

**SANTA ROSA AND SAN JACINTO MOUNTAINS
NATIONAL MONUMENT**

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Meeting 5
December 7, 2002**

**United States Department of Agriculture United States Department of the
Interior**

MEETING LOCATION: PALM DESERT CITY HALL
73-510 Fred Waring Drive
Palm Desert, CA 92260

DATE AND TIME: Saturday, December 7, 2002
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

LIST OF THOSE PRESENT:

MONUMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MAC):

ROBERT BROCKMAN, Planning Director, City of Rancho Mirage
BUFORD CRITES, Councilmember and former Mayor, City of Palm Desert
BARRY FREET, Palm Springs Fire Chief, resident of Cathedral City
BARBARA GONZALES-LYONS, Vice Chair, Tribal Council, Agua Caliente
Band of Cahuilla Indians
MARY ROCHE, Senior Planner, City of Indian Wells
TERRY HENDERSON, Council member, City of LaQuinta
EDWARD KIBBEY, Building Industry Association
BOB LYMAN, Regional Office Manager, County of Riverside
JEFFREY MORGAN, Sierra Club, Local Conservation Organization
ALLAN MUTH, expertise in natural science and research, University of
California, Riverside, Deep Canyon Research Center
BOB PARKINS, General Manager, Winter Park Authority
RUTH WATLING, Chair, Pinyon Community Council
WILLIAM (GARY) WATTS, District Superintendent, California Department
of Parks and Recreation

Summary of Minutes-Monument Advisory Council Meeting-08-03-02

STAFF AND PRESENTERS:

DANELLA GEORGE, Designated Federal Official and Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Manager
CONNELL DUNNING, BLM, Community Planner,
PalmSprings/SouthCoastField Office
JIM KENNA, BLM Field Manager, Palm Springs/South Coast Field Office
SHEILA NWENE, BLM STEP, Clerk
KEVIN BRENNAN, California Department of Fish and Game
PAT BOSS, USDA, Forest Service, District Ranger, San Jacinto Ranger District
AUSTIN McINERNY, Facilitator

AGENDA

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION-Ed Kibbey

Welcome and introduction of BLM and USFS staff present.

REVIEW OF PAST MINUTES-Ed Kibbey

Minutes from prior meeting were reviewed.

SCHEDULING, STATUS OF REAPPOINTMENT

Discussed the reappointment and nomination process of Monument Advisory Committee members.

UPDATE FROM DFO-Danella George, Pat Boss

Danella gave some of the details involving the MAC field trip scheduled for December 11, 2002.

UPDATE BY AGENCY LINE OFFICER- Pat Boss USFS, Jim Kenna BLM

Pat Boss, USDA, Forest Service, District Ranger, San Jacinto Ranger District, informed the committee that the fire restrictions on the forest will be lifted on December 11, 2002. But that they will still be monitoring some of the forest as it is required. He also talked about the drought and the devastation and its effect on the forest. As well as the USDA's concern and their management process to safely remove the trees affected by it.

Jim Kenna, BLM, updated the committee on the Coachella Valley Multiple species plan effort, the federal portion of that which is the plan amendment to the California Desert Conservation.

**MONUMENT STAFF PRESENTATION(Wilderness and Plan Outline)-
Monument Staff**

There was a discussion about the boundaries and the wilderness areas within the monument.

Connell Dunning, BLM, referred to the committee's prior request for an outline of the monument plan draft. She provided each member a sample copy. She then briefed them on what the outline would look like and how it would be structured. Then there was a detailed discussion about the various chapters contained within the outline.

**LANDS TRADE OPPORTUNITIES PRESENTATION – Committee
members Morgan, Havert, Crites et al**

Discussion regarding a proposed land exchange by a private landowner and the California Department of Fish and Game within the National Monument boundaries. Advisory Committee had a motion to send a letter from the Committee Chairman to California Department of Fish and Game requesting future land transaction involving California Department of Fish and Game lands within the boundaries of the National Monument.

**DISCUSSION REGARDING CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH
AND GAME HUNTING REGULATIONS: Kevin Brennan California
Department of Fish and Game**

Discussion of the type of game and where it is allowed to be hunted within the monument. Kevin Brennan also added that the regulations go through the California Department of Fish and Game commission once every two years.

**FACILITATED DISCUSSION OF CONSOLIDATED ISSUE
WORKSHEETS/DEVELOPMENT OF MANAGEMENT PLAN
OBJECTIVES-Facilitator and Committee Members**

Prior to this MAC meeting there were twenty or so issue statements discussed. With the facilitator's guidance the committee was able to condense those twenty statements into eleven. The committee then continued their discussion on those eleven statements.

LUNCH

PUBLIC INPUT-John Woods

CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF CONSOLIDATED ISSUE

Discussion of recreational opportunities compatibility with the conservation and preservation of the monument continued.

REVIEW AND REVISE COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND ADVICE TRANSMITTAL LETTER AND OVERALL REPORT FORMAT

Reviewed and revised the committees recommendations and advice transmittal letter and overall report format.

SUMMARIZE MEETING OUTCOMES, POTENTIAL NEED FOR ADDITIONAL WORK GROUP MEETINGS, AND NEEDS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND MONUMENT STAFF FOR NEXT MEETING

The outcomes of the meeting were summarized. There was discussion regarding potential windmill installation near Snow Creek and it's impact on the National Monument if they are installed within the National Monument or if they can be installed within the National Monument.

ADJOURN

Ed Kibbey adjourned the meeting.