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5 CHAIRMAN PARKINS: Good morning. As
6 everyone probably knows, Ed Kibbey is off doing
7 stuff. Let me call on Terry Hendrson, please.

8 MS. HENDERSON: Thank you. I was unable
9 to make the lunch on Thursday for Connell, and I
10 just brought her a gamby to wish her well.

11 MS. DUNNING: Oh, thank you. Thank you
12 very much.

13 CHAIRMAN PARKINS: Thank you, Terry.

14 You have the minutes of the last meeting
15 before you. Any comments or changes?

16 MR. BOGERT: I move that the minutes be
17 approved.

18 CHAIRMAN PARKINS: If there's no
19 objection, they will be approved. We will look to
20 Danella for the housekeeping update.

21 MS. GEORGE: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
22 Danella George. I guess first of all, I just need
23 to say for the record, this will be the last
24 official meeting of the Advisory Committee with
25 Connell as our community planner.

1 We have been very fortunate to have
2 Connell as our community planner and to get us to
3 where we are. She was recognized by CVAG about a
4 week and a half ago, a proclamation that was an
5 honor for her. We had a nice party for her.

6 We just thank you, Connell, for all that
7 you have done, and we will be in touch. We're
8 going to twist EPA's arm a wee bit we hope and be
9 able to have a couple of days to have her assist
10 us to get this National Monument Plan done.

11 The next matter of business is we now
12 have the five appointments approved. Those are
13 the appointments for the one-year stagger.
14 They've been approved.

15 Has everybody received their letter from
16 the Secretary? Excellent. So that's
17 Bob Brockman, Bob Lyman, Mary Roche, Bill Havert,
18 and Bary Freet are officially approved on the
19 Monument Advisory Committee.

20 The next item I guess is your handouts --
21 your handouts today in your packet you have what
22 Connell will go over is basically the comments and
23 recommendations that you provided to the National
24 Monument and to the Secretary from the June 7th
25 meeting.

1 You have Response to Public Comments that
2 Connell is going to walk you through with help
3 from our new Community Planner, Melissa Bristow.
4 Melissa, if you haven't met her, she is going to
5 take over Connell's position and has just come on
6 board. Melissa is a graduate with two degrees
7 From Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

8 We also have one other handout that we
9 found to be very handy that we put together, that
10 is basically a summary of commitments that the
11 plan has. This is just a quick reference to help
12 folks with what we've agreed to do.

13 So those are your primary handouts that
14 reflect the agenda. I was also asked this week by
15 John Kalish to have a short discussion about Deep
16 Canyon and the Deep Canyon land exchange. John
17 has been working on that project.

18 So there's a handout with a map showing
19 the public lands and the Deep Canyon land. What
20 John was wanting from the group is maybe some sort
21 of resolution of support for the Deep Canyon
22 exchange to hopefully facilitate it moving quicker
23 and getting this thing completed.

24 Also, I received an e-mail and a request
25 from Buford via Bill Havert that Buford would like

1 to have an item on the agenda on August 2 dealing
2 with the need for camping facilities in the
3 Coachella Valley and partnership opportunities to
4 explore in that regard.

5 So if we have some free time after we get
6 through the agenda, if we could talk about this
7 and maybe get it officially on the October agenda,
8 then we'll do such.

9 Going back to the agenda, we have three
10 speakers today for you. One is a follow-up
11 from -- well, backing up, first we have
12 Jim Foote. Jim Foote will talk to us about when
13 do we know we have crossed the National Monument
14 line.

15 Basically the focuses of that is to start
16 thinking about getting the National Monument
17 boundaries put in place, and we're going to need
18 partnerships with the local jurisdictions to do
19 such. So Jim will be talking about that.

20 Bonnie Atkins will be talking about the
21 status of the National Monument portal signs.
22 That's the signs for Highway 74 and 111, which our
23 goal and our objective is to have them in unison
24 with the October celebration event.

25 We'll have a break. And then Tom Gey --

1 whose name I apologize is actually misspelled.
2 It's actually G-e-y, not G-u-y -- from BLM. He'll
3 talk about the BLM and Tribal assembled land
4 exchange. So that's on the agenda.

5 The other item I wanted to bring up was
6 again a reminder about October 25th, the community
7 celebration event. Elizabeth Green is here
8 today. We'll also have Elizabeth maybe give the
9 Monument Advisory Committee an update of where we
10 are with that during the public comment period.

11 The status of the charter, I thought I
12 should let you folks know that that's supposedly
13 near completion to get approval from the
14 Secretaries. So they're dogging that.

15 The five appointment letter packet is
16 near completion to go to the Washington office for
17 the two-year stagger appointments, the next series
18 and rounds of appointments.

19 Let's see. There was one other bit of
20 business just to share with folks I thought was
21 important. That is, I've been working with
22 Tom Bergen. He is the president for the Low
23 Southern Desert Resource Conservation District.

24 Tom went to San Antonio about two weeks
25 ago and asked me for some talking points about

1 Tamarisk and noxious weeds that he could take
2 there because there was going to be a big powwow
3 with a lot of folks from USDA and different
4 agencies.

5 Where we're headed we think is to build a
6 Memorandum of Understanding with the RCD, BLM,
7 Forest Service, Fish & Game, the Tribe, and let
8 them take the lead with actually the eradication
9 and restoration of sites. So that's something
10 we'll probably have Tom come and give a
11 presentation at a future date.

12 Other than that, I am done, Mr. Chair.

13 CHAIRMAN PARKINS: Thank you. I had
14 surgery Wednesday, and I'm on pain medication that
15 makes me wackier than normal. So I've asked
16 Buford if he would chair the remainder of the
17 meeting while I go fill out papers for mayor of
18 Desert Hot Springs.

19 MR. CRITES: And governor.

20 CHAIRMAN PARKINS: Thank you.

21 MS. HENDERSON: And governor.

22 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Well, in the spirit of
23 Mr. Parkins then, is there a motion for
24 adjournment? There being none . . .

25 MR. BOGERT: Would you come and sit over

1 here?

2 MR. CRITES: Huh?

3 MR. BOGERT: Why don't you come and sit
4 over here.

5 CHAIRMAN CRITES: I like your company,
6 Frank. I'll do that.

7 MR. BOGERT: I can hear you better if
8 you're over here.

9 MR. CRITES: All right.

10 Laurie, are you an official agency?
11 Whoever is going to do the updating.

12 MS. GEORGE: Sure. Basically, the Bureau
13 of Land Management, Tim Smith was our acting field
14 manager for about the last five weeks. He did a
15 great job. We did an event over at La Quinta, a
16 trail dedication there for the Oasis Cove trail
17 head. Tim has now left.

18 Monday a gentleman name Mitch Leverette
19 will be reporting from the state office of BLM.
20 The main focus I think outside of the monument at
21 BLM right now is the Trails Plan. The staff has
22 been very busy working to get that Trails Plan
23 completed. That's really about it for BLM.

24 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Okay. Any other agency
25 update at this time?

1 MS. ROSENTHAL: Sure. Good morning. I'm
2 Laurie Rosenthal, district ranger. We had 10 days
3 ago now we had a fire called the Canyon Fire that
4 threatened about 1,500 homes up in Poppett Flats.
5 It started at about -- it was a week ago Friday.

6 I went down there. At that time it was
7 75 acres on the Soboba reservation. Three hours
8 later it was reported to be about 6,000 acres, and
9 it was moving fast towards Poppett Flats.

10 That fire became the number one priority
11 for the state. We had about 14 aircraft.
12 Luckily, just before it hit Poppett Flats, it was
13 about 6:30 at night, and the fire laid down and it
14 became really humid.

15 First thing in the morning, they were
16 able to really get a hold of the fire. Only one
17 structure was burned over. So we're really lucky
18 because it just seemed pretty imminent for this
19 community.

20 BLM was involved. They had about 1,600
21 acres burned. There was CDF and BIA because it
22 was on the Soboba. So it was real exciting for
23 those of us that were up there.

24 We had no idea which way the fire was
25 going to go. It was headed towards Idyllwild for

1 a while. So it was pretty scary. But all is well
2 that ends well. Hopefully that will be our only
3 fire of the season.

4 If you all want to come up and see some
5 really -- those of you that are into heavy
6 equipment, if you'd like to come up and see some
7 heavy equipment, we've got a whole tree chipper
8 that's been working on these slash piles. It's
9 really amazing.

10 I have a juicer, one of those vegetable
11 juicers, the really big mega ones, and it looks
12 like that because it just -- it spurts out. It
13 looks like when I make carrot juice, you put it in
14 one end, the carrot, and it spits it out on the
15 other end, the little chips.

16 It can do -- in about three minutes, it
17 can do a 100-foot tree. It's just incredible.
18 We're working on the slash piles. They're not a
19 huge threat in fire, but it's good to have them
20 out if we can.

21 We also have had a new mountain that's
22 been created at the dump site, because as you can
23 imagine with all the dead trees, we've just been
24 having a mountain of slash at the dump site with
25 small contractors, homeowners and large

1 contractors.

2 So now we have -- for a couple of months,
3 we've had a whole-tree grinder which is even
4 bigger and more impressive. That's going to be
5 for our large contractors so that we won't have
6 this huge pile at the dump. The dump will only be
7 for the private homeowners and small contractors.

8 Lastly, we're just about to I'd say this
9 coming week put the icing on the cake and get out
10 the new fire restrictions plan. This is going to
11 be a work in progress in that we'll see how it
12 goes. We probably haven't thought of everything.

13 It's been -- as I said last time, it's
14 been really difficult because, you know, you want
15 to please everybody. Safety, of course, is the
16 most important thing. But on the other hand, you
17 have to consider tourism and all the other
18 interests in the community.

19 Right now we're still in the smallest of
20 the less severe of the fire restrictions -- we've
21 been blessed with some humidity, which helps a
22 lot -- that is, that you can only smoke in your
23 car, campfires within campfire rings. That sort
24 of thing.

25 The next stage would involve small

1 closures. Historically up in Idyllwild, we've
2 closed the northwest side where Deep Canyon is
3 where the Soboba fire came up. That area. So
4 that would probably be the next stage of fire
5 restrictions.

6 Following that would be no campfires,
7 period. Following that would be when things get
8 really severe, and that could be just a temporary
9 restriction where we start closing everything but
10 those things that are right near the highways,
11 such as the vista points and Lake Fullner, those
12 things that we can get a handle of right away if
13 we did have a fire there.

14 And then lastly, if there is a fire,
15 there would be some full closures. I just want to
16 emphasize that stage like we had last year where
17 we do the major closures doesn't have to be a
18 permanent thing. It just all depends. If we have
19 a wind event, for example, or if we have a real
20 loss of firefighters and feel like we couldn't get
21 a handle on an initial attack.

22 Anyway, those will be coming out shortly,
23 and you'll all get a copy of those fire
24 restrictions. Any questions?

25 MS. HENDERSON: Yeah. Who all will get a

1 copy of those fire restrictions?

2 MS. ROSENTHAL: I will send it to Danella
3 to distribute it to you, or I will send it to
4 somebody to distribute.

5 MS. GEORGE: Danella George. Since I'll
6 be away shortly, I would recommend you to send it
7 to -- we can send you the mail list, if you would
8 like, to the Monument Advisory Committee. We
9 could do that, and you could send it directly to
10 the MAC.

11 Will that work?

12 MS. ROSENTHAL: Yes. We'll talk about
13 that afterwards and see how that works. Okay.

14 Yeah.

15 MR. MUTH: Al Muth. What do you do with
16 the sawdust and the chips after you're done with
17 it? You've got a resource there. Can you sell it
18 for particle board or paper or biomass energy?
19 What do you do with it?

20 MS. ROSENTHAL: Yeah. So far there
21 hasn't been any real takers. We are sending some
22 of the grindings from the grinder, that's going to
23 go down off the hill to some commercial ventures.

24 What we've been doing as far as the chips
25 go is it's just been a blanket, actually, on the

1 ground. We've been spreading it out.

2 It's really pretty good because when you
3 get rid of trees, you have bare soil which isn't
4 so great. So the chips, we've been spreading them
5 out and just covering that.

6 But as far as all the major stuff you're
7 talking about off the grinder, it is going off the
8 hill right now. There is some commercial
9 ventures, but we haven't yet found the answer.
10 You know, we've had folks that will actually come
11 up on the hill and take things down. It's still
12 costing. It's still not even a break-even
13 situation at this point.

14 Any other questions?

15 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Perhaps if we could
16 find a very deep canyon to fill.

17 MS. ROSENTHAL: Yeah.

18 MR. BOGERT: Frank Bogert. Do you have
19 somebody hauling to Kolmak (phonetic)?

20 MS. ROSENTHAL: Yes.

21 MR. BOGERT: They can take big logs and
22 everything down there, can't they?

23 MS. ROSENTHAL: Yeah.

24 MR. BOGERT: They have their own
25 grinder.

1 MS. ROSENTHAL: Yeah. We are taking to
2 Kolmak. And then the larger trees that still have
3 some merchantable quality, there really isn't a
4 whole lot.

5 It's almost a break-even situation
6 because they're blue stained from the bark
7 beetle. But that's still 300 miles away. We're
8 just not set up right now. We haven't cut trees
9 in so long that we're not set up.

10 We're lucky. In Idyllwild we have one
11 contractor who is a local, Ed Arredondo. We just
12 want to keep him happy because, as I said, he's
13 just barely breaking even right now.

14 Any other questions?

15 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Thank you.

16 Anything else in terms of updates?

17 MS. GEORGE: The only other thing,
18 Mr. Chair, is October 3rd we're looking at -- that
19 coincides with Public Lands Day. We're looking at
20 hosting a workshop on October 3rd before the MAC
21 meeting because the gentleman from Trail Mix will
22 be down to talk about how we're going to do the
23 implementation of the Trails Plan.

24 We're looking at Mike Schuller. Mike is
25 committed to talking about what he's put in

1 historically. And we've asked the Tribe to have
2 somebody come and talk about the Tribe's
3 operations and maintenance program for trails.

4 Jim Foote will get give a presentation of
5 some sort, then this gentleman from Trail Mix on
6 how they do it up in Juno, Alaska.

7 We also talked with Phil Drell and asked
8 Phil to come and talk about the city's
9 perspective, using that loop trail as an example.
10 We'll be contacting the cities to make sure the
11 city planners know about it and the recreation
12 folks and the recreation commissions. That's it.

13 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Okay. Yes.

14 MS. HENDERSON: Terry Henderson,
15 La Quinta. Would you repeat -- this is on Friday,
16 October 3rd?

17 MS. GEORGE: Yes.

18 MS. HENDERSON: The day before our MAC
19 meeting?

20 MS. GEORGE: Yes.

21 MS. HENDERSON: And this is being put on
22 for the MAC committee?

23 MS. GEORGE: Actually, it's a public
24 workshop. Tracy Liegler and Melissa Bristow --
25 Melissa is kind of the lead on it, and Tracy is

1 helping her with the location. We're looking at
2 possibly the Palm Desert Library.

3 It's to bring the public together, the
4 different users as well as the city planners, to
5 have sort of a forum to look at how we're going to
6 do the operations maintenance and the
7 implementation of the Trails Plan.

8 We're not going to be talking about the
9 Trails Plan, (i.e., decisions, when things are
10 going to be open or closed) but more futuring the
11 vision of how we're going to work together with
12 this and tying it to Public Lands Day.

13 Last year we hosted a Public Lands Day on
14 the same date about. It was like 110 degrees. So
15 we thought this would be something that could be a
16 little bit more positive and linked to what we
17 need to do for implementation of the Trails Plan
18 and bringing the community together in the spirit
19 of Public Lands Day.

20 MS. HENDERSON: Well, I would recommend
21 that any notice that goes out on that will clearly
22 state the purpose. Otherwise, you will spend the
23 whole day talking about the Trails Plan.

24 MS. GEORGE: Okay.

25 MS. HENDERSON: The people that show up,

1 that's what they're going to want to talk about.

2 MS. GEORGE: Strictly the purpose is
3 about the future. We are not going to go into the
4 planning discussion points of that part. We'll
5 have a strong facilitator.

6 MS. HENDERSON: Okay.

7 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Okay. Laurie, do you
8 have any comments that you want to make on the
9 Forest Summit?

10 MS. GEORGE: Danella George. The Forest
11 Summit, it was hosted in Redlands by the
12 San Bernardino National Forest about a month ago.
13 It was the Gifford Pinchot Institute.
14 Gifford Pinchot is the grandson of
15 Gifford Pinchot, who is the father of the Forest
16 Service.

17 It was basically an event that invited
18 everyone that lives in mountain communities or has
19 an interest in mountain communities to grapple
20 with the fire situation up there. It was focused
21 on San Bernardino.

22 That was one of the points that was made,
23 that it probably needed to expand out to all of
24 Southern California forests -- the Cleveland and
25 the Angeles.

1 Congresswoman Bono, she came on I believe
2 it was Saturday evening and did a presentation.
3 She also mentioned the National Monument numerous
4 times as an example of collaborative work and the
5 communities working together.

6 But the folks there broke into teams,
7 different groups that were going to I guess follow
8 up, Laurie, with different projects of how to try
9 and get a handle on community involvement with the
10 fire situation.

11 MS. ROSENTHAL: Yeah.

12 Jeff, you were there; right?

13 MR. MORGAN: No. I didn't go. Someone
14 went on my behalf.

15 MS. ROSENTHAL: Oh, okay.

16 Yeah. The whole purpose of the summit
17 was to get a ground swell from the public to
18 become a collaborator with the agencies to really
19 develop a vision, which did happen, as to how we
20 want to see the forest look in five to 10 years.

21 Then at the end there were action groups
22 that were developed. There was a Web site that
23 shows what groups were involved. There is another
24 meeting, a follow-up meeting, a week from Sunday.
25 Let me get that date.

1 MS. GEORGE: August 17th.

2 MS. ROSENTHAL: August 17th at the
3 University of Redlands. There were, I don't know,
4 about 150 people there, wouldn't you say?

5 MS. GEORGE: It was a large group.

6 MS. ROSENTHAL: Yeah. Including
7 some congressional aides and some definite movers
8 and shakers from the community. All in all, I
9 would say it was a real positive thing. Of
10 course, the truth will be in the pudding as to
11 what happens in the implementation days.

12 It was also a great opportunity, I think,
13 for people that represent different views to get
14 together and reach a collaboration.

15 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Okay. Any other
16 comments or updates? There being done,
17 Jim Foote.

18 MR. FOOTE: Good morning. I'm Jim Foote,
19 BLM recreational planner here in the Palm
20 Springs/South Coast field office. I think I'll
21 keep this agenda moving because I'm not here to
22 talk about the Trails Plan. So things should get
23 moving.

24 I'm here to talk about boundary issues
25 and identification of the boundary for the

1 National Monument. One thing I think that's
2 becoming more and more apparent after we've been
3 with the Monument for almost three years is
4 there's really no on-the-ground identification of
5 where this boundary exists.

6 So I think the public is kind of unaware
7 of when you go from, for instance, Palm Desert
8 into the hills, when have you crossed that line,
9 and when have you entered that boundary for which
10 we've said there's something special going on
11 here.

12 There are some exceptions, of course.
13 Palm Springs Aerial Tramway being one where you
14 listen to Ed Kibbey talk about at least a little
15 bit of the National Monument as you go up. And
16 there are some National Monument posters there.

17 Certainly the entrance sign on Highway 74
18 and the presence of the visitor center all lend
19 themselves to an indication that there's a
20 National Monument somewhere here. But really
21 there's not a lot going on along the urban
22 interface with the National Monument.

23 For instance, if you're at any of the
24 trail heads in Palm Springs, for many of them --
25 for instance, the South or North Lyken Trail, the

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1 Garston Trail -- if you go up around the Cathedral
2 City Cove, if you want to use the lower part of
3 the Dunn Road, Cathedral Canyon Trail, you really
4 don't know there's a monument there. You walk
5 from the city into these undeveloped lands, and
6 you don't know anything special is happening.

7 So why is this really important? Well,
8 one reason is we've been working very hard to
9 develop a National Monument Plan. We're
10 essentially saying that we're going to do
11 something different on the federal lands inside
12 the National Monument.

13 But we need for the public to be aware
14 that when they cross from at least one segment of
15 federal lands onto another segment of federal
16 lands that something different should be expected
17 there. An on-the-ground indication of that
18 boundary is a good way to do that.

19 I think there is also a definite need for
20 a coordinated effort from the jurisdictions
21 because the boundary just doesn't cross federal
22 lands. In fact, most of the access points to the
23 monument from down below here are on non-federal
24 lands.

25 So the need, I think, should be apparent

1 that we should be approaching this from a
2 multijurisdictional perspective with everyone's
3 involvement.

4 Now, we do have some efforts currently
5 under way to develop some new signing on the
6 highways to indicate when people are entering or
7 driving adjacent to the National Monument.

8 For instance, signs up on Highway 74, on
9 Highway 111 as you enter the valley. But that's
10 fairly limited in scope. We need to expand on
11 that.

12 The National Monument Plan proposes that
13 we develop a strategic recreation plan. Part of
14 that involves some signing and consistency of
15 signing. So really the signing issue is very much
16 integrated with a larger sign plan. But boundary
17 signing, I think, is something that we can move
18 forward with prior to development of the strategic
19 plan.

20 I had hoped at this point -- well, I
21 would have liked to have had a strategy or the
22 outline of a strategy for you today. But as
23 Danella indicated, we're working hard on the
24 Trails Plan and the Monument Plan, and there just
25 hasn't been sufficient time to develop this at

1 this point.

2 But hopefully the MAC believes that this
3 is a reasonable approach. We're going to need to
4 get involvement from the communities here, because
5 again, it's multijurisdictional.

6 I hope that once we get through the
7 Monument Plan and at least a draft of the Trails
8 Plan out through the HCP that we'll be able to
9 move forward with working with the communities to
10 develop a strategy for boundary signs.

11 I'll just open it for your questions.

12 MR. BROCKMAN: First, is there any need
13 from an enforcement perspective to have boundary
14 delineations?

15 MR. FOOTE: To the degree that we may
16 enact some particular regulations for us to do
17 Federal Registry Notices or something akin to that
18 change where the management is different, or we
19 impose a new set of prescriptions only applicable
20 to the monument, then that needs to be noted on
21 the ground when that rule essentially becomes
22 effective.

23 When I step from this point to that
24 point, now this particular rule is applicable.
25 Yes, we need to know that. But we also have to

1 post not just the boundary. We have to post the
2 rule if that were the case.

3 MR. BROCKMAN: But isn't it impractical
4 to post boundaries and rules over the entire
5 perimeter of the monument?

6 MR. FOOTE: Uh-huh.

7 MR. BROCKMAN: I think that that might
8 detract from the natural appearance of the
9 landscape by having too much identification. What
10 kind of balance can we achieve?

11 MR. FOOTE: Sure. I think we have a
12 priority that we can set. Certainly, people don't
13 equally enter the monument from all points along
14 the boundary. Most of the entry comes at trails.

15 Through the Trails Plan in particular,
16 since we're going to be developing new sets of
17 rules for trail use, there's a need to have trail
18 heads that adequately explain what those rules
19 are.

20 I think when you get away from the trail
21 heads, the need is probably less in terms of
22 posting rules than it is just for identifying the
23 boundary. The public needs to know where this
24 line is.

25 For instance, you can circle Rancho

1 Mirage. The line is probably kind of convoluted
2 through there as it is through Cathedral City.
3 It's very difficult for the public to understand
4 when it is they're in the monument.

5 MR. BROCKMAN: We have a fence. You can
6 drape it around.

7 MR. FOOTE: Yours is probably an
8 exception. But certainly in terms of the city
9 lands as well, when is it that you're -- for
10 instance, if you're on City of Rancho Mirage land
11 or in Cathedral City Cove, when is it that you
12 move from the city to the monument.

13 I think from a community perspective of
14 embracing the concept of the National Monument,
15 the public needs to understand where that is on
16 the ground and not just have this nebulous concept
17 in their minds that it's out there somewhere, but
18 they're really not sure where that line exists.

19 Yeah, Jeff.

20 MR. MORGAN: Jeff Morgan. Boundary lines
21 we usually delineate by looking at maps.
22 Production and availability of such maps to the
23 people that are going to need the information
24 should be the key to this.

25 MR. FOOTE: Well, there's a presumption

1 that everybody is equally proficient in reading
2 maps. We know that's not the case.

3 Here's an example. The national parks
4 often identify boundaries with markers so that you
5 know when you've gone from some area of some type
6 of management to an area of different management.

7 I think the case is equivalent here to
8 some degree. People just can't read maps that
9 well. Some people have difficulty reading street
10 maps. When you get down to landscape-type maps, I
11 think they have more difficulty. We need to help
12 them understand where that line is.

13 I'm not suggesting here that we develop
14 something that's a series of essentially a fence
15 or something that's akin to a fence. It's just
16 some identifications that are appropriate for the
17 various circumstances.

18 Clearly, when you get further out into
19 the back country, there's less need, because you
20 don't have as many people coming through those
21 points.

22 As you get closer to the urban area where
23 you have the frequent use in and around the
24 monument, there may be the need for some markings
25 that are perhaps a little more closely spaced.

1 MR. MORGAN: Jeff Morgan. So what you're
2 saying is you would have these signs or whatever
3 delineating where the trail crosses into the
4 monument or at the trail head prior to going into
5 the monument? Where would you put them?

6 MR. FOOTE: Well, I think the monument
7 boundary is the boundary. We don't want to
8 pretend that it's something else. So I would
9 guess that would be something we consider.

10 But I think it's also important to
11 recognize now that we haven't developed the
12 strategy. We haven't worked with the communities,
13 with the jurisdictions to say what it is we want
14 to do.

15 Right now we're just suggesting that
16 there's a need or at least a perceived need from
17 our part. We don't have the answer yet as to how
18 we want to proceed. That's where the involvement
19 with the community members comes into play.

20 It may turn out to be something
21 completely different than what I might have in my
22 mind. We just don't know. We don't want to go
23 into this with a preconceived direction of how
24 this will look in the end without everybody's
25 involvement.

1 Al.

2 MR. MUTH: Al Muth. Your discussion of
3 the boundary issues brings to mind my house in
4 Truckie where we back up to the Forest Service.
5 There's a whole large urban interface between
6 national forest and the town of Truckie.

7 It seems to me that that's pretty well a
8 sign that the Forest Service probably has some
9 sort of a strategy or plan for delineating their
10 boundaries with the urban interface.

11 Do they, Laurie? And would that be
12 useful in this situation?

13 MR. FOOTE: It might be. I don't know
14 what that is, but that would be explored. If it
15 works there, that's one option to consider.

16 MS. ROCHE: Mary Roche. It seems to me
17 that the area in Indian Wells which I represent is
18 probably the most jagged and difficult of where
19 you're going to be interfacing. The rest of it is
20 much more linear it looks like.

21 But I can certainly understand the need
22 to delineate. The only thing that's coming to
23 mind is like the golf courses where they put a
24 little stake every so often for out of bounds or a
25 rock that has "National Monument" or something.

1 I would think that as you go forward in
2 this, it has to be something that's totally
3 environmentally sound that works with what the
4 monument is.

5 But by the same token, I know once we
6 start our trails and whatever that Indian Wells
7 backs up to so much of our residential property,
8 not that you can get to all of it. But I think
9 it's going to be very important to have some sort
10 of designation so that people understand.

11 MR. FOOTE: Thank you.

12 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Any other questions?
13 Thank you.

14 MR. FOOTE: That's it. Thank you.

15 MS. GEORGE: Thank you, Jim.

16 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Bonnie. It's big signs
17 time.

18 MS. ADKINS: I think I'm to the point
19 that I'm going to need a little wagon to carry
20 this book around. I actually have a Power Point
21 presentation that I want to use hopefully. There
22 we go.

23 Hi. My name is Bonnie Atkins. I work
24 for the Bureau of Land Management. I'm actually
25 assigned to the visitor center that's out off of

1 Highway 74.

2 I've been working with a signing
3 committee on the actual portal signs since
4 September of last year. I have to admit this has
5 been very challenging.

6 I was in the Navy for four years. I just
7 retired from the Air Force reserves. I've
8 actually helped keep large aircraft carriers
9 afloat. I've actually helped launch F-4s and
10 recently unfortunately Stealth Bombers. I have to
11 admit that this has been just as challenging.

12 So anyway, as most of you recall several
13 months ago, Alex Young our landscape Architect
14 from our Sacramento office gave a presentation on
15 what we were proposing for the portal signs. So
16 I'm just going to backtrack a little bit and go
17 through some of the steps that we have actually
18 gone through to get to the point where hopefully
19 we're at right now.

20 Okay. Signs. There are signs
21 everywhere. I don't know if any of you have seen
22 this movie before, but the movie "Signs." In the
23 movie "Signs," there were some aliens that
24 actually came to the earth.

25 All this came about I think it was in the

1 '70s or '80s when there were those circles that
2 were in the field. And there were all kinds of
3 ideas as to what caused those circles. Well, this
4 movie was actually about those aliens that came to
5 earth and made those circles.

6 So signs have all different types of
7 meanings. If any of you have seen this particular
8 sign before, I just happened to find this during
9 my research.

10 Anybody have any idea what that is?

11 MS. HENDERSON: It looks like a bear.

12 MS. ADKINS: Right. It's actually a
13 bear. What we're trying to do with our sign is
14 not only have a sign showing where the portals are
15 for the National Monument itself, but we're also
16 looking at some type of identification.

17 In this case what we've done, for those
18 of you who are familiar with our logo, we've taken
19 the logo and have removed the writing, continued
20 having the olla. We've actually made the horns
21 for the Bighorn so that it's one piece.

22 The reason that we've done this is
23 because if any of you have driven on Highway 74 or
24 111 coming into Palm Springs, you realize that
25 even though the speed limit may be a certain

1 speed, not all the cars that are on those highways
2 are doing those speeds.

3 So we figured at 65, 70, 75 miles an hour
4 that the way the logo was before, it would
5 probably just be a big blur. So this is more for
6 the eye for the people in the car going at those
7 speeds. This is something that will be a little
8 more catching than the actual logo itself -- the
9 full logo.

10 Again, this is going to be what we want
11 to propose -- not propose. It's going to be the
12 monument I.D. Also, leading into Jim Foote, I
13 have a proposal that we as a sign team came up for
14 some of the trail head location signs as well,
15 which I'll get into later.

16 Again, in order to start with the sign,
17 you have to have a pallet. Our pallet in this
18 case will be this. What we've done as a sign
19 team, we're members from the Forest Service and
20 members from the BLM, and also our liaison was
21 Alex Young, who is a professional landscape
22 architect who helped in the design process.

23 So we started with the pallet. Then we
24 have to have our I.D. So we've got our I.D. Then
25 we have to have the name of the site, which in

1 this case, of course, is the National Monument.

2 And the designation.

3 And then again back to the I.D., the
4 designation and the site, we have what we refer to
5 as the monument brand. So this will be the basic
6 sign that will actually be installed hopefully.

7 I actually submitted the requisitions
8 yesterday. Money has been set aside for two
9 locations. This is the beginning of it. Below
10 what you saw before this will be subtitles.
11 Unfortunately Gary left.

12 MR. WATTS: Gary is here.

13 MS. ADKINS: Oh, he is? I'm sorry.
14 Pardon me. Rob from State Parks. Excuse me.

15 MR. WATTS: Rob is actually from the
16 Tramway. I'm from State Parks.

17 MS. ADKINS: Okay. So you're the one
18 I've actually spoken with.

19 MR. WATTS: I have talked with Alex, but
20 I'm not aware of the group who put together
21 subsequent to that. Were we included in that?

22 MS. ADKINS: No, you weren't, actually.

23 MR. WATTS: That's a major faux pas.

24 MS. ADKINS: You still can be.

25 MR. WATTS: Yes. Well, we should be.

1 MS. ADKINS: Okay. Anyway, the process.
2 As you know there are only two places within the
3 monument that actually are permissible by
4 vehicles. What we wanted to do with this whole
5 process was first we needed to have a good first
6 impression.

7 So when you entered into the monument,
8 whichever way you entered into it, you need to
9 have that impression of what we're all about, some
10 type of identity again.

11 Again, we must link to other partners.
12 There's the two major road crossings. Of course,
13 74 in the mountains. And the actual other
14 crossing really is at the visitor center.

15 MS. HENDERSON: I'm sorry. Where?

16 MS. ADKINS: At the visitor center on
17 Highway 74. Those are the only two real crossings
18 into the monument by vehicle. Highway 111
19 actually is adjacent to the monument boundary, but
20 it doesn't really cross anywhere.

21 Of course, the Tramway itself, you're in
22 the monument. But only by vehicle you can cross
23 the boundary at those two locations.

24 Again, the multiple partners and
25 identity, they all need to be brought into the

1 pallet to the identity as well. So what we're
2 proposing to do with that is actually have this
3 face so that we can place the logos on that
4 adjacent to this.

5 Since I actually put the Power Point
6 together, this has changed. This is the final
7 revised portal sign concept with the exception of
8 the writing script on the National Monument. It
9 wouldn't be script. This will actually be
10 printed.

11 Again, first impression of the monument,
12 they can't be seen and they can't be touched.
13 This is an actual location out on Highway 111.

14 Our first location that we looked at was
15 out near Snow Creek, but there were some legal
16 issues that at this time are keeping us from
17 actually erecting a sign at that location. At a
18 later date, that may take place. But right now,
19 that will not be the location.

20 An alternate location which is actually
21 on BLM. I don't know that we want this as our
22 first impression of entering the monument. So we
23 decided against that location.

24 Our final location is .4 miles past
25 Overture Drive, if you're familiar with that, on

1 Highway 111. Hopefully the National Monument will
2 actually have an office within the Palm Springs
3 Visitor Center that will be before you get to the
4 Tram entrance. This is approximately 1.4 miles
5 from that visitor center. So instead of this

6 having 8 miles as you see, it will be have 1.4
7 miles.

8 Highway 74, there were actually a couple
9 of locations that we looked at. This is actually
10 the final location. I know it's kind of hard to
11 see. If you look in the background, this is
12 actually Santa Rosa Mountain.

13 This is the highway sign right before
14 that. This is on the left of Highway 74 as you're
15 going towards the visitor center down the hill.
16 This is a different angle from it.

17 And again, this is superimposed. It
18 hasn't been erected yet. And this is as you're
19 approaching the sign. This is one of the few
20 locations that we could find where there was
21 actually enough straightaway and still within the
22 monument boundaries to where we proposed to put
23 the sign and where hopefully by October will be in
24 place.

25 And we're looking at the state park -- on

1 the way to the state park. This is what we're
2 hoping to occur sometime in '04.

3 Requisition submitted. Installation by
4 October 20th. This is Danella dancing around. I
5 had to put that in. Sorry. She's been through as
6 much as I have with it.

7 Once that particular sign is in place,
8 next we have to come up with our base. I've been
9 doing some research. As this point I haven't come
10 up with a whole lot on actually who will be doing
11 the design for the faux rock.

12 So if anybody has any ideas and would
13 like to suggest those, we'd appreciate it, if you
14 have somebody in mind that could actually do some
15 type of design for us.

16 Trail head. Anyway, this is what we were
17 looking at potentially. I don't know. That's
18 what it looks like close up. Again, you have the
19 I.D. And then this would be at the trail head,
20 obviously.

21 So once people have gone and been in the
22 area long enough, and once we have enough
23 paraphernalia, we can get that monument idea,
24 people, when they see this, they'll know they're
25 in the monument.

1 The end.

2 MS. HENDERSON: Question. I'm sorry.

3 MS. ADKINS: No questions. No.

4 MS. HENDERSON: She runs a tight ship.

5 Terry Henderson, La Quinta. Could you go back to

6 the last slide or whatever you call it?

7 MS. ADKINS: This one?

8 MS. HENDERSON: Yeah. That says Santa

9 Rosa Mountain Trail Head. What happened to the

10 full name Santa Rosa/San Jacinto?

11 MS. ADKINS: Well, this was just

12 something that we were looking at. This is

13 supposed to be not the whole sign itself. I

14 shouldn't say not the whole sign, but this is

15 supposed to be the I.D. for the National

16 Monument.

17 So we're hoping this will be enough to

18 have people know and inform people that they are

19 within the National Monument without actually

20 writing it out on the trail head sign itself.

21 MS. HENDERSON: Jeff just kind of

22 indicated that maybe that was the name of the

23 trail.

24 MS. ADKINS: This is the name of the

25 trail, yes.

1 MS. HENDERSON: So there would be
2 numerous signs that would have different --
3 MS. ADKINS: Correct. Uh-huh.
4 MS. HENDERSON: -- names on them?
5 MS. ADKINS: Right. Whichever one it
6 is.
7 MS. HENDERSON: Got it.
8 MS. ADKINS: Yes, sir.
9 MR. WATTS: Gary Watts, State Parks. Is
10 that the type of template so to speak if you will
11 that you want to put on all the trail heads within
12 the monument?
13 MS. ADKINS: This is just a proposal.
14 Yes. That's what we'd like to see. But again,
15 that's going to be Jim's call and the community,
16 as I hear.
17 MR. WATTS: So on the trail heads, you're
18 not proposing any brand other than the monument
19 logo brand itself?
20 MS. ADKINS: Correct.
21 MS. ROCHE: Mary Roche. It's
22 obvious it's mountain. Maybe it should say the
23 trail head name and then "Monument Trail Head"
24 instead of "Mountain Trail Head."
25 MS. ADKINS: That's a thought.

1 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Jeff.

2 MR. MORGAN: Jeff Morgan. I seem to
3 recall many meetings ago when this was first being
4 discussed that the portal signs on the highways as
5 you come into the monument, it was discussed that
6 there would be a little turn-out with a parking
7 area in front of the sign maybe as a safety
8 factor.

9 Because people being people, when they
10 see a sign, they might want photographs taken by
11 it. If there's no turn-out or anywhere to park,
12 it may create some danger from passing vehicles
13 and for the people that stop.

14 MS. ADKINS: That had been addressed at
15 one time. When we were going to have the location
16 at Snow Creek, that was something that was
17 definitely addressed at that time.

18 Since, it really hasn't been addressed,
19 especially with the Highway 74. I don't know the
20 last time you were on that road, but there's not
21 really a lot of places that have a straightaway to
22 have something in place to where you are on the
23 road and you can visually see it as you're passing
24 it and pull over. So it's been kind of a hard
25 task.

1 MR. BROCKMAN: Was there any thought
2 given to in this case adding the hiker logo to
3 trail head signs?

4 MS. ADKINS: Hiker logo?

5 MR. BROCKMAN: The symbol.

6 MS. ADKINS: Right. No, not at this
7 point. That is something that was just brought
8 up.

9 MR. FREET: Bary Freet. On the subject
10 of the portal signs and the faux rock concept, you
11 said you hadn't found a supplier for the faux
12 rock. I assume that you know what materials that
13 can be made out of?

14 MS. ADKINS: Actually, at this point,
15 no.

16 MR. FREET: So, then, from that I would
17 derive that you don't have approval from
18 Caltrans?

19 MS. ADKINS: Not for the faux rock. I do
20 have encroachment permits for the basic sign
21 itself.

22 MR. FREET: The faux rock is going to
23 change the dynamics of the safety issue.

24 MS. ADKINS: Right.

25 CHAIRMAN CRITES: If I might follow up,

1 is there a need to have a faux rock and the BLM
2 and Forest Service little insignia?

3 MS. ADKINS: Yeah.

4 CHAIRMAN CRITES: I mean, most people
5 won't notice it and won't know what it means when
6 they're driving 65 miles an hour.

7 MS. ADKINS: Well, again, because you
8 have so many different organizations involved, I
9 think there probably is a need to have some type
10 of identity.

11 CHAIRMAN CRITES: There are 15
12 organizations that you ought to list on that. Do
13 you want to list everybody what has lands from
14 Highway 74? You've got the State of California.
15 You've got Fish & Game. You have U.S. Fish &
16 Wildlife.

17 My point is, you'd save yourself some
18 money. It would be cleaner and quicker. And just
19 foey on all of that, unless you want to sit down
20 and put 18 symbols up there which nobody will care
21 about anyway.

22 MS. ADKINS: I'll bring that up to the
23 committee. We'll address it.

24 Yes.

25 MR. MUTH: Al Muth. Bonnie, is there a

1 legal requirement that the individual landholders
2 have their authority or their landholdings listed
3 on those signs, or is this just sort of a nicety
4 between neighbors?

5 MS. ADKINS: I don't know that there is
6 anything legal. I can't really talk intelligent
7 enough about it. I don't know, to tell you the
8 truth. It was addressed. At this point in time,
9 it has been said that this is what will happen.

10 MS. HENDERSON: Buford, you bring up a
11 good point, but I clearly remember the same
12 discussion the first time that this came around
13 through this document when we discussed that. I
14 brought it up at that time.

15 All of the agencies, it was explained to
16 me, they all had to have their logo out there. I
17 don't know why either, but that was the way it
18 was. Maybe you can help fill in the blanks.

19 MR. WATTS: I don't know that it's so
20 much a logo issue as it is other issues with us.
21 I agree with Buford on that. I don't think State
22 Parks has to be listed at every portal.

23 However, as I brought out in previous
24 discussions, we have issues with trail signs in
25 particular because two-thirds of the park is

1 within the monument, and one-third of the park
2 isn't. Trails traverse from the monument
3 outside.

4 We have, you know, regulatory issues that
5 need to be maintained for consistency purposes.
6 For instance -- I'll give you a simple example.
7 You don't see 85 different 35-miles-an-hour signs
8 in the state of California. You see one
9 35-miles-an-hour sign that can be legally enforced
10 by law enforcement, because it's a regulatory
11 issue.

12 So there are certain issues with signs
13 that have to do with that that would require some
14 sort of consistency. If you have a regulation and
15 you're posting some type of regulatory purpose on
16 it, you want to have some sort of consistency.
17 Otherwise, you're going to get into legal issues
18 and all that stuff.

19 For instance, a "No Diving" sign, for
20 example, is a big issue for us legal-wise. I
21 don't know if trails fit into that category, but
22 there are some things that we need put on there.

23 So as far as the logo, I don't know. I
24 would highly emphasize, again, to the monument
25 manager that you include others on your sign

1 committee so that we can get, you know, in the
2 right direction.

3 CHAIRMAN CRITES: I might note that when
4 we had the national scenic area, we started off
5 with a big portal sign, and every agency had a
6 symbol there. We put them all out there. Then
7 half of them were stolen. The rest of them are
8 somewhere up in the visitor center in a closet.

9 I don't know that I've ever heard anyone
10 complain that there wasn't a listing of all the
11 participating landowners and agencies and all the
12 rest of that.

13 So unless you find folks that have a real
14 strong bias towards doing that, I don't hear that
15 much support for sticking those out there.

16 MS. ADKINS: Right.

17 MS. GEORGE: Danella George. First of
18 all, Bonnie, excellent presentation. Going on
19 with what the chair just said of all the little
20 details, if we remember what the objective is with
21 the portal signs, if we start with the portal, the
22 objective is a brand "You've entered the National
23 Monument."

24 The mind can only take in so much data.
25 It's not taking in that minutia. So I am

1 completely supportive of just what Buford proposed
2 on those portal signs.

3 The next item is Alex did cover this a
4 year ago. He gave the same presentation,
5 actually, a year ago in August about where we were
6 headed and what we were doing. The cultural
7 interpretive work group -- there are many
8 marriages here.

9 There's the recreation strategy and the
10 cultural interpretive strategy as well. They're
11 going to make some proposals, too, about
12 architectural concept and theme, because the
13 signage will have to marry that with the work
14 group.

15 We have not established a trails work
16 group to help Jim Foote. Right now he's very
17 swamped. He's probably gone home to do his
18 laundry and feed the cat.

19 When we get to that stage, what I would
20 like to actually ask of the access group -- the
21 access trails group -- could they establish a
22 technical team for the trails stuff?

23 Once the interpretative cultural group
24 gets their recommendations done, the next phase to
25 me would be to have a technical team from the

1 access trails work group. I'd like to propose
2 that to the committee to help ferret out these
3 issues and finalize the more detailed trail
4 signs. The portal signs are moving right along.

5 MR. WATTS: I'm good with that, Danella.
6 In fact, I think that fits totally with the intent
7 of the plan. My concern with the presentation was
8 we were getting way ahead of ourselves and moving
9 beyond the portal signs when I saw the other signs
10 with the San Jacinto State Park.

11 So portal signs are great. We can move
12 forward with that. If the detailed signs and the
13 other things that are following come behind that
14 in conjunction with what we're calling for on
15 collaboration and working together partnerships
16 and the plan, then I'm all for that. My concern
17 was that you were putting the cart before the
18 horse.

19 MS. GEORGE: Danella again. No. We just
20 want to get that out there because we're trying to
21 be a little bit visionary. We think if you see it
22 out there, that might help us get to it a little
23 bit faster -- you know, start moving towards
24 making this happen.

25 But again, we wanted to propose getting a

1 technical review team together, a work group under
2 the leadership of the access trails work group of
3 the Monument Advisory Committee and start moving
4 towards that.

5 And it fits with also what Jim talked
6 about with the boundary signage. The Forest
7 Service has always signed their boundaries. BLM
8 has signed their boundaries. Maybe we can do a
9 simple concept boundary sign too with just the
10 logo so people know that they're in the National
11 Monument.

12 But again, we'll have to work with all
13 the local jurisdictions because the back side may
14 need to have additional information depending upon
15 what jurisdiction we're in.

16 Does that make sense?

17 MR. WATTS: It makes perfect sense to
18 me. But once again, I have that issue of leaving
19 the monument but not leaving the park. So if
20 you're just telling the people that they're in the
21 National Monument, I'm good with that.

22 But as the legislation spells out, the
23 monument rules do not supersede the state rules.
24 In wilderness protection in particular, we have to
25 be very diligent about ensuring that consistency.

1 That's my concern in those areas. I remember
2 bringing that up during Alex's discussion before.

3 MS. GEORGE: Yeah. We just need to
4 figure out some ways to do that.

5 MR. MUTH: One of those spitting into the
6 wind comments. Al Muth. I think the U.S. and
7 Liberia at least for the time being are the only
8 nations in the world that still use miles and not
9 the metric system. Several years back there was a
10 push to use the metric system on all of our
11 signage.

12 Did that go away by executive order?
13 What ever happened to that motion?

14 MS. ADKINS: Good question. I have no
15 idea. I think it was just too overwhelming for
16 our country.

17 CHAIRMAN CRITES: And is a temporary
18 aberration by the other lesser nations who haven't
19 realized the folly of the metric system. Go back
20 to the king's foot.

21 MR. MORGAN: If you go to the metric
22 system, all the mountains are lower.

23 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Any other questions,
24 into the wind or not?

25 There being done, thank you.

1 We are 15 minutes ahead of schedule.

2 Should we take up the Deep Canyon exchange? We
3 have time to do that at this point.

4 MS. GEORGE: Okay. Basically, we have a
5 handout here. I was hoping Tom Gey -- is Tom
6 here?

7 MS. DUNNING: No. He left a message. I
8 think Jim gave him directions, and he thinks he
9 may have given him incorrect directions. He
10 wasn't on board for at least another 15 minutes.

11 CHAIRMAN CRITES: He's looking for the
12 portal.

13 MS. GEORGE: He's looking for the
14 portal. That's good.

15 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Al, do you want to
16 explain this?

17 MR. MUTH: Yeah. First of all, I didn't
18 know it was going to be on here today. So
19 surprise.

20 MR. WATTS: The wind blew it in.

21 MR. MUTH: More than 10 years ago in the
22 tenure of Russ Kaldenberg, I proposed this land
23 exchange. The reason for it is that if you look
24 at this map, the crosshatched sections are
25 University of California property.

1 We have an isolated piece in blue that
2 was given to the university by the Burns
3 Foundation in the early '60s. It's a piece that
4 sits out there.

5 When the wilderness area was designated,
6 I'm fairly certain that there's an error in this
7 boundary, the dark boundary line, that the
8 wilderness boundary comes up to that northeast
9 corner, jogs around and continues across.

10 Also on that blue section is the trail to
11 Bear Creek Oasis. As I've said before and you
12 know from the field trips to Deep Canyon, we're
13 not a public access facility. We're not in the
14 parks and recreation business.

15 Technically, we should be enforcing no
16 trespassing on that blue section. We can't,
17 outside of stationing seal teams up there, and we
18 don't want to. But technically, we should be
19 doing that.

20 It simply makes sense to swap those two
21 adjacent parcels. As far as whatever resource
22 values, biological, cultural that are on the
23 yellow section of the public land, I submit that,
24 you know, the university and our mission are
25 better suited to protecting those resources than

1 they are on public land as they sit now where they
2 have access, you know, to anybody that wants to go
3 there. So for those reasons we propose that
4 swap.

5 The Bighorn sheep issues that were raised
6 by Fish & Wildlife Service regarding the swap had
7 to do with the construction of any new trails on
8 the BLM parcel. We've resolved that with a
9 Memorandum of Understanding. So that's no longer
10 an issue.

11 Perhaps -- I just blanked on his name.
12 I've worked with him for years.

13 MS. GEORGE: Kalish?

14 MR. MUTH: Kalish. John Kalish. Perhaps
15 his concern was trading lands out of the National
16 Monument. We had an issue with a Fish & Game
17 parcel in Rancho Mirage, I think. We're in the
18 National Monument. We're still within the
19 boundaries. So I don't really see that as a big
20 concern. I think that summarizes why we proposed
21 it and what the issues are.

22 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Jeff?

23 MR. MORGAN: Yeah. This blue section,
24 Section 27, I know you said it's owned by the
25 State of California. Is it specifically part of

1 the reserve?

2 MR. MUTH: Yes, it is.

3 MR. MORGAN: It is?

4 MR. MUTH: It is the property of UC

5 regents, yes.

6 MR. MORGAN: Okay. And it is managed as

7 part of the reserve?

8 MR. MUTH: As best we can, yes.

9 MR. MORGAN: Okay. So it's not just
10 something that you own that's out there?

11 MR. MUTH: No. No. It's contiguous in
12 the northwest corner.

13 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Danella, you would like
14 a resolution of support for this land exchange?

15 MS. GEORGE: Yes. That's what I would
16 like from the Advisory Committee. John Kalish had
17 asked me to bring it forward to hopefully expedite
18 the process by showing the group's support if that
19 is possible.

20 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Okay.

21 Terry?

22 MS. HENDERSON: Question.

23 Terry Henderson, La Quinta. So often when things
24 appear on an agenda such as this, and I appreciate
25 the report, but it always kinds of sends up a red

1 flag in my mind, like the minute we walk out of
2 the room, are we going to start hearing about the
3 negative reasons why that shouldn't have
4 happened?

5 Is there any underlying information that
6 the committee should be made aware of? Is it as
7 simple and straightforward as Allan presented?

8 MR. MUTH: Believe it or not, yes. It
9 makes sense.

10 MS. HENDERSON: Well, so often things
11 don't. Or you think they do, and you find out
12 later that jeez, you jumped some place where you
13 shouldn't have.

14 I think that you indicated that this
15 could easily appear on our next agenda as an
16 official business item and go for a resolution at
17 that time. Wouldn't that be more appropriate?

18 MS. GEORGE: Danella George. Terry, I
19 would not have put this on the agenda or brought
20 it up if it was -- well, it was not put on the
21 agenda because I was asked to do this late
22 Thursday afternoon -- if there was anything where
23 you guys can get briefing packets and have a lot
24 of information in front of you.

25 This is really a courtesy to our lands

1 office and BLM and to UC Riverside. We actually
2 had this on one of the field tours for the
3 Monument Advisory Committee. You will hear
4 exactly the same as what Al just described by
5 John, but we'll have lost another 60 days.

6 So I am completely comfortable that this
7 is full disclosure of information. It's on the
8 record from today's meeting. Al said it very
9 succinctly.

10 Mary was on the field tour out there.
11 It's just been bogged down and bogged down of
12 getting it completed. It's been very frustrating
13 for UC Riverside and for BLM.

14 MR. FREET: I'll make a motion to that
15 effect, but I have a question.

16 If I understood your comment, Al, it's
17 your feeling that the monument boundary actually
18 jogs around that section?

19 MR. MUTH: No. The wilderness boundary.

20 MR. FREET: The wilderness. Okay. Thank
21 you.

22 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Bary, that is a motion,
23 then?

24 MR. FREET: Yes, sir.

25 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Okay. Is there a

1 second? Then we'll ask for questions and
2 comments.

3 MR. BOGERT: Second.

4 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Okay. There is a
5 second -- a motion and a second.

6 Jeff.

7 MR. MORGAN: I've just got a question for
8 Danella. Federal land exchanges generally need to
9 go through NEPA public awareness put out for
10 public comments and all these things taken into
11 consideration.

12 Has this been done?

13 MS. GEORGE: Correct. NEPA has been
14 performed. We've been in consultation with U.S.
15 Fish & Wildlife Service. It's my understanding
16 there was a NOPA even because it's within
17 wilderness. So all of those environmental
18 processes have been done and completed.

19 MR. MORGAN: Okay. I usually hear about
20 these things and I haven't.

21 MS. GEORGE: Maybe it's because it
22 started how many years ago, Al?

23 MR. MUTH: Initiated 10 years ago.

24 MR. GEY: We have done a lot of work on
25 the land exchange, but we have actually not

1 completed the environmental assessment yet.

2 MS. GEORGE: Okay. The NEPA is not
3 done. I stand corrected.

4 MR. MORGAN: I suggest we defer any
5 action until that process is complete.

6 MS. GEORGE: Okay.

7 MS. HENDERSON: Danella, the indication
8 that you gave in response to my question was that
9 we would lose 60 days.

10 What does that mean, that we would lose
11 60 days?

12 MR. MUTH: It only means that I want to
13 get this done before I retire in a couple of
14 years.

15 MS. HENDERSON: Are you retiring within
16 the next 60 days?

17 MR. MUTH: No. It's sort of the
18 frustration you all feel over these portal signs.

19 MS. HENDERSON: I understand.

20 MR. MUTH: It seems interminable, but
21 another 60 days is tolerable if I have to.

22 MS. HENDERSON: Well, I understand that.
23 But if it prevents other kinds of issues from
24 arising, we may be prudent to have it come back.

25 Or at least before we take Bary's motion

1 we at least make a motion to put this on the
2 agenda today as an emergency item, and then
3 entertain Bary's motion. Or as Jeff suggested,
4 just have it come back in October. And we'll even
5 bring a cake and celebrate.

6 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Is there any objection
7 to moving this to October?

8 MR. BROCKMAN: I have a question. Since
9 this is going through the NEPA process, and this
10 is only a recommendation, that can be included on
11 the comments on the NEPA process?

12 MS. GEORGE: Sure. I was told that the
13 NEPA was completed prior to this meeting on
14 Thursday, because that was one of my questions,
15 was NEPA done. I know that consultation was
16 completed. So I'm glad Tom was here, because
17 apparently it's a draft.

18 MR. GEY: We have not made a decision on
19 the exchange. We may have a draft EA. I don't
20 know that we have signed a finding of no
21 significant impact.

22 MS. GEORGE: Okay.

23 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Yes.

24 MS. ROCHE: Yeah. Mary Roche. I would
25 like to agree with Terry Henderson on public

1 notice. I think it's very, very important that
2 this be an agenda item and we go through the
3 public process the right way.

4 Unless it is an absolute emergency, we
5 should notice it for next time so that the public
6 has awareness and that process has gone through.

7 MS. GEORGE: Okay. And we'll request
8 John Kalish to be here to give a presentation as
9 well.

10 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Bary, is that
11 comfortable? Will you withdraw your motion?

12 MR. FREET: I retract my motion.

13 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Okay. And the second
14 has been withdrawn. It is asked then that it be
15 on the next agenda along with a report on the
16 10-year law. I think if it goes 10 years, they
17 have to start over.

18 With that, we are at 10:15 and we will
19 adjourn for 15 minutes.

20 (Brief recess taken.)

21 CHAIRMAN CRITES: In honor of Ed Kibbey,
22 we will start on time. Tom, you're on.

23 MR. GEY: Good morning. I'm Tom Gey.
24 I'm a realty specialist with the Bureau of Land
25 Management. I've been working in the Palm Springs

1 office.

2 I've been assigned to work on the
3 proposed assembled land exchange with the Agua
4 Caliente Tribe. We call it an assembled land
5 exchange because it involves numerous parcels of
6 public lands and lands coming to the United
7 States. And we also believe it may involve more
8 than one exchange transaction in order to
9 complete.

10 I have a handout which Connell is passing
11 out right now which gives greater detail of the
12 exchange. Essentially, the exchange involves the
13 proposed disposal of approximately 5,000 acres of
14 public lands which are in two townships, four
15 south range and four east and five south range and
16 four east.

17 On this map the public land or the
18 federal lands that we're looking at for the first
19 transaction are shown in blue. Additional lands
20 which we do not believe will be in the first
21 transaction are shown in orange. We have some
22 lands which are shown in red that may be in the
23 first transaction.

24 The reason why we've identified them like
25 this is because exchanges have to be on an equal

1 value basis. Based on the lands that we have
2 involved so far, we've identified essentially what
3 we believe may be in the first transaction. The
4 lands that the Agua Caliente have offered to us
5 are shown in yellow.

6 This particular configuration was chosen
7 because the original reservation lands for the
8 Agua Caliente which were established by executive
9 order in the late 1800s essentially identified the
10 even-numbered sections in these two townships
11 along with this township over here as reservation
12 land.

13 At this time we don't believe that these
14 lands will equal the total value of all the
15 federal lands, which is why we anticipate possibly
16 another transaction in the future.

17 We are essentially just beginning the
18 process. The process is a very public process.
19 It will involve public notification. The
20 notification goes out in terms of to the
21 newspaper, and it is sent to interested parties of
22 record.

23 Following the publication of that, we'll
24 initiate an environmental assessment and
25 appraisals. And then we have to consider our

1 obligation under the National Historic
2 Preservation Act and the Endangered Species Act.

3 We anticipate that would involve
4 consultation with the Fish & Wildlife Service and
5 probably some sort of agreement with the State
6 Historic Preservation office.

7 After completing all of the reports --
8 the environmental assessment, the appraisal -- and
9 meeting our other regulatory requirements, at that
10 point BLM will issue a decision.

11 The decision will either be to approve
12 the exchange or modify the exchange in some way or
13 to deny the exchange. We can't make predecisional
14 commitments now.

15 That decision itself can be protested.
16 The protests are resolved by a decision from the
17 state director, at which point the decision
18 dismissing a protest can be appealed
19 administratively through an administrative process
20 through to the Interior Board of Land Appeals.

21 Although we are just beginning the
22 process, it's the culmination of a number of years
23 of negotiations and consultations with the Tribe
24 which occurred both before the legislation passed
25 and after the legislation passed. That's all I

1 have. I'll entertain any questions you might
2 have.

3 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Yes.

4 MR. MORGAN: Yeah. I'm looking at that.
5 I see six squares of kind of lavender color and
6 two squares of yellow. That may not be a
7 perfectly equal exchange, especially if you have a
8 bit of lavender up at the top, Sections 17, 22.
9 In other words, approximately three to one.

10 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Jeff, would you speak
11 up a little bit?

12 MR. MORGAN: Sorry. It's approximately a
13 three-to-one ratio in the exchange.

14 MR. GEY: Yeah. That's based on what we
15 have in terms of preliminary values. We do not
16 have final values. Land exchanges are done on an
17 equal value basis based on appraisals that have to
18 be reviewed and approved.

19 Right now those appraisals have to be
20 reviewed and approved within the Department of the
21 Interior. The ultimate ratio of the acreage that
22 the United States receives and the ratio of the
23 number of acres that go out of federal ownership
24 are going to be based on the appraised value. So
25 it could be three to one. It could be two to

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1 one.

2 Right now that's what we believe -- the
3 reason why we believe this is, most of these lands
4 are considerably more remote than these properties
5 here. Typically, as you go further into the
6 monument, values drop dramatically as opposed to
7 around the edges where you're more likely to have
8 access. But right now we don't know the exact
9 values.

10 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Yes.

11 MR. BROCKMAN: Along those lines, then,
12 can you describe what those values are based on in
13 light of the fact that they're apparently equally
14 inaccessible?

15 MR. GEY: The values will be based on
16 federal appraisal standards. That's based on the
17 uniform appraisal standards for all federal land
18 acquisitions. They have a definition of fair
19 market value. That includes essentially based on
20 an analysis of comparable sales.

21 MR. BROCKMAN: I understand all that.
22 That's not getting to my question.

23 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Okay. Try it again.

24 MR. BROCKMAN: Given that, why are those
25 properties delineated in yellow seemingly of

1 greater value than those in the lavender color?

2 MR. GEY: I believe it's because they all
3 have --

4 MR. DAVIS: Tom, maybe I can answer
5 that.

6 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Would you identify
7 yourself first, please.

8 MR. DAVIS: Yeah. I'm Tom Davis. I'm
9 the chief planning officer for the Agua Caliente
10 Band of Cahuilla Indians.

11 These parcels here and 13, 23, and this
12 smaller parcel here were what we call the Lovkin
13 acquisition. These were purchased by the Tribe
14 back in December.

15 Each parcel before we entered into
16 negotiations with the Lovkins was appraised. Each
17 individual parcel. We based the acquisition on
18 that.

19 These parcels here, because Dunn Road
20 goes through it and are flatter, the old air strip
21 is down here, these are relatively accessible.
22 All you have to do is take the barrier off of Dunn
23 Road and you're there. While these parcels are
24 almost inaccessible.

25 So the values of these particularly are

1 almost -- well, they'll probably be appraised at
2 three times the value of the other properties. So
3 that's the basis of where we started the
4 negotiations with BLM.

5 Does that answer your question?

6 MR. BROCKMAN: Partially. Was that
7 value, then, based upon any descriptions that were
8 currently in existence on Dunn Road? And would
9 the values change with some of the policies
10 proposed in the plan?

11 MR. DAVIS: It's possible.

12 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Bob, I might just note
13 most of those lands, especially were Dr. Lovkin's
14 lands were, were all within the city limits of
15 Palm Springs and were not under the jurisdiction
16 of the National Monument.

17 Those are all part of the at one time
18 Mike Dunn proposal for the greater Palm Springs
19 area, et cetera, et cetera, et cetera. Those were
20 at that time at least listed as fairly
21 high-density residential development back when
22 those things began. I'm not arguing. Just as
23 another piece of information.

24 MR. DAVIS: If I can add, these two
25 parcels are between what's called the Palm Hills

1 vicinity. There's actually a specific plan.

2 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: They can be
3 developed?

4 MR. DAVIS: Yeah. They can develop it.

5 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Yes.

6 MR. MORGAN: Yeah. Palm Springs city
7 itself is considering most of the Palm Hills area
8 south of Sections 31 and 32, which is their
9 current proposed development with the Palm Hills
10 Resort, as part of that development.

11 If it moves forward, the city is
12 considering all the way down to the south of that
13 line. That would put those properties out of the
14 Palm Springs city limits. Also if Dunn Road is
15 ever developed, if you follow the legal
16 requirements, the judgment settlement in 1975,
17 Dunn Road can only be developed in a very specific
18 way.

19 It cannot be developed from Palm Springs
20 going up, and going down in three separate
21 developments meeting state and city standards of
22 development. So the chances of development for
23 those parcels for roads that meet city and state
24 regulations, the development standards are pretty
25 slim.

1 So flat or steep, unless you can drive a
2 road through to them, you can get water and power
3 lines to them, I don't see where there would be a
4 great difference in value.

5 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Are there other folks
6 with questions?

7 Yes.

8 MS. HENDERSON: Terry Henderson, La
9 Quinta. How many agencies, entities, and folks
10 are involved in these final negotiations? Just
11 you guys and you guys? Or are there other people
12 involved?

13 MR. GEY: In terms of governmental
14 entities, it will be any interested parties, but
15 we'll have special requirements to consult with
16 the Fish & Wildlife Service and the State Historic
17 Preservation office. And we will notify the local
18 jurisdictions.

19 MS. HENDERSON: Thank you.

20 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Yes, Al.

21 MR. MUTH: Tom, has the Tribe had some
22 sort of preliminary discussions with Fish &
23 Wildlife Service about the proposed trades?

24 MR. DAVIS: Yes. As you know, we have a
25 Triable Habitat Conservation Plan that's pending.

1 In those discussions we describe the potential
2 land exchange. In fact, I think the land exchange
3 with the BLM is an appendix to that Habitat
4 Conservation Plan.

5 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Yes.

6 MR. BROCKMAN: What is the action of the
7 committee being sought today?

8 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Information.

9 MR. DAVIS: Yes.

10 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Yes, Jeff.

11 MR. MORGAN: A question for Tom. In the
12 Tribal Habitat Conservation Plan, you allow
13 development in just about all sections; correct?
14 I think it allows say 5 percent in each section?

15 MR. DAVIS: It allows a certain amount of
16 development in all the reservation, yes.

17 MR. MORGAN: Yeah. So currently with the
18 lavender-colored things, the BLM would never have
19 any development whatsoever. It would remain
20 undeveloped, namely because nothing is going to
21 happen there.

22 If they were transferred to the Agua
23 Caliente Indians, there could be some development
24 within there. You have, I believe, in your plan I
25 think it's 5 percent that can be developed.

1 So there would could be development
2 scattered throughout?

3 MR. DAVIS: That's possible.

4 MR. MORGAN: Okay. Thank you.

5 CHAIRMAN CRITES: May I add a follow-up
6 question? Will BLM consider that potential impact
7 on resources in terms of any exchange?

8 MR. GEY: Yes. What we consider in the
9 NEPA analysis is reasonable foreseeable uses of
10 the lands that leave federal ownership.

11 CHAIRMAN CRITES: And those impacts on
12 the National Monument, wildlife, and so on and so
13 forth?

14 MR. GEY: Yes.

15 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Barbara, did you have a
16 hand up?

17 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: No. No. I was just
18 going to state that most of the land that's part
19 of our environmental program is all allottee
20 land. This is not allottee land. This would be
21 in Tribal hands.

22 Under the Tribal hands we would not
23 develop any of that land. It's just that because
24 the rest of the reservation had been put into
25 allotments, we can't legally restrict an allottee

1 from developing their lands.

2 We can govern how they can develop on
3 their lands, but we can't restrict it. These
4 lands will not be allottee lands.

5 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Are there other
6 questions at this point?

7 Yes.

8 MR. MORGAN: This is a question for Tom.
9 With regard to the BLM exchange, I believe in your
10 discussion with the Forest Service regarding I
11 guess there be Section 33 and 35 south; correct?

12 MR. DAVIS: Which Tom?

13 MS. HENDERSON: They're both Toms.

14 MR. MORGAN: Tom Davis. These two
15 sections here.

16 MR. DAVIS: Yes.

17 MR. MORGAN: You're in negotiations --

18 MR. DAVIS: No. We're not in
19 negotiations.

20 MR. MORGAN: You're not in negotiations
21 with the Forest Service?

22 MR. DAVIS: No.

23 MR. MORGAN: That's a misinformation.
24 I'm sorry.

25 MR. BROCKMAN: Thanks for bringing that

1 up.

2 CHAIRMAN CRITES: All right. If there
3 are no other questions, appreciation to both the
4 Toms. And if we could just ask you to leave this
5 map during our lunch break, so if folks want to
6 walk up and actually look at it at a closer
7 viewpoint, if that might be appropriate. Okay.

8 MS. HENDERSON: Excuse me.

9 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Yes, ma'am.

10 MS. HENDERSON: Terry Henderson,
11 La Quinta. This handout, are these the legal
12 descriptions of the property that we just talked
13 about?

14 MR. GEY: Yes. That's the complete legal
15 description of all the federal lands.

16 MS. HENDERSON: Thank you.

17 CHAIRMAN CRITES: As an addendum to that,
18 would it be possible to get a smaller version of
19 that map for all the folks? That would be
20 somewhat easier for people to deal with than
21 actual range and township and so on and so forth.

22 MR. DAVIS: It will take us a while, but
23 we can do that.

24 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Okay. I just think it
25 would be useful if people really want that as a

1 reference.

2 May we legally begin public comments
3 before 11:00?

4 MS. GEORGE: If the public wants to
5 comment, sure.

6 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Okay. This is the time
7 and place for public comments. Are there those
8 from the public who wish to offer comments today?
9 Are there others?

10 MS. HENDERSON: I make a motion we break
11 for lunch.

12 CHAIRMAN CRITES: We have a comment.
13 Yes.

14 MS. GREEN: I wanted to give you an
15 update on the anniversary celebration.
16 Elizabeth Green. I'm the coordinator of the
17 National Monument celebration.

18 This is a sample of the poster that's
19 going to be created to be distributed this year.
20 This was a result of the Plein Air Demonstration
21 at the visitor center at last year's celebration.
22 The artist has signed off on it. I think it's
23 quite beautiful.

24 That will also then become -- the color
25 came out a little funky on this one, but it will

1 be this color. It will be in the invitation that
2 you should be looking for in the mail. This will
3 be an oversized post card.

4 It will have a celebration of the passage
5 of Congress of the National Monument Act, and it
6 will list all the various activities that we'll
7 have during the day.

8 There will be activities in the morning
9 at the visitor center. And then of course we'll
10 have the luncheon in the Indian Canyons in the
11 afternoon.

12 One neat thing that's happened because of
13 all of this is we've been sending out a lot of
14 press releases. We ended up getting -- I know
15 Danella is working with Palm Springs Life on a
16 story in Palm Springs Life for the October issue.
17 I wanted to get it listed in the Desert Guide
18 calendar as well.

19 So what happened is they're going to do
20 that. They'll feature it. But also, we have not
21 been listed on this map. This is the Convention
22 and Visitors Authority official map.

23 So now the visitor center will be listed
24 on the map. Actually, the National Monument will
25 be listed on the map. They're going to do a

1 feature for us in October. We're pretty excited
2 about it, and we hope everybody considers
3 attending. Thank you.

4 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Do you want to make a
5 brief comment on the Palm Springs Life article?

6 MS. GEORGE: Sure. Danella George.
7 We've been working with Frank Jones at Palm
8 Springs Life for about the last year. The October
9 issue will feature the National Monument.

10 Buford was interviewed in detail. We
11 gave them a list of all the MAC members and
12 folks. So I don't know if any of you were
13 contacted or not, but I know Buford was.

14 There will be information from --
15 Congresswoman Bono will be commenting on the
16 National Monument. We worked with Tom Brewster
17 for some photographs that will be going in.

18 We worked with International Mapping,
19 which is an outfit -- they're now located an
20 office in Palm Springs -- that will have a very
21 nice pull-out map, three-dimensional. I'll let
22 you all be surprised when it comes out.

23 Any questions?

24 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Okay. If there is --
25 yes, Jeff.

1 MR. MORGAN: An additional comment. The
2 Wilderness Society puts out a magazine on a
3 regular basis, and in the October issue they are
4 featuring the Santa Rosa/San Jacinto Mountains
5 National Monument.

6 MS. GEORGE: Thank you, Jeff. We
7 actually visited with the writer on that. I just
8 didn't know that it was going to be October.

9 MR. MORGAN: It was supposed to be
10 October.

11 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Yes.

12 MS. HENDERSON: Could we see to it that
13 we get that in October? I don't know that we
14 would be on the regular delivery or mailing list
15 for that publication. I'd like to see it.

16 MS. GEORGE: Palm Springs Life?

17 MS. HENDERSON: No. The one that --

18 MR. MORGAN: Yeah. I'll get extras.

19 MS. HENDERSON: Thank you.

20 CHAIRMAN CRITES: If there's no
21 objection, we can begin to work on the summary of
22 plan comments from the public.

23 MS. DUNNING: Okay. As you guys know,
24 June 19th was the date that the comment period
25 ended for the Draft Plan.

1 We received your comments in the format
2 of a report that we put together when we met two
3 months ago. So you have in front of you the
4 comments and recommendations on the Draft Resource
5 Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact
6 Statement for the National Monument.

7 So this is what we tracked following the
8 last meeting. These are the recommendations that
9 we have from you guys as we're going to print them
10 in the plan.

11 So take a look at this. I know we didn't
12 e-mail this to you on Monday, but take a look at
13 this over the next couple of weeks. If there's
14 any clarification or any words that sound odd, let
15 us know. We can send it around.

16 We think that this captures everything as
17 we talked about it in the last meeting. This will
18 be included in the appendix of the Final Plan
19 right there next to your recommendations for the
20 Draft Plan.

21 You also have in your packet a sheet that
22 says "Response to Public Comments." Melissa,
23 myself, and Greg, who just stepped outside, we've
24 been the team kind of pulling this stuff
25 together.

1 I'm shipping out of here on Tuesday. At
2 that point Greg Hill and Melissa Bristow -- if you
3 haven't gotten a chance to meet both of them, make
4 sure you introduce yourselves today -- they'll be
5 taking this on and continuing to meet the various
6 deadlines that are looming to make sure we get
7 everything where it needs to be on time.

8 What we're going to talk about today is
9 this "Response to Public Comments" form that you
10 guys were holding. That was e-mailed to you last
11 week or Monday.

12 Really, this is just an opportunity for
13 you to look at the various types of comments that
14 we got in. They are organized by the different
15 topics -- the general presentation, coordination,
16 comments about the Advisory Committee, comments
17 about the boundary.

18 Just quickly, any comments that relate to
19 the boundary, we're not addressing the planning
20 process. Congress identified the boundary through
21 the legislation. The development of the plan and
22 all future plans is not the place where we're
23 going to be addressing any changes to the
24 boundary. That would require a change of
25 Congress.

1 Relationship to other plans, we had a lot
2 of comments about how this plan relates to the
3 other plans. We knew that that would come.

4 No matter how many ways that we explain
5 it in the plan, it is very confusing that we have
6 this monument management plan at the same time as
7 BLM's general planning and Forest Service's
8 general planning and this upcoming conservation
9 plan. So we did get some other questions about
10 that. We could revise the text to address those
11 concerns.

12 On page 3, the topic of general planning
13 and compliance, we had questions about how we're
14 complying with NEPA and the various consultations
15 that are required.

16 So we'll be addressing those in the final
17 plan and revising the text where needed to clarify
18 where the draft plan may not be clear about how we
19 consulted and how the other plans are relating to
20 some of those comments that were raised.

21 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Connell?

22 MS. DUNNING: Yes.

23 CHAIRMAN CRITES: You've presented all of
24 this for us to look at.

25 MS. DUNNING: Yes.

1 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Do you want comments or
2 questions from the committee to the comments or
3 questions that are in the comment sheet?

4 MS. DUNNING: Actually, the purpose of
5 today is really for you guys to get a handle on
6 what we got from the public. We got 30 letters,
7 roughly 250 comments in here. It's an opportunity
8 for you to take a look and see what is the
9 interest out there.

10 This also represents the three public
11 meetings. So it's more of an opportunity for you
12 to get a handle on what everybody else is coming
13 up with.

14 We did a very good job getting your
15 recommendations here. So if anything, this is
16 more for you guys to think about implementation
17 and ways that when the final plan comes out, how
18 can we address, you know, things that you may not
19 have come up with as a committee but are certainly
20 of interest because your constituents, national
21 organizations, individuals, brought them up.

22 So this is a good document for you guys
23 to have just to read through -- one of those by
24 the fire -- by the pool, I guess I should say --
25 just to make sure that, you know, you guys have a

1 handle on what the interest is out there.

2 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Okay. Thank you.

3 Sorry for interrupting.

4 MS. DUNNING: We're not looking for any
5 specific comments. Again, what you're reading are
6 other people's comments. So you guys commenting
7 on other people's comments would kind of lead us
8 down an interesting path.

9 CHAIRMAN CRITES: That's right.

10 MS. DUNNING: What I'd like to do just
11 for the next roughly 10 minutes is just kind of
12 guide you through this so you know where to look.

13 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Bary.

14 MR. FREET: I'll hold my question.

15 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Sure. Okay.

16 MS. DUNNING: Okay. So on page 3,
17 "General Planning and Compliance" is the one that
18 I just summarized. On page 4, "Planning
19 Criteria/Considerations," these are some general
20 planning type questions.

21 Let me also interject here and say that
22 when you see these in the final, it will be in the
23 appendix. Every comment will have a number.
24 You'll also be able to see who made the comment,
25 whether it's an individual or a national

1 organization. All of that will come with the
2 comment.

3 You'll be able to backtrack the comment
4 back to the original letters. Those will be in
5 the plan. So if you read a comment and you're
6 wondering what does that actually mean, you can go
7 back to the original letter. It will be in the
8 final.

9 So back on page 5, we start with a
10 subheading of "Biological Values." Starting from
11 this section on, we organized these comments as
12 they relate to the sections of the plan where we
13 talked about the different subheadings.

14 You'll see some questions specific to
15 biology. If you turn the page, specific to
16 biology in reference to Bighorn sheep on page 6.
17 Several of those.

18 Moving on to page 8, you'll see exotic
19 invasive species and non-native species comments.
20 We had one comment on livestock grazing.
21 Following that, comments on cultural values.

22 On page 10 is the beginning of the
23 recreational values comments. We had quite a few
24 comments about recreation, which we anticipated,
25 given that recreation is such an important topic

1 from the public.

2 So "Recreation Values - General," those
3 are ones that we didn't put under any subheading.
4 If you turn the page, you'll see recreational
5 shooting and hunting comments, recreational values
6 related to pets, recreational values related to
7 hang gliding, comments related to feral animals.

8 On page 13, now there's a list of
9 comments specific to the Trails Management Plan.
10 Even though I think I've said about 592 times that
11 trails will not be included in this plan, a lot of
12 people didn't go to the public meetings or didn't
13 see those outreaches that we had or were not part
14 of the outreaches, so they didn't know that the
15 Trails Management Plan would be addressing a lot
16 of the trails-specific issues. So we did get a
17 few of those comments.

18 Yes.

19 CHAIRMAN CRITES: In light of that, would
20 you forward all of those comments to CVAG?

21 MS. DUNNING: I'm going to forward this
22 entire packet to CVAG.

23 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Okay. You might put a
24 note on the front "Please look at page 13."

25 MS. DUNNING: Certainly. And Jim Foote

1 is a large part of the trails planning process.
2 He is responsible for responding to these. So he
3 knows which ones are going to get to the right
4 spot there.

5 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Thank you.

6 MS. DUNNING: Okay. Turning the page,
7 page 14 we have a separate subheading of trails
8 issues which are addressed in the Monument Plan.
9 So there are some things related to trails that
10 will be found in this plan.

11 Moving to page 15, we had a comment on
12 just general collecting of rocks. We put that
13 under "Geological Values." Some questions about
14 the scientific values section. Questions related
15 to scenic values. Questions related to
16 facilities.

17 Turn the page. Page 16, we have a lumped
18 group of questions about access roads and
19 off-highway vehicles, and then a separate
20 subheading about Dunn Road. We knew we'd get some
21 questions about Dunn Road. So we're addressing
22 those under a separate subheading.

23 On page 18, a section about private
24 property concerns. And then all the questions
25 about fire management. Page 19, questions about

1 water resources, followed by questions about
2 acquisition strategy and exchanges.

3 On page 21, you'll see questions about
4 wilderness and wild and scenic rivers. And then
5 some questions about our adaptive management and
6 how we're going to implement the plan.

7 And then finally, socioeconomic
8 considerations and additional funding and
9 implementation questions.

10 So these represent all of the substantive
11 comments that we pulled. Any comment that we had
12 regarding grammar -- add a period here, capitalize
13 a term -- we didn't include those here. We're
14 still going to be addressing those. These are
15 kind of the substantive ones and the ones that we
16 felt we needed to share in this format.

17 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Bary?

18 MR. FREET: Pass.

19 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Are there questions at
20 this point? There being -- yes.

21 MR. MUTH: Questions regarding specific
22 things in here or in general what she just
23 presented?

24 CHAIRMAN CRITES: I suspect either or.

25 MR. MUTH: Okay. Al Muth. A question

1 for State Parks. On the second page there's a
2 request of some sort. Page 2, "National Monument
3 Boundary." State Parks requests a buffer zone or
4 zone of impact between Anza Borrego Desert State
5 Park and the National Monument.

6 What were you thinking? What's that
7 about?

8 MR. WATTS: Well, actually, I was
9 thinking that State Parks would try to provide one
10 coordinated comment letter on the plan. However,
11 because the National Monument encompasses two
12 separate administrative jurisdictions of state
13 parks, there were two separate letters submitted
14 to BLM regarding the different concerns as they
15 related to each area.

16 So as the Anza Borrego State Park portion
17 of the monument pertains to the Colorado Desert
18 district and the separate administrative
19 jurisdiction, they are contending that they are
20 not part of the National Monument itself.

21 In short, I can't answer why
22 Mr. Van Cleve decided to submit that particular
23 comment. However, I understand that he is in
24 consultation and communication with the BLM to try
25 to resolve that. How's that for dodge?

1 MR. MUTH: Very good. Well stated.

2 MS. GEORGE: Mr. Chairman. For Al, we
3 just wrote a letter this week to Dave Van Cleve
4 that Gary is talking about.

5 Apparently what happened is in the
6 initial development of the boundary along the
7 southwestern portion of the boundary, there's some
8 wilderness parcels for Anza Borrego Desert State
9 Park.

10 Apparently a lot of meetings were held
11 prior to the boundary being finalized, and people
12 were shown this, although those little blue
13 squares weren't in there.

14 But going back to what Connell discussed
15 earlier, we cannot make boundary decisions in this
16 plan. It would taken an act of Congress. That is
17 what we responded to today.

18 We also said we look at this as an
19 opportunity for partnership with Anza Borrego
20 Desert State Park. They're very interested in
21 things like a soil inventory. We want to initiate
22 a soil inventory in the next year or two.

23 So I see a lot of opportunities for us to
24 work cooperatively with the mission that Anza
25 Borrego State Park in conservation with the

1 National Monument. And we've asked to meet with
2 him this fall.

3 Hopefully, what I was also going to
4 propose is perhaps a field trip with the Monument
5 Advisory Committee to the Anza Borrego State Park
6 at some other time.

7 MR. MUTH: I understand those issues. I
8 don't understand what the zone of impact might
9 be.

10 MS. GEORGE: He was concerned about the
11 users drawing -- I think more recreational users
12 is what I understood about that letter. By being
13 a National Monument, by having that designation,
14 there would be more folks visiting the land. And
15 we was concerned with that impacting the
16 wilderness area by higher recreational use.

17 MS. DUNNING: I'd like to add one thing.
18 Depending upon what you read here, you're going to
19 have some questions about what was said. We would
20 like to offer to send any of you who are
21 interested a full set of the comment letters.

22 They're public record. Anybody can see
23 them. They're in the BLM office. They're a
24 matter of public record because they were
25 presented to us. I did have one request for a

1 full set of those letters. If there are any other
2 requests, raise your hand now and let me know. I
3 can make a photocopy and stick those in the mail
4 for you.

5 MS. GEORGE: May I suggest we actually
6 put them into Acrobat and be able to put them on
7 the Web.

8 MS. DUNNING: We will for the final. But
9 at this point, we don't have that ability. The
10 fastest I can get them to you is in the photocopy
11 version.

12 MS. GEORGE: Okay.

13 MS. DUNNING: So Ruth Watling and Barbara
14 and Jeff. The rest of you, you'll see them in the
15 final. They will be on our Web page. They'll be
16 the PDF version.

17 And actually, that will help some of
18 this, because the questions you might have are
19 similar to Al's upon reading -- "What were you
20 thinking?"

21 It might be more evident upon reading the
22 whole letter. There might be more information
23 that we don't have here. Not for that comment
24 specifically, but for others, it might be more
25 evident if you have a concern what that person or

1 writer was getting at when you see the whole
2 letter.

3 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Thank you.

4 Yes, Ruth.

5 MS. WATLING: Ruth Watling, Pinyon. Will
6 there be specific responses to the letters?

7 MS. DUNNING: Yes.

8 MS. WATLING: There will.

9 MS. DUNNING: What you'll find when you
10 see the final plan, this will be in the appendix.
11 There will be a different number for every single
12 comment and a different response for every single
13 comment. That response will reference back to the
14 plan where it needs to, and it will also reference
15 back to the original letter. So there will be a
16 different response for each comment.

17 MS. WATLING: Thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Anyone else? Thank
19 you, Connell. I know that on behalf of all the
20 folks who are here, our sincere appreciation to
21 you for the excellent work that you've done in
22 conjunction with all of your colleagues from BLM
23 and Forest Service. Thank you much. You'll be
24 missed, and we are the better for your time here.

25 MS. DUNNING: Thank you. You guys are in

1 a very good spot because you have a great team of
2 Forest Service and BLM people continuing to work
3 on this. Future questions can go to
4 Melissa Bristow or Greg Hill. We'll send out an
5 e-mail next week so you know where to send your
6 questions if you have any.

7 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Melissa or Greg, do you
8 have any comments you wish to make?

9 MR. HILL: I don't at this time.

10 MS. HENDERSON: You could compliment us
11 or something.

12 MS. DUNNING: I do have, Buford, one
13 other thing for you before you send me off. Just
14 an update on time line and we are on the
15 planning.

16 We hope to have our version to BLM and
17 Forest Service representatives by early
18 September. We're going to brief our state office
19 and our regional office on September 16th. That
20 briefing will be a couple of days before our
21 Washington-level briefing.

22 Once those are completed, then our notice
23 of availability for a plan, we hope will be
24 published, and we hope to have at the same time
25 the plan available to the public on October 24th.

1 So that meets our goal of having a proposed final
2 out of the door by the legislated deadline.

3 Following that there will be a protest
4 period. We hope to have the record of decision
5 sealed up by the end of this year. That's the
6 time line that we're working on.

7 CHAIRMAN CRITES: All right. I think
8 that consultants that were brought on board need
9 to be thanked. If we can prepare a letter for Ed
10 to sign thanking them.

11 And certainly again Forest Service and
12 BLM, you guys had done something that we didn't at
13 one point think we could possibly get done by the
14 time line. It's there. It's quality. Bravo to
15 all of you.

16 MS. GEORGE: I was just going to mention
17 Austin and David, to make sure that we recognize
18 them, but you did, Mr. Chair.

19 MS. DUNNING: So when we get a letter
20 drafted, does the whole committee want to see that
21 or feel comfortable with Ed running that?

22 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Ed signing it.

23 MS. DUNNING: Ed signing it.

24 MS. GEORGE: Okay. Danella. For our
25 review, we might want to try to do Washington

1 office along with state regional forester for
2 conservation of energy. Just get it done at one
3 time.

4 CHAIRMAN CRITES: I believe it is time to
5 summarize the meeting and the needs.

6 Do any of you have needs that you would
7 publicly express?

8 MR. MORGAN: My agenda says needs for the
9 August meeting. I think it should be for the
10 October meeting.

11 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Well, these are
12 immediate needs and postponements.

13 MR. MUTH: Let me tell you about those
14 needs.

15 MS. HENDERSON: Mr. Chairman?

16 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Yes.

17 MS. HENDERSON: Terry Henderson. The
18 December meeting, December 4th, are we scheduled
19 for some critical business on that day? Is that
20 something that we could look at a shortened
21 agenda? Schedules get really tight in December.

22 MS. GEORGE: I think it's time for us
23 actually after the October meeting to revisit the
24 whole agenda. The feedback I've been getting from
25 the Advisory Committee members, you've all worked

1 very hard over the last almost two years. Maybe
2 meet twice a year or three times a year, have a
3 field tour. Something like that.

4 October would be a good idea to get
5 together because we have some folks and we have
6 agenda items. If you guys would like to cancel
7 that meeting, now is the time to do it so that we
8 can get a Federal Register Notice.

9 MS. HENDERSON: So moved.

10 MS. ROCHE: Second.

11 CHAIRMAN CRITES: There being no further
12 discussions, all those favorable say "aye."

13 MR. MUTH: We're talking about the
14 December meeting; right?

15 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Yeah, the December
16 meeting.

17 MS. GEORGE: As long as we're doing that,
18 we also have a February meeting scheduled. Do we
19 want to now reevaluate that schedule so when we
20 can't do that Federal Register Notice, we both
21 cancel the December meeting and we set the
22 schedule for the future meetings?

23 MS. ROCHE: Wonderful.

24 MS. HENDERSON: I wonder if this should
25 be an agenda item for October.

1 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Okay. Is there any
2 objection to having a meeting in February? And
3 then during the time in October, the committee
4 would set and then look at the time for the either
5 one or two other meetings during this next year?
6 Is that comfortable with the group?

7 MS. HENDERSON: Yeah.

8 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Yes, ma'am.

9 MS. GONZALES-LYONS:

10 Barbara Gonzales-Lyons. I just had a question. I
11 had on here that -- I highlighted the first
12 Saturday in September.

13 Were we going to do a September meeting?
14 Because our plan had to be finished by October.
15 Was that discussed? I thought it was. Are we
16 going to do that?

17 MS. GEORGE: No.

18 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: No? Okay.

19 MS. GEORGE: Now, one thing we will miss
20 in that December meeting is your chance to look at
21 the final. The record of decision is going to be
22 signed in January. The draft will be out there in
23 October. We can always host a workshop, a couple
24 of public workshops, and have you folks come to
25 that instead.

1 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Okay. There is a
2 motion, then, to cancel the December meeting and
3 to make our next meeting following the October
4 meeting a meeting in February.

5 Those favorable signify with an "aye."

6 MAC: Aye.

7 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Are there those in
8 opposition? There are none.

9 We have two items for the October meeting
10 from today. One is the ongoing land exchange with
11 the University of California. The second, then,
12 will be looking at the National Monument's support
13 for low elevation public camping facilities in the
14 Coachella Valley.

15 I'd note that one of the thoughts that I
16 had is that if, as an example, the Joshua Hills
17 area that sits between Coachella Valley Preserve
18 and the national park becomes public land -- if
19 that comes to fruition, that might be an excellent
20 place to at least look on a cooperative basis with
21 State Parks and maybe the county and so on for a
22 fairly large-scale public use campground, there
23 being no available lands adjacent to the national
24 boundary on the south or the west side of the
25 Coachella Valley.

1 We're just out of more land over here on
2 this side. So we can bring that for discussion at
3 that point.

4 Are there other items that people at this
5 point know of that need to be added to the agenda
6 for October? Okay. There being done, before
7 people munch and run, I believe there's a request
8 for a group photograph.

9 MS. GEORGE: Just a couple of items,
10 Mr. Chair. If I can make sure we summarized, we
11 talked about signs today. We talked about the
12 portal signs. What I think I heard from the MAC
13 is that folks are comfortable with that portal
14 sign.

15 There's a feeling that it might not be
16 necessary to have the Forest Service and BLM logo;
17 is that correct?

18 MS. HENDERSON: Uh-huh.

19 MS. GEORGE: And then the other is to
20 follow up with actually a technical review team
21 for future signage under the access and trails
22 group.

23 Can I get commitment from the trails and
24 access chair and co-chair to have that happen?
25 And should we assign some folks now from different

1 agencies to be members of that TRT?

2 CHAIRMAN CRITES: You should certainly do
3 that.

4 MS. GEORGE: Okay. So there's a yes. I
5 hear yes. Just going around, Gary, is there
6 somebody you would like to assign to State Parks?

7 MR. WATTS: Yeah. Right now
8 Jerry Frates, F-r-a-t-e-s.

9 MS. GEORGE: Okay. Would you like to
10 assign somebody?

11 MS. HENDERSON: I'll serve.

12 MS. GEORGE: Okay. Terry.

13 MS. HENDERSON: As long as it's not
14 December 5th.

15 CHAIRMAN CRITES: 4th.

16 MS. HENDERSON: 4th.

17 MS. GEORGE: Okay. Jeff?

18 MR. MORGAN: Yeah. I'm already on the
19 trails and access committee work group.

20 MS. GEORGE: Okay. Barbara?

21 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: Probably our ranger
22 Rocky.

23 MS. GEORGE: Okay. By then the folks
24 will also have the information from the cultural
25 and interpretive work groups to work with.

1 Robert?

2 MR. BROCKMAN: No, thanks.

3 MS. GEORGE: Anybody from Rancho Mirage

4 you think would be interested?

5 MR. BROCKMAN: I don't want to overwhelm

6 this committee.

7 MS. GEORGE: Okay. All right.

8 Ruth?

9 MS. WATLING: I'll just do it.

10 MS. GEORGE: All right. Okay.

11 Bob?

12 MR. LYMAN: I'm not sure exactly what

13 representation you need from us. I don't think

14 you do.

15 MS. GEORGE: Okay.

16 Mary?

17 Al?

18 Frank?

19 CHAIRMAN CRITES: He's the chair.

20 MS. GEORGE: He's the chair, so we're

21 done. Okay. We're done with that.

22 I have one other item that I just want to

23 make sure I'm clear on. Let's see. That is --

24 okay.

25 For the follow-up for Deep Canyon, I will

1 make sure that whatever state that NEPA is in, you
2 will all have a copy of that NEPA and a briefing
3 packet basically with the chronology of what has
4 happened up to now and what the next steps are to
5 get that land transfer to occur. So there's
6 that.

7 I just want to make sure we've got
8 everything. Oh, with Laurie. Laurie had
9 mentioned fire restrictions, making sure -- the
10 MAC had asked to be able to obtain the fire
11 restrictions.

12 To make sure that we follow up on that,
13 may I ask that you send your fire restrictions to
14 Pam Hanson? Pam has the MAC mailing list
15 available, and she can then e-mail that out to all
16 the MAC. Okay. That was a little bit earlier
17 today.

18 With that, that's it. That's all I have,
19 Mr. Chair.

20 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Okay. I believe that
21 for members of the MAC, lunch is only provided
22 after the photograph; is that correct?

23 MS. GEORGE: That's correct.

24 MS. ROCHE: I have one more motion. I
25 would like to see Buford Crites run every meeting

1 so we can get through this very fast.

2 You've done a great job. Thank you.

3 MS. GEORGE: Yes.

4 MR. MUTH: So this is a recall of our
5 chairman?

6 MS. ROCHE: No. I don't want to recall
7 our chairman.

8 CHAIRMAN CRITES: When is Ed's term next
9 year?

10 MS. GEORGE: Yeah. I should mention just
11 real briefly that Ed is not going to run again.
12 He did not put his packet in for call for
13 nominations for building industry and developer.
14 So his position terminates in November. He'll be
15 here for the October meeting. So we will need to
16 have a new chair.

17 And then Cathy Brennan is here.
18 Catherine Brennan. She's the nominee right now.
19 Her name will be submitted to go up on the food
20 chain and the sausage making and all that good
21 stuff for building industry and developer.

22 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Okay. We welcome you.

23 MS. HENDERSON: Excuse me. Didn't we
24 actually already elect the new chair? Isn't it
25 Rob?

1 MS. GEORGE: No. He's co-chair.

2 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Or vice chair.

3 MS. GEORGE: Vice chair.

4 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Yes.

5 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: So then we would

6 make recommendations for October then?

7 MS. GEORGE: We need to put that on the

8 agenda. Very good.

9 CHAIRMAN CRITES: There will be an

10 election of a chair and vice chair in October.

11 MS. ROCHE: I was being facetious, but I

12 guess it was important to bring it up.

13 CHAIRMAN CRITES: That's a good

14 reminder.

15 MS. HENDERSON: And some recognition for

16 the outgoing chairman.

17 MS. GEORGE: Already done. It will be a

18 surprise.

19 MS. ROCHE: Wouldn't that be done at your

20 anniversary celebration?

21 MS. GEORGE: Okay. The anniversary

22 celebration -- we're going to off line as they say

23 or off the record so we have a surprise.

24 (Discussion off the record.)

25 MS. ROCHE: Is it my understanding that

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1 when we adjourn, we have lunch and we're free to
2 go?

3 CHAIRMAN CRITES: No. Photo first.

4 MS. ROCHE: Yeah. The photo. But then?

5 MR. MORGAN: You have to stay until
6 3:15. It says on the agenda.

7 MS. ROCHE: Yeah. It says on the agenda,
8 and the public comment doesn't close until 12:00.

9 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Right. We will still
10 be here at 12:00. If the public wishes to
11 comment, we will designate I believe the
12 representative for Indian Wells is the official
13 public receiver of comments. With that in mind,
14 is there a motion to adjourn?

15 MS. HENDERSON: So moved.

16 CHAIRMAN CRITES: Is there a second?

17 MR. BOGERT: Second.

18 CHAIRMAN CRITES: That is nondebatable.

19 All those in favor, signify with an "aye."

20 MAC: Aye.

21 CHAIRMAN CRITES: We are adjourned.

22 (Off the record.)

23 (The meeting concluded at 11:23 a.m.)

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