present  
6 who can speak on that?  
7 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Bary.  
8 MR. FREET: I don't recall.  
9 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Without some type --  
10 MS. DUNNING: Oh, I remember. I was  
11 there. There was some confusion about  
12 consultation -- tribal consultation as it's  
13 described here and what happens in consultation.  
14 I believe with Daniel McCarthy and Melinda Rashcow  
15 both at that meeting, they agreed to go back to  
16 the law and use the wording in the law to clarify  
17 what consultation requirements there are.  
18 So that was my take on it when I was at  
19 the cultural resources work group meeting. So are  
20 there any other comments?  
21 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Mike, you were there?  
22 MR. KELLNER: I agree.  
23 MS. DUNNING: Okay. Is anyone opposed to  
24 rewriting that section?  
25 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: Ed?

1 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Yeah, Barbara.

2 MS. GONZALES-LYONS:

3 Barbara Gonzales-Lyons. So staff will get  
4 together on what that needs to be? I just want to  
5 make sure whose going to be doing this.

6 MS. DUNNING: Staff.

7 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: Okay. I just want  
8 to make sure.

9 MS. DUNNING: Okay. Item No. 48,  
10 "Page 4-8, First sentence - add a period."

11 Is anybody opposed to that?

12 Okay. The last comment on the list, Item  
13 No. 49, "Page 4-10 - Recreational resources -  
14 Forest Service Adventure Pass - the  
15 work group was not clear about how  
16 passes, parking, gathering, etc.,  
17 are going to be managed and suggested  
18 that this section be further explored."

19 Does anybody need clarification on this  
20 comment?

21 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Mike.

22 MR. KELLNER: I would just like to say  
23 that the issue was in the US Forest Service  
24 property, you need an Adventure Pass to park. On  
25 BLM land, you don't need a pass to park. So it

1 brings about the question of will there still be a  
2 need for a Forest Service Adventure Pass within  
3 the Monument? If so -- Danella is shaking her  
4 head no.

5 MS. DUNNING: There is a section in  
6 Chapter 2 under the proposed actions that provides  
7 for a Monument action to address this with a suite  
8 of alternatives including the existing. So the  
9 question is, is that sufficient enough or is the  
10 comment still needed?

11 In Chapter 2 we address this very thing,  
12 and there's a whole suite of actions. We're  
13 proposing we analyze impacts. We're proposing to  
14 get rid of it as an action totally in the Forest  
15 Service lands and to not require it on BLM lands,  
16 as is the current action.

17 So that is discussed. The question to  
18 the committee is, is it discussed enough, or is  
19 there still a need for this comment given that  
20 that section exists?

21 MR. KELLNER: It came to our attention at  
22 the work group that the way the Adventure Pass was  
23 is that it's basically for parking. It's not  
24 necessarily a permit for gathering grasses for  
25 baskets or acorns or Pinyon nuts or something.

1           Is there a need for a permit system or  
2 some kind of a system if Native Americans are  
3 going to go into the Monument to gather, how that  
4 is permitted or how the amount of material is  
5 taken? That's where the question was.

6           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Danella.

7           MS. GEORGE: Danella. Yes. That would  
8 be probably ferreted out in the cultural resource  
9 management plan. We talked about it when we were  
10 building this document that there needs to be  
11 again that one-stop shopping, a cultural resource  
12 collection permit for the National Monument that  
13 folks would have that are tribal members.

14           We just haven't gone into what exactly  
15 that will take and how it will be done. So it  
16 will be an action for one of those future  
17 management plans.

18           Does that make sense, Connell?

19           MS. DUNNING: Yeah. So are you  
20 comfortable with the comment "Include a reference  
21 to policy for gathering" somewhere in the  
22 document?

23           MS. GEORGE: Will be further developed  
24 through --

25           MR. KELLNER: Through an implementation

1 plan.

2 MS. GEORGE: -- the cultural resource  
3 management plan will be developed at that time.  
4 But in this plan, we are taking away the Adventure  
5 Pass. So there will be that experience out there  
6 without an Adventure Pass within the National  
7 Monument.

8 MR. KELLNER: Like I said, there was  
9 confusion about did the Adventure Pass give a  
10 person the ability to go harvest whatever?

11 MS. DUNNING: So I changed Comment  
12 No. 49, given this dialog, to read "Include a  
13 reference to a gathering policy somewhere in the  
14 document."

15 MR. KELLNER: In a future document, I  
16 think she said.

17 MS. GEORGE: The cultural resource  
18 management plan. In fact, I asked Connell what we  
19 need to do for you guys for the next MAC meeting  
20 is just have a chart of all the future plans that  
21 this document says we will do so you can see.

22 And we can use that in figuring out what  
23 it's going to cost for budgeting and staffing,  
24 because there's a lot of commitment to future  
25 plans -- cultural resource management plan, a fire

1 plan, these sorts of things.

2 MS. DUNNING: As written, include a  
3 reference to a gathering policy somewhere in a  
4 future document. Is anybody opposed to that  
5 comment?

6 MR. KELLNER: It should probably be more  
7 specific as far as cultural implementation --  
8 management plan or cultural management plan.

9 MS. DUNNING: Well, I think we can be  
10 required to at least reference something in this,  
11 where we plan on sticking it.

12 MR. KELLNER: Okay.

13 MS. DUNNING: This document should be  
14 very clear, given this comment, where that will  
15 be --

16 MR. KELLNER: Okay.

17 MS. DUNNING: -- and how it will be  
18 addressed.

19 MR. KELLNER: Okay.

20 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Danella.

21 MS. GEORGE: Reference to a Native  
22 American tribal member gathering policy, I think  
23 is what we're talking about. We want to be pretty  
24 specific about that.

25 MS. DUNNING: Okay. Are there any

1 other --

2 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Barbara.

3 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: Yeah. But then  
4 again, does that comment come into play for tribes  
5 within this area, or is it for tribes all over the  
6 United States? So you've got to narrow that  
7 language.

8 MR. MORGAN: Within the Monument.  
9 Jeff Morgan. I think the language should be  
10 modified to "within the Monument."

11 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: Tribes within the  
12 Monument, or tribes who have ancestral lands  
13 there? Something like that? Because you may have  
14 Soboba, who may not be in the Monument, or Santa  
15 Rosa, who is not part of the Monument, and they  
16 have ancestral lands there.

17 MS. DUNNING: Okay. Include a reference  
18 to a regional tribal member gathering policy for  
19 collecting in areas within the National Monument.  
20 We'll include a reference to that as a policy.  
21 The reference will be where it will show up in the  
22 future document.

23 It sounds like you have a concern that it  
24 be local tribes only.

25 And Jeff's concern is that we include

1 language that only applies to the Monument. So  
2 between the two of those, it will be referenced  
3 where that will be addressed in the future.

4 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: Okay. Reference to  
5 a regional tribal member.

6 MS. DUNNING: How about local? Do you  
7 have another suggestion?

8 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: I was just thinking,  
9 tribes that this is their ancestral lands.

10 MR. MUTH: Traditional?

11 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: Traditional lands.  
12 You don't want to have tribes from up north coming  
13 down and be able to harvest for their baskets. Or  
14 you don't want tribes from other areas to be able  
15 to come in and harvest items for use when you have  
16 the tribes here trying to either bring those  
17 plants back into existence and trying to use some  
18 without damaging them.

19 So if they're not going to be able to use  
20 them because you've already allowed people from up  
21 north or you've allowed tribes from other areas to  
22 come in, then the tribes who have this ancestral  
23 land are not able to use it.

24 So I need to have some language where  
25 it's for the tribal members who have traditional

1 ancestral area. This is their traditional  
2 ancestral area that are located around it that are  
3 able to benefit from it.

4 MS. DUNNING: Policy will apply to tribes  
5 with traditional ancestral gathering areas within  
6 the National Monument.

7 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Buford.

8 MR. CRITES: Buford Crites, Palm Desert.  
9 Is that consistent with what National Monument,  
10 National forest, BLM parks and everything do all  
11 over the west?

12 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: I don't know.

13 MR. CRITES: I'm just saying, if someone  
14 goes to the Klamath, and you don't have an  
15 ancestral gathering, are you prohibited? What we  
16 ought to do ought to be consistent with what is  
17 done in other places.

18 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Danella.

19 MS. GEORGE: Okay. You would get a  
20 collection permit. What you described, a Klamath  
21 Indian came down or a tourist from the Klamath  
22 came down, and they wanted to gather a certain  
23 plant, they would have to get that plant permit  
24 process to gather.

25 What we're talking about is one-stop

1 shopping so they don't have to keep going.  
2 They'll have like a card or pass for collection.  
3 You know, it will be spelled out what they can  
4 collect and when they can collect it and so  
5 forth. Then it's done for that member. They  
6 don't have to keep coming back and getting it  
7 renewed. It would be within our cultural resource  
8 management plan.

9 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Jeff.

10 MS. GEORGE: No, wait. Buford is  
11 confused.

12 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Buford, go ahead.

13 MR. CRITES: Buford Crites. I don't  
14 think what you're doing is what Barbara is  
15 asking. I believe what Barbara was asking is that  
16 those permits are for local folks -- I got the  
17 sense that there was another period at the end of  
18 that sentence -- and not for folks from 1,000  
19 miles away.

20 MS. GEORGE: That's what I just said.  
21 What we're looking to do under the cultural  
22 resource management plan -- well, could I just  
23 finish without the body language -- is create a  
24 permit that would be done for the tribes with  
25 ancestral ties to the National Monument -- the

1 Santa Rosas, the different tribes that have  
2 ancestral linkage to the Monument -- that they  
3 will have a permit, be it Forest Service or BLM,  
4 for the different things that they collect,  
5 whatever it may be, and that will be given to the  
6 tribal member that has this linkage.

7           That's probably where we're going once we  
8 have a cultural resource management plan. The  
9 other item you talked about is a different permit  
10 process. That is a national guidance.

11           I thought I heard you ask is there a  
12 national policy for the Park Service, Forest  
13 Service and BLM. Yes, there is a national policy  
14 for permits for each of the different agencies and  
15 different guidelines. We still have to follow  
16 those.

17           That would be if you were a Klamath  
18 Indian, and therefore you didn't have an ancestral  
19 linkage to this National Monument, you could go  
20 through that permit process.

21           MR. CRITES: And come down here and  
22 collect?

23           MS. GEORGE: Correct. Thank you.

24           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Jeff.

25           MR. MORGAN: As for the description of

1 the local tribal members or local tribes,  
2 whatever, I think we should defer who those are to  
3 the cultural resources committee because they have  
4 the contacts and the information. They can then  
5 decide who are the people who have the ancestral  
6 rights to collect in this National Monument.

7 MS. DUNNING: There is a section in here,  
8 page 2-13, Cultural Resources, access to  
9 traditional material collecting and gathering  
10 locations and ceremonial sites. The first action  
11 is to develop a policy to provide for tribal  
12 member access to gather traditional materials.

13 So what we can do is include this section  
14 and just make sure it's clear, the points that  
15 you've brought up, in this section. I know that  
16 came up in the working group prior to us  
17 developing this, so we did include that.

18 So as written the comment is "Include a  
19 reference to tribal member gathering policy -- to  
20 a tribal member gathering policy for collecting in  
21 areas within the National Monument. The policy  
22 will apply to tribes with traditional ancestral  
23 gathering areas within the Monument."

24 Is anybody opposed to the wording?

25 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Danella.

1 MS. GEORGE: I'm completely fine. I  
2 think that catches it.

3 MS. DUNNING: Okay. So we have now 49.  
4 We've completely gone through the list with some  
5 minor changes that I've captured on the screen.

6 What I need to do now is open up the  
7 floor if any of you have comments that you thought  
8 of because you just opened up the plan last night  
9 and read the entire thing.

10 If there's other comments you would like  
11 to bring up in the group setting to be a part of  
12 this committee report, because this is going to  
13 get sealed and be completed as a final. It will  
14 be in the final plan as the committee's comments  
15 to the BLM and Forest Service in the development  
16 of the Monument plan.

17 Any subsequent comments that you send  
18 after this will be treated as individual  
19 comments. They will be responded to like every  
20 comment that we get. They will be included and  
21 incorporated in the final.

22 But as a group, Ed, are you comfortable  
23 with opening up just to let people --

24 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Sure.

25 Ruth.

1 MS. WATLING: Ruth Watling, Pinyon.  
2 Page 3-43, third paragraph, the last word in the  
3 second sentence is spelled wrong. San Jacinto is  
4 spelled wrong.

5 MS. DUNNING: Okay.

6 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Does anyone have any  
7 comments?

8 Frank.

9 MR. BOGERT: No.

10 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Terry.

11 MS. HENDERSON: I do have a comment.  
12 Terry Henderson, La Quinta. Information was just  
13 given to me yesterday. I do think it was faxed  
14 over to Danella earlier that involves this  
15 geochasing.

16 MS. DUNNING: Caching.

17 MS. HENDERSON: Caching. Thank you.

18 MS. DUNNING: You're right.

19 MS. HENDERSON: It's right here in front  
20 of me. Geocaching. And our plan apparently does  
21 address that briefly on page 3-36. And it  
22 addresses it in a positive nature. I'm not here  
23 to propose that we look at it as anything but  
24 positive.

25 However, there are some preserves that

1 are starting to have problems with it. There's  
2 one in Arizona in Scottsdale. Scottsdale Dow  
3 Mountain Preserve is currently experiencing some  
4 rather negative impacts, and they are looking at  
5 addressing this. I don't know whether we want to  
6 do it now, let it go, or just generally believe  
7 that it won't cause us any negative impacts.

8 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Al.

9 MR. MUTH: Allan Muth. What is the  
10 nature of the impact that this is having? How  
11 does it differ from normal trail use and such?

12 MS. HENDERSON: Well, in the preserve  
13 particularly, we would have some of those issues.  
14 What goes on here is there are caches that are  
15 hidden. And then they are located with these  
16 global tracking systems. And it is encouraging  
17 people to go off the trails to locate these.

18 Generally speaking, we are our own worst  
19 enemy, and if most people abide by the rules and  
20 regulations, we could do these things. But  
21 because people are littering and leaving behind  
22 traces and going off trails and just generally be  
23 more concerned with their activity rather than the  
24 overall care of the preserve of the Monument,  
25 that's creating problems.

1 MS. DUNNING: Would you be comfortable  
2 with language that says something like "Monitor  
3 geocaching and propose future changes if needed"?

4 The language right now, until we know  
5 something is a problem, he don't discount its  
6 use. It's kind of how everybody manages their  
7 land in a multiple use setting where there's many  
8 uses out there.

9 So in the paragraph where we discuss  
10 geocaching, we could just clarify that there's no  
11 limitations in geocaching aside from staying on  
12 trails that's required already, and that future  
13 monitoring may identify the need to address it.  
14 But right now --

15 MS. HENDERSON: I would think that if we  
16 indicated that in the Monument plan that we might  
17 be out in front and making the statement "Hey,  
18 guys, treat it right or you could be causing  
19 yourself problems." I would be comfortable with  
20 that in there.

21 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Jeff.

22 MR. MORGAN: I was going to say the same  
23 thing. Right now I don't see a problem out there.  
24 But if one develops in the future, I believe we  
25 should have some language in there that says we

1 can address the fact.

2 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Barbara.

3 MS. GONZALES-LYONS:

4 Barbara Gonzales-Lyons. But also to add in there  
5 maybe the education process of the impacts of  
6 leaving the trail, the damage you cause by doing  
7 so. So that can also be part of the education  
8 process.

9 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Danella.

10 MS. GEORGE: Danella. And also add that  
11 it will be subject to all the standards or  
12 whatever when the trails plan comes out -- when  
13 the multispecies trails plan comes out.

14 Did we do much research on this, Connell?

15 MS. DUNNING: Yes.

16 MS. GEORGE: Was there anybody anywhere  
17 doing anything?

18 MS. DUNNING: There's currently  
19 geocaching sites in the Monument.

20 MS. GEORGE: But I mean, are there on  
21 Forest and --

22 MS. DUNNING: Yeah. It's happening in a  
23 lot of places. It's one of the things, as Terry  
24 mentioned, we took a positive role. It's  
25 something that a lot of managers think whether you

1 say something about it or not, people are going to  
2 continue to do it.

3           So I think kind of the language in here,  
4 it reflects that we'd like to encourage its use as  
5 you mentioned appropriate with the trail  
6 restrictions that are in effect, and helping  
7 educate, as Barbara mentioned.

8           MS. GEORGE: Did you see any language in  
9 any other plans?

10           MS. DUNNING: I can look.

11           MS. GEORGE: I was just thinking you  
12 might want to do just a little briefing paper for  
13 the MAC, if there's any language anywhere.

14           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Barbara.

15           MS. GONZALES-LYONS:  
16 Barbara Gonzales-Lyons again. But also add in  
17 Terry's language that we'll be looking into the  
18 future. If there's any problems, we'll be keeping  
19 track of it and address it in the future.

20           MS. DUNNING: Okay. For geocaching,  
21 "Incorporate language to address monitoring" --

22           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Just a moment.  
23 Terry.

24           MS. HENDERSON: That's okay. Thank you.

25           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Go ahead.

1 MS. DUNNING: "Geocaching. Incorporate  
2 language to address monitoring this activity with  
3 future management changes to be added as needed.  
4 Include a component of education for this  
5 activity."

6 Anybody opposed to this? Okay.

7 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Any other comments,  
8 suggestions?

9 Buford.

10 MR. CRITES: Two very tiny ones. On 2.5  
11 there's a listing entitled "Management of noxious,  
12 non-native and invasive plant species." The word  
13 "animal" -- 2.5. The word "animal" needs to be  
14 added. So fire ants and all that stuff.

15 MS. GEORGE: An ant is not an animal.

16 MS. DUNNING: Yeah, it is. It's in the  
17 Kingdom Animalia.

18 MS. GEORGE: Okay.

19 MR. CRITES: Another identification and  
20 definition.

21 MS. DUNNING: So pest? So maybe we can  
22 do a general definition of pest.

23 MR. MUTH: That would include children.

24 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: All right. Please.

25 MS. GEORGE: What if you just took out on

1 page 2-5 the word "plant" and just had "species,"  
2 period?

3 MR. CRITES: Right. However best solved.

4 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Barbara.

5 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: So it will just read  
6 "and invasive species," period.

7 MR. CRITES: Right. The second tiny one  
8 is on 3-72. It has to do with Forest Service  
9 routes. 3-72. We probably should maintain the  
10 Pinyon Flat Campground road at the same level we  
11 maintain the one right across the street to  
12 Ribbonwood Campground.

13 Right now it's listed as Cahuilla  
14 Campground or Pinyon Flat Campground. It's only  
15 subject to folks who can't drive anywhere past  
16 their car. Obviously, that's not what is --

17 MS. DUNNING: That's a recommendation  
18 I'll forward to the Forest Service.

19 MR. CRITES: And the one that may have  
20 substance, I was asked by one of my friends at  
21 college who is a hang glider to ask why, No. 1, we  
22 were listing -- and that's on page 2-17 -- why  
23 we're listing anything having to do with Vista  
24 Point, which Caltrans property?

25 And secondly, why a general prohibition

1 of hang gliding versus a permit system across  
2 bighorn habitat? Because almost every hang  
3 gliding opportunity does go across bighorn habitat  
4 because you need to get to the bottom of the  
5 hill. I said I will bring that today to the  
6 attention of this group.

7 MS. DUNNING: Okay. Would anybody like  
8 to add to that?

9 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Did we have a specific  
10 word change or addition?

11 MR. CRITES: The addition that he  
12 recommended was Alternative A versus  
13 Alternative B. Alternative A has a permit  
14 system. Alternative B had a ban across all of the  
15 National Monument that has sheep habitat.

16 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: We would then be  
17 changing our recommendation from B to A. Any  
18 discussion?

19 Jeff.

20 MR. MORGAN: In the alternatives, there  
21 are the different alternatives. The alternative  
22 is to spell it out adequately. You can either  
23 choose one alternative or the other.

24 Depending on the amount of comments you  
25 get should direct the staff as to which comment

1 gets the highest. So you have two alternatives  
2 right there as we are. So to take one out would  
3 reduce the opportunity to comment on such matters.

4 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: I don't believe that he  
5 was talking about taking one out. He was talking  
6 about right now the committee has gone with the  
7 recommendation for B. He is suggesting that the  
8 committee change their recommendation to A.

9 Correct me if I'm wrong.

10 MR. CRITES: That's correct.

11 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Jeff, speaking to that  
12 then, do you have any comment?

13 MR. MORGAN: Well, I think the  
14 recommendation that hang gliding not be permitted  
15 over bighorn sheep habitat was brought about by  
16 discussions with the people managing the bighorn  
17 sheep.

18 In other words, it's not consistent with  
19 the recovery plan for bighorn sheep to fly hang  
20 gliders over bighorn sheep habitat. So from a  
21 preservation and conservation standpoint, I  
22 believe B is probably the best.

23 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Danella.

24 MS. GEORGE: It might change our process  
25 for consultation right now too, because we're

1 informal. If we were to change that, it may have  
2 to go to a formal consultation because of the  
3 potential for impact to sheep.

4           The other issue is the property up  
5 there. It is actually -- the way I understand it,  
6 Buford, it's actually BLM property. Maybe I'm  
7 wrong. I looked at the old land files. It's a  
8 BLM right of way to Caltrans up on Vista Point.  
9 It's a BLM right of way to the state of California  
10 to Caltrans today.

11           And because it has become a management  
12 issue -- when I first met you, actually, was going  
13 out when there was a landing on institute  
14 property. So it's become a management issue to  
15 deal with at the visitor center, which is one of  
16 the reasons we addressed it in the Monument plan.  
17 It has become a management problem to deal with at  
18 our visitor center.

19           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Buford.

20           MR. CRITES: Buford Crites. There is  
21 land, for example, belonging to the City of Palm  
22 Desert that someone could land on.

23           If you'll go back to 4-15, you'll notice  
24 there's only one study that says anything about  
25 hang gliding and disturbance. While it's one

1 study, it notes that there really appears to be  
2 "little affect."

3 I certainly wouldn't argue ultimate  
4 conclusive proof one way or the other. But  
5 apparently there are no data published, which is  
6 the same standard we're using on trails, which is  
7 there's nothing published.

8 Then we have nothing to rely on, which  
9 means that making a conclusion that something is  
10 harmful is not supported by the science, which  
11 means at the very most, you leave it as something  
12 that we'll research because it isn't there.

13 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Connell.

14 MS. DUNNING: I just want to capture the  
15 comments that are out, because we can't respond to  
16 every single comment that we get right now, but we  
17 can capture what your comments are as a  
18 committee.

19 One proposal was that the committee  
20 recommends that the preferred should be changed  
21 from Alternative B to Alternative A, Alternative B  
22 being a prohibition of hang gliding within our  
23 adjacent bighorn sheep habitat, and Alternative A  
24 being a permit system.

25 Additionally, there was a recommendation

1 that Alternative B remain because it is consistent  
2 with the recovery plan.

3 Is the committee comfortable with the  
4 information that you have to make a recommendation  
5 to change? Would you like to --

6 MS. GEORGE: We need a motion, Connell.

7 MS. DUNNING: I know, but I want to make  
8 sure I captured the comments sufficiency prior to  
9 that.

10 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: We don't do things by  
11 motions.

12 Barbara.

13 MS. GONZALES-LYONS:

14 Barbara Gonzales-Lyons. Buford did make a  
15 comment, and I think it needs to be added in here,  
16 that the study doesn't state that there's been any  
17 affect, you know, to the bighorn sheep.

18 4-16 in the back where it says --

19 "examined the effects of hang  
20 gliding and paragliding on wildlife.

21 The authors indicated that in areas  
22 that are regularly overflowed by both  
23 hang gliders and other aircraft,  
24 animals remained unaffected by the  
25 disturbance."

1 I think that needs to be added to the  
2 comment.

3 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Any other comment?  
4 Mary.

5 MS. ROCHE: Yes. Mary Roche. If you go  
6 on with that, then, "The authors recommended  
7 that launch and landing sites be  
8 designated in areas less sensitive to  
9 wildlife and that flying activities  
10 should be controlled during sensitive  
11 seasons, i.e., breeding seasons.

12 In addition, the height of the  
13 gliding seemed to cause some  
14 disturbance to bald eagles" -- on and  
15 on. And they also reported red deer fleeing when  
16 they attempted to gain height.

17 So while the first sentence of that  
18 statement says there's no indication of harm, they  
19 also go on to say hey, there are things that are  
20 happening when hang gliders are at a certain  
21 height or they circle.

22 They are definitely recommending that the  
23 landing site not happen during breeding seasons  
24 and in other areas less sensitive. That's their  
25 conclusion.

1           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Barbara.

2           MS. GONZALES-LYONS:

3 Barbara Gonzales-Lyons. But that would go towards  
4 the permitting process, not just to do away with  
5 it. His statements there would be then to go  
6 towards a permit process so they can decide when  
7 and when not to do that.

8           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Terry.

9           MS. HENDERSON: Basically, I'm in support  
10 of the permitting process. As I hear the  
11 discussion, I think it would be adding the option  
12 or changing the recommendation to the preferred  
13 plan A. I'm not sure whether we are looking for a  
14 motion on that or not, but I would be willing to  
15 make that.

16          CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Danella.

17          MS. GEORGE: Danella George. One item is  
18 where are they going to land that is BLM that we  
19 are going to permit out there? Are they going to  
20 land in the parking lot of the visitor center,  
21 which is very small?

22                I mean, this is one of the issues  
23 management has had to address out there. We don't  
24 have BLM land. If you go out and see the signage  
25 now of the land ownership of that visitor center,

1 it drops right off to the bighorn institute.

2           If it is going to be the city that wants  
3 to have that, are you going to be managing that  
4 landing? How would that work, Buford? Because  
5 from an operation standpoint, and that's what some  
6 of us are trying to get at, how is that going to  
7 be managed? We don't have the property.

8           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Terry.

9           MS. HENDERSON: Just to follow up because  
10 that was a question to my statement, basically you  
11 either get a permit or you don't. You're not  
12 going to get one if you don't have the landing  
13 issue taken care of.

14           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Buford, there was a  
15 question addressed to you.

16           MR. CRITES: I think it's been answered  
17 by my colleague. That's part of the permit  
18 system.

19           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Jeff.

20           MR. MORGAN: Yeah. Jeff Morgan. When  
21 you have a permit system, you have to have a  
22 criteria that determines who gets the permit for  
23 what. How is this going to be determined?

24           It's going need a study to see whether it  
25 does or does not affect bighorn sheep. Maybe we

1 can get a comment from Mr. Konno from California  
2 Fish & Game what his thoughts are on this.

3 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Do you have a comment?

4 MR. KONNO: There is an issue --

5 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Please identify  
6 yourself.

7 MR. KONNO: Oh. Eddie Konno, California  
8 Fish & Game. There is an issue with even if you  
9 have a designated landing spot, whether or not  
10 somebody is going to land there in an emergency.

11 As far as I know, and I'm not very  
12 familiar with hang gliding, but there's a certain  
13 amount of dependence on updrafts and things like  
14 that to stay in the air.

15 My concern is with the Carrizo Reserve,  
16 they landed on that side of the freeway. I'm sure  
17 there's an issue in Deep Canyon.

18 MS. GEORGE: They can land at Deep  
19 Canyon?

20 MR. MUTH: Allan Muth. Over the years we  
21 have had several incidents where they did have to  
22 put down prematurely and landed. So that is a  
23 concern for us. It doesn't keep me awake at  
24 night, but it has happened.

25 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Other comments?

1 Yes, sir.

2 MR. WATTS: Gary Watts. The preferred  
3 plan, Alternative B, doesn't prohibit hang  
4 gliding. It just prohibits it from bighorn sheep  
5 habitat. The alternative A would include that.

6 It seems to me that by allowing this  
7 study of other areas besides the bighorn sheep  
8 habitat is allowing that recreational use  
9 somewhere within the Monument.

10 To go back to Alternative A just in  
11 response to one individual who brought it to  
12 Buford's attention, I don't think I could support  
13 that.

14 I think Alternative B is providing that  
15 constituency some level of access to a  
16 recreational activity within the Monument, and I  
17 think that's sufficient.

18 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Buford.

19 MR. CRITES: Buford Crites. The issue is  
20 that the bighorn sheep habitat goes across the  
21 entire Monument, which means you can take off  
22 above it, but you can't get down without going  
23 over it.

24 Therefore, you're back to being  
25 prohibited, period, unless you can figure out a

1 way to in essence come back around and land above  
2 where you started.

3 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Danella.

4 MS. GEORGE: Danella George. I was just  
5 trying to go through the legislation because it  
6 talks about overflights in here somewhere in the  
7 legislation.

8 You know, it's not really an overflight  
9 like a commercial person at the Grand Canyon, but  
10 it could create people doing this to look at the  
11 Monument. I just want to bring that to the  
12 attention of the group that part of a plan is to  
13 be able to manage a landscape or sites. That's  
14 why you have a plan.

15 That was why we went to that as a  
16 preferred alternative, Buford, was the management  
17 of that. BLM does not have the land right there  
18 below 74 for them to land.

19 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Connell.

20 MS. DUNNING: In the essence of capturing  
21 comments and trying to get something here, is  
22 there a proposal, Buford, that there be some sort  
23 of working with Palm Desert, that Palm Desert  
24 would have a permit system or something on Palm  
25 Desert land? Obviously, we in this plan can only

1 propose actions that apply to federal lands.

2           So the action as written, is there some  
3 change in the wording to add that Palm Desert  
4 would be an active part?

5           MR. CRITES: The suggestion I think that  
6 I would bring is that a permit system lets you  
7 address the issues and see if there is a way of  
8 solving them. If there isn't, there isn't. If  
9 there is, then there is.

10           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Jeff.

11           MR. MORGAN: I think if a permit system  
12 is suggested or decided upon, I would recommend a  
13 consultation with US Fish & Wildlife Service -- a  
14 formal consultation -- a Section 7 consultation --  
15 to make sure this activity will not harm the  
16 Peninsula Bighorn Sheep.

17           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Danella.

18           MS. GEORGE: We will have to go through  
19 that. That will be a delay in meeting our time  
20 line for this plan. We're hoping that we have an  
21 informal consultation on the National Monument  
22 plan.

23           That's what we've been talking about with  
24 the folks at Carlsbad from what they reviewed and  
25 what they've looked at of the proposed actions.

1 If this now changes, there is the possibility that  
2 we'll have to go through formal consultation.

3           So folks are aware of the fact that it  
4 will delay the process, because they take about  
5 135 days, and we will have to rewrite the  
6 biological -- Rachelle will have to do some  
7 rewriting of the biological assessment of what the  
8 proposed action is.

9           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Al.

10           MR. MUTH: Allan Muth. There are perhaps  
11 some other considerations here. There are other  
12 parasports, if you will, that could become  
13 fashionable in the Monument. There's the  
14 parachute that you can steer -- parasailing.

15           There are all manners of ultralight  
16 powered aircraft out there that sometimes glide  
17 and sometimes turn on the power.

18           We may wish to think that while we are  
19 considering what to do about hang gliding that  
20 there are these other sports out there that in the  
21 near future may draw upon what we've done with  
22 hang gliding for control or management of other  
23 sports. So we may need to take a broader picture  
24 of this than just hang gliding.

25           MS. DUNNING: That's a comment that we

1 could capture separate from the issue, that we  
2 need to consider other gliding sports --  
3 ultralight, parasailing, hang gliding.

4 Is anybody opposed to that?

5 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Jeff.

6 MR. MORGAN: I was going to suggest that  
7 we go through the list of these activities, which  
8 is generally classed into hang gliding, which  
9 would include paragliding, ultralight flying, et  
10 cetera, et cetera.

11 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Danella.

12 MS. GEORGE: And to be responsive to the  
13 comment that Buford has brought forth from his  
14 constituent, I don't know if there's a way that we  
15 can keep the document as is where it is in draft  
16 what we're recommending and somehow say in the  
17 future we can do an activity level plan that would  
18 encompass all of these aerial activities where we  
19 would go into the formal consultation with Fish  
20 & Wildlife Service.

21 Does that make any sense? Because if we  
22 change to another alternative of a proposed  
23 action, we're going to have to go through formal  
24 consultation. Just so you folks know.

25 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Any other comment? The

1 comment, then, has been, as I have heard it, a  
2 need for further definition of the as you say  
3 terminology and broadening it to include all sorts  
4 of gliding sports.

5           That would then leave us with backing  
6 Alternative B rather than A, with this type of  
7 wording going in for consideration by staff for  
8 the ultimate product.

9           Remember, we're not writing the plan.  
10 We're simply making recommendations. My own  
11 feeling is that staff has heard our  
12 recommendations. I've also heard the threat by  
13 Danella.

14           So I think I would recommend that we  
15 stick, then, with the additional wording that we  
16 have up there on the screen and not go toward  
17 changing from B to A.

18           And my final comment would be our usual  
19 is that we try to get everybody to agree. I hear  
20 at least one from Jeff that he'll probably not be  
21 willing to go from B to A.

22           Given that, is that acceptable to  
23 everybody?

24           Terry.

25           MS. HENDERSON: Isn't there a point in

1 here where we have a descending comment or  
2 statement? I think that under the circumstances  
3 that that would be necessary to put in here.

4 MR. CRITES: I don't think it calls for a  
5 Section 7. I think that's an unnecessary thing  
6 that is set out here that would stop this  
7 process. So I would respectfully dissent.

8 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: The suggestion then  
9 would be to change the committee's recommendation  
10 from B to A.

11 Is there anyone that disagrees with  
12 that?

13 MR. MORGAN: I disagree.

14 MR. WATTS: Yeah. I disagree.

15 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Jeff, Gary, Bob. We  
16 don't take votes, but I think that's sufficient to  
17 show that there is no change desired. So we'll  
18 stick, then, with the language.

19 Is there any additional language that  
20 might be added to what Connell has up there? Can  
21 you read through it again, Connell?

22 MS. DUNNING: "The committee  
23 recommends that the referred  
24 should be changed from Alternative B  
25 to Alternative A regarding hang

1 gliding. The studies presented do  
2 not provide a description of impacts  
3 to bighorn sheep and do provide impacts  
4 to other wildlife upon hang gliding  
5 activities. Permits may support this."

6 I think what I meant to say is a permit  
7 system may -- as you were discussing, a permit  
8 system may be adequate to address hang gliding  
9 needs and interest in this activity.

10 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: The committee does not  
11 recommend that the preferred should be changed  
12 from B to A.

13 MS. ROCHE: That's non-consensus.

14 MS. DUNNING: A recommendation was  
15 provided.

16 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: As I said, we don't  
17 take votes, but it looked like it was pretty much  
18 everybody wanted to stay with B. A few wanted to  
19 change to A.

20 MS. DUNNING: A recommendation was  
21 provided.

22 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Provided. That would  
23 be a better way to put it, yes.

24 MS. DUNNING: Okay. A permit system may  
25 be adequate to address hang gliding needs and

1 interest in this activity.

2 Is there any other language that you want  
3 to capture?

4 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Terry.

5 MS. HENDERSON: I think the idea of the  
6 permit would be to address the issue of the  
7 habitat, if you will, or to address the  
8 preservation of the sheep and not hang gliding.

9 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Danella.

10 MS. GEORGE: I just think that we also  
11 need to have a little bit better information  
12 internally in the BLM. We need to get it staffed  
13 out and taken to a solicitor, the question about  
14 the land ownership that is up there on Vista  
15 Point. That's been an ongoing question.

16 Yes, it's permitted or right of way to  
17 Caltrans, but then does BLM need to even worry  
18 about giving permits or not giving permits up on  
19 Vista Point? Yes, we do need to worry about where  
20 they land. That part we need to worry about, on  
21 BLM.

22 But I think we need some better staff  
23 work about the ownership at Vista Point and the  
24 permit issue. And would we need a consultation  
25 Section 7 if we were to permit that? We need to

1 get that answered because I heard a comment  
2 questioning that.

3 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Barbara.

4 MS. GONZALES-LYONS:  
5 Barbara Gonzales-Lyons. It wasn't just to address  
6 the sheep. It was also any other animal. Because  
7 it did say something about the bald eagle and  
8 things like that. It wasn't just the bighorn  
9 sheep. It was red deer, bald eagle.

10 This is why we're saying maybe a permit  
11 system and a study on that to see if it would be  
12 viable or not. I think that's what we need to put  
13 in there -- a study also. Permit but also a  
14 study.

15 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Ruth.

16 MS. WATLING: Ruth Watling, Pinyon.  
17 Could we generalize it to impact on the  
18 environment, which would include plants and  
19 animals?

20 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: Right. Just shorten  
21 it down?

22 MS. WATLING: Yeah.

23 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: I believe we have a  
24 consensus on the wording. That being said, why  
25 don't we take a break here for lunch. Please be

1 back at 1:00.

2 (Lunch recess taken.)

3 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Okay. We're back on  
4 the record.

5 Connell, we were in the process of  
6 opening discussion. We had settled the last  
7 concern. So with your permission we'll go ahead  
8 and ask one more time if anybody has anything  
9 else? Is that okay?

10 Does anybody else have anything else to  
11 offer?

12 Terry.

13 MS. HENDERSON: Did we get some written  
14 concerns today? Wasn't that part of one of these  
15 documents? In fact, you handed it out, didn't  
16 you?

17 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: That's Frank's gig, and  
18 I keep asking him to come forward with it.

19 MS. HENDERSON: Oh, and he's not?

20 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Not yet.

21 MR. BOGERT: I'm trying to.

22 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: What do you mean you're  
23 trying to? Frank Bogert, go for it.

24 MR. BOGERT: I'm thrilled that the City  
25 of Palm Springs is really taking an interest in

1 this Monument, and they've come up with a thing.

2 Every one of you has a copy of it.

3           Their main concern is that private land,  
4 the words weren't strong enough, and the thing is  
5 to protect private lands and development. They  
6 named three different locations which have been  
7 there for years and may never be developed. But  
8 they want to be sure that it's protected.

9           To go by the first item, it says that the  
10 Habitat Conservation Plan allows issuance of take  
11 permits and the National Monument Plan needs to be  
12 clarified.

13           If any of you don't know what take means  
14 to any endangered species, even so much as to lift  
15 them up is a take. Why they would have a permit  
16 for taking, maybe Allan can explain.

17           MR. MUTH: My understanding of it is a  
18 take permit allows you to do certain things to and  
19 with a listed species in the course of an  
20 otherwise lawful activity.

21           The take would not be permitted without  
22 that permit. Usually a take permit can be a 10-A  
23 permit. I think that's what it is with the  
24 Federal Endangered Species Act.

25           It's usually issued for a habitat

1 conservation plan or with a federal research  
2 permit. But it just is a way of allowing an  
3 individual or entity to do something with a listed  
4 species that you would not otherwise be able to do  
5 without breaking the law.

6           Could somebody explain it better than  
7 that? Danella?

8           MR. BOGERT: Do you think that needs to  
9 be clarified further?

10           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Danella.

11           MS. GEORGE: Danella George. Frank, what  
12 you're asking about the take permit, it's exactly  
13 what Al said. It's actually a Section 10-A, and  
14 the Coachella Valley Multiple Species Plan would  
15 be a Section 10-A for the jurisdictions and for  
16 the non-federal lands. The feds get what's called  
17 a Section 7.

18           And because the multispecies plan is  
19 looking at those local jurisdiction lands,  
20 non-federal lands, it really doesn't fit within  
21 the Monument plan. The National Monument Plan  
22 would only be the stuff that is under federal  
23 jurisdiction that you would be dealing with. It  
24 would be that.

25           We kind of refer to that with the trails

1 plan. That's the one part that the feds have been  
2 a partner with everybody with is the trails plan.  
3 And that would be under a Section 7 consultation  
4 we will get from the Fish & Wildlife Service  
5 regarding the trails stuff on the federal lands.

6 Does that make sense to everyone?

7 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Jeff.

8 MR. MORGAN: California Department of  
9 Fish & Game has different rules on take regarding  
10 endangered species. Eddie may be able to address  
11 that if you need further clarification.

12 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Can you stand up and  
13 speak up?

14 MR. KONNO: Eddie Konno, Fish & Game  
15 department. I think the permit number is not 2801  
16 or something similar to that. We have a different  
17 definition of take than the federal government  
18 does.

19 There's also certain species that we  
20 cannot issue a take permit. They're called --  
21 well, bighorn sheep is one of them.

22 MR. MUTH: Fully protected.

23 MR. KONNO: Fully protected species.

24 Bighorn sheep is a fully protected species.

25 That's a species we cannot issue a permit for.

1           And it's the same sort of deal with the  
2 federal government, that it's for a legal activity  
3 that involves endangered species.

4           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Barbara.

5           MS. GONZALES-LYONS:  
6 Barbara Gonzales-Lyons. Isn't the Coachella  
7 Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan  
8 part of one of the plans that we have to look to  
9 for this Monument plan? Isn't it one of the ones  
10 that are being done right now that we're looking  
11 to as backup documents for this plan?

12           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: My understanding is  
13 that it becomes an important part of this plan  
14 upon adoption.

15           MS. GONZALES-LYONS: Right. So in that  
16 plan it will show what can be done on forestry  
17 land in conjunction with the other cities and  
18 counties on taking or take permits?

19           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Connell.

20           MS. DUNNING: I was going to defer to  
21 Danella.

22           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Danella.

23           MS. GEORGE: Well, the multispecies plan,  
24 we -- when I say "we," that means the feds, BLM or  
25 Forest Service. We are partners to the

1 multispecies plan.

2           The CDCA plan that the BLM did is kind of  
3 our partnership to the multispecies plan. We're  
4 partners because we provide a lot of the lands for  
5 the reserves, the future for acquisitions, those  
6 sorts of things in the partnership.

7           So it's a plan. It's very important  
8 because it's all about that partnership  
9 cooperation, et cetera, that's part of the  
10 National Monument Plan. But it's not -- how do I  
11 say this? It's not something we tier to. That's  
12 what I want to say.

13           When we tier to something, because that  
14 is for federal lands, this plan, we would tier to  
15 the CDCA plan amendment or the Forest Service  
16 Plan. We reference that plan in here as one of  
17 the plan activities that we would be in  
18 cooperation with and work closely with.

19           But because that is really for the state,  
20 the private lands and the cities, we're not  
21 tiering to that. Legally in our planning  
22 regulations, we can't do that.

23           Does that make sense? Am I making  
24 sense? It's very confusing, this thing with all  
25 these different plans.

1           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Terry.

2           MS. HENDERSON: Terry Henderson,  
3 La Quinta. If our document does not tier to the  
4 Coachella Valley Multiple Species Plan but instead  
5 tiers to the CDC plan --

6           MS. GEORGE: CDCA.

7           MS. HENDERSON: -- is that plan, the CDC  
8 plan not going to be incorporating the Coachella  
9 Valley Multiple Species Plan in as far as at least  
10 the trails system is concerned, as I understand  
11 it? So we wouldn't tier to the Coachella Valley  
12 Multispecies Plan, but we would tier to the CDC  
13 plan which has tiered to the multispecies plan?

14          MS. GEORGE: Right. Because ultimately  
15 what we wanted was a trails plan. The goal was to  
16 have a trails plan in the CDCA plan. But that  
17 didn't happen.

18          What we ended up doing is we realized so  
19 much of these trails need to be a partnership with  
20 the local jurisdictions. And it was a time thing  
21 too, that that trails plan is part of the  
22 multispecies plan, and we are partners of that.

23          And then that will be a plan amendment.  
24 That trails plan will also be a plan amendment to  
25 the CDCA plan, yes.

1 Does that make sense, Connell?

2 MS. DUNNING: It does, yeah. We simply  
3 delayed the trails planning from BLM's  
4 standpoint. Rather than being predecisional in  
5 December and coming out with how BLM will manage  
6 trails, we took a look at the HCP, and we continue  
7 to be a part of that process and said, "We'll go  
8 ahead and wait."

9 We'd really like to have these decisions  
10 out to the public, but we know the most important  
11 part is coordinating with the cities and local  
12 jurisdictions in that process that we're staying  
13 true to. So when the trails plan comes out, it's  
14 just a part of it that we deferred to be in  
15 coordination with.

16 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Barbara.

17 MS. GONZALES-LYONS:  
18 Barbara Gonzales-Lyons again. The subject is take  
19 permits. Are we also working the same way as we  
20 are with trails with take permits? If so, doesn't  
21 that take care of the problem?

22 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Danella.

23 MS. GEORGE: Yes, we are. The location  
24 jurisdictions, CVAG being the coordinating agency,  
25 that plan will get a Section 10-A for them, the

1 take. The feds will get a Section 7  
2 consultation. They'll go through a consultation  
3 process.

4           Once we get the final draft trails plan,  
5 we'll be working with the Fish & Wildlife Service  
6 and go through a consultation. They'll issue the  
7 feds a Section 7.

8           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Connell.

9           MS. DUNNING: What we're looking at here  
10 are draft comments from Palm Springs that they're  
11 going to bring up Wednesday at their council  
12 meeting. We have them now to take a look at.

13           I just wanted to say their first comment,  
14 they're just proposing that we change the wording  
15 to fit their situation in our background  
16 information. So it's easily addressed.

17           MS. GEORGE: It is.

18           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Frank.

19           MR. BOGERT: On the next section, they  
20 want to clarify and clearly state the National  
21 Monument Act states that it does not affect  
22 private land, municipal plans, and the rights to  
23 develop private property within and adjacent to  
24 the National Monument. I think all they want is a  
25 stronger statement.

1 MS. DUNNING: Right.

2 MR. BOGERT: The other one is not  
3 important, but the city has bought the Albert Fry  
4 famous monument, and it sounds to me like a great  
5 idea to have that as a National Monument office,  
6 because it's the first thing people see as they  
7 come to town. It's a great location. The fact  
8 that the city wants to do it, I think it would be  
9 great.

10 The other thing they mention here is to  
11 develop Palm Hills. That's all that land up above  
12 on the mountain and the Canyon Hotel. That's not  
13 in the Monument. Why in the hell they've got that  
14 in there, I don't know.

15 MS. GEORGE: Where are you, Frank?

16 MR. BOGERT: I'm on the next page. And  
17 the Shadow Rock Development, which is up in Chino  
18 Canyon, they want to protect those three things as  
19 future development, which may never happen.

20 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Jeff.

21 MR. MORGAN: The Palm Hills plan is  
22 within the Monument. It was not excluded when the  
23 Monument boundaries were drawn. It's just a  
24 clarification.

25 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Bary.

1           MR. FREET: Say that again. I didn't  
2 understand.

3           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: He said the Palm Hills  
4 development is within the Monument.

5           MR. MORGAN: Even though it is private or  
6 Indian land, it is within the Monument boundary.

7           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: I think Frank was  
8 referring to the Canyon Hotel is not in the  
9 Monument.

10          MR. BOGERT: I don't know why they have  
11 that listed, unless there's some other hotel. I  
12 don't know where it is.

13          CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Rob.

14          MR. PARKINS: Rob Parkins. The original  
15 plan, Frank, by Joe Solomon had it adjacent to.

16          MR. BOGERT: Oh, yeah.

17          MR. PARKINS: So I think that's what  
18 they're referring to there.

19          MR. BOGERT: Yeah.

20          MR. PARKINS: The specific plan was  
21 adjacent to the National Monument. I think that's  
22 why that's referenced.

23          MR. BOGERT: Yeah. He was going to build  
24 a hotel up there, but it never happened.

25          CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Jeff.

1           MR. MORGAN: Clarification. I wasn't  
2 mentioning Shadow Rock Canyon or Mountain Falls.  
3 I was merely specifying the Palm Hills specific  
4 plan, which is within the Monument. The other  
5 three are not.

6           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Any comments?  
7 Frank.

8           MR. BOGERT: It's interesting that they  
9 recommend prohibiting of hang gliding and paint  
10 activities -- recreational painting.

11          CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Paintball.

12          MR. BOGERT: Paintball. They have one up  
13 in Palm Canyon, and all the little kids up there  
14 are shooting each other and hiding behind things.

15           I was riding one day up the valley and a  
16 guy shot my horse in the fanny with one of those.  
17 I think it should be prohibited.

18          MS. HENDERSON: What color did he get?

19          MS. WATLING: Did he throw you?

20          CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Other comments?

21 Frank.

22          MR. BOGERT: You've all got a copy of  
23 this. You can take a look at it.

24          CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Any other comments?

25 Once again, finally, is there anyone who has

1 anything additional to offer in the way of  
2 comments on the draft plan? Hearing none,  
3 Connell, thank you very much for an outstanding  
4 job.

5 MS. DUNNING: Okay. So this report,  
6 then, will be included in the proposed final as  
7 recommendations from the advisory committee to  
8 BLM, Forest Service for the development of the  
9 plan. So thank you.

10 All individual comments due in by  
11 June 19th. Thank you.

12 MS. GEORGE: Due in in writing.

13 MS. DUNNING: In writing, please.

14 MR. MORGAN: E-mail.

15 MS. DUNNING: E-mail or writing.

16 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Earlier it was noted  
17 that a letter from this committee to our three  
18 elected, two senators and one congress person,  
19 would be helpful.

20 Would we like to do that? This is on the  
21 tree situation -- money.

22 Terry.

23 MS. HENDERSON: If you're looking for a  
24 motion, I'll make a motion on that. But I would  
25 also include Jerry Lewis and/or anybody else you

1 could potentially see might be beneficial in that  
2 effort. Not just limited to the one congress  
3 person and the two senators.

4           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Yeah. I was just  
5 thinking of those that represented our area where  
6 our Monument is. I believe that's Mary Bono.

7           MS. HENDERSON: I think I heard  
8 Jerry Lewis.

9           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Jerry Lewis joined  
10 Mary Bono in getting money for both the  
11 San Bernardino forest and San Jacinto or  
12 whatever. I'm mixing up the names of the  
13 forests. But that's why he was involved with  
14 her. They got their heads together and got the  
15 money for both forests.

16           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Yes, Gary.

17           MR. WATTS: I think the point of  
18 clarification is the San Bernardino National  
19 Forest encompasses both the San Bernardino  
20 Mountains and the San Jacinto Mountains. So  
21 that's the tie-in to both. They're in two  
22 separate congressional districts, but it's one  
23 forest. So it would probably make sense to  
24 contact Representative Lewis.

25           CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Motion?

1 MS. HENDERSON: I made the motion.

2 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Well, it kind of  
3 changed. Can we have a definitive motion, please?

4 MS. HENDERSON: Well, I recommend that  
5 this committee be responsible for a letter going  
6 to the two senators and Congresswoman Bono and  
7 other appropriate congress people in support of --  
8 I guess it was money, wasn't it -- money in  
9 support of immediate emergency funding to address  
10 the drought and the trees and the bark beetle.

11 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Do we have a second?

12 MS. WATLING: I'll second.

13 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: We have a second. Any  
14 discussion? All in favor? Any opposed?

15 MR. BOGERT: Who is going to write the  
16 letter? Ed?

17 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Yeah, I'll write the  
18 letter and sign it on behalf of the committee.

19 Summarize meeting and needs for the  
20 August MAC meeting. Danella.

21 MS. GEORGE: Okay. The next meeting,  
22 which will be August 2nd, we'll have O.J. Vanegas  
23 we hope giving a presentation on Agua Caliente  
24 Cultural Museum.

25 I plan an update on the portal signs.

1 It's been a year since we were last updated on  
2 those portal signs. We'll get an update where  
3 they are.

4 I heard a request for information on a  
5 simple land exchange and just a land acquisition  
6 program from Jeff, that you would like something.

7 Is that correct?

8 MR. MORGAN: It was more specifics, a map  
9 showing who gets what for what.

10 MS. GEORGE: Who gets what for what?

11 MR. MORGAN: Yeah.

12 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: You have to ask BLM.

13 MR. MORGAN: It would probably be enough  
14 to be a joint BLM/Agua Caliente --

15 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: No, it doesn't. The  
16 BLM would have the information.

17 MR. MORGAN: It's BLM that would have the  
18 information? Okay.

19 MS. GEORGE: Okay. So we'll try and get  
20 that scheduled. Does anybody have any other needs  
21 they want brought to the group discussions?  
22 Items?

23 Connell, are you going to have specific  
24 needs for the plan at that stage?

25 MS. DUNNING: At that stage, it will be

1 in the various levels of review, and it won't be  
2 available for this committee to view yet whatever  
3 we have.

4 I think there was an earlier request that  
5 people have a chance to take a look at the  
6 comments that came in at that meeting. A type of  
7 presentation summarizing the comments as they came  
8 in to give the committee an idea of the breadth of  
9 comments.

10 MS. GEORGE: So you'll do a presentation  
11 of comments, summary of that, where we are, what  
12 we received?

13 MS. DUNNING: Right.

14 MS. GEORGE: Okay. So we will have  
15 that. That will be in August. Jeff will give us  
16 an update on how the mountain summit went in  
17 August.

18 And then we need to look at geocaching to  
19 see what we can find, do a little briefing paper  
20 for the MAC.

21 We also talked about looking at aerial  
22 activities, all the different aerial activities  
23 that could impact the Monument in a separate sort  
24 of document process.

25 I think that was all I captured. The

1 motions -- we were going to summarize motions at  
2 meetings. We talked about that last time. The  
3 only motion I really heard today was this one for  
4 a letter to the congressionals regarding the dead  
5 tree issue up on the mountain.

6 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Funding, yes.

7 MS. GEORGE: Okay. Anything else?

8 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: You did a magnificent  
9 job.

10 Ruth.

11 MS. WATLING: I'm not sure where this  
12 fits, but in the letter could you include the  
13 Pinyon community? I think at this point, we're  
14 excluded from the funding assistance. But  
15 somewhere in there, include the Pinyon community  
16 or our end of the forest because it's specifically  
17 Idyllwild and Arrowhead/Big Bear area, I think, in  
18 terms of application.

19 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Danella.

20 MS. GEORGE: Danella George. If it's a  
21 letter from the MAC, Ruth, Pinyon is outside the  
22 Monument boundary.

23 MS. WATLING: Well, okay. The Monument  
24 area around Pinyon.

25 MS. GEORGE: Around it. They probably

1 get real sensitive to that.

2 MS. WATLING: Right.

3 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Trust me.

4 MS. WATLING: Thank you, Ed.

5 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Any other comments?

6 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: Just one for after  
7 the meeting. I have a comment.

8 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Go for it.

9 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: No. It's not part  
10 of this discussion.

11 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Oh, I see. Okay.  
12 Anything else? We stand adjourned. Thank you  
13 very much, everyone, for coming.

14 (Off the record.)

15 (The meeting concluded at 1:20 p.m.)

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