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Palm Desert, California

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Saturday, June 1, 2002

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9:00 a.m.

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CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. Welcome to the June 1 Santa Rosa and San Jacinto National Monument Advisory Committee. We will call role and see if we have a quorum.

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MR. HAVERT: Bill Havert, Coachella Valley Mountain Conservancy.

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MR. MORGAN: Jerry Morgan, Sierra Club.

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MR. BROCKMAN: Bob Brockman, Rancho Mirage.

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MR. CRITES: Buford Crites, Palm Desert.

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MS. GONZALES-LYONS: Barbara Gonzales-Lyons, Council Member, Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians.

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CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Ed Kibbey, Building Industry Association.

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MS. HENDERSON: Good morning, Terry Henderson, city of La Quinta.

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MR. MUTH: Al Muth, University of California.

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MR. PARKINS: Rob Parkins, General Manager for the Winter Park Authority.

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MR. WATTS: Gary Watts, California State Parks.

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MR. GRAFTON: Larry Grafton, city of Indian

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Wells.

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1 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: We do have a quorum of staff.

2 MS. GEORGE: Danella George. Santa Rosa/San
3 Jacinto Mountains National Monument.

4 MS. DUNNING: Connell Dunning, Community
5 Planner, Bureau of Land Management.

6 MS. ADKINS: Bonnie Adkins, Visitor Center,
7 BLM.

8 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: And entering slightly late,
9 Ruth Watling. With that, the meeting is initially
10 called to order and we now turn to public comments. We
11 have one person signed up for public comments to speak.
12 We will ask Alvino Siva to step to the podium. We
13 appreciate you coming and ask you to limit your comments
14 to five minutes. Introduce yourself and give your
15 address.

16 MR. SIVA: My name is Alvino Siva and I'm a
17 Cahuilla. My country is to the south of here, but I was
18 born and raised in Palm Springs. Can you hear me all
19 right?

20 MS. GEORGE: No. I think we need to turn the
21 mike on.

22 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Our apologies, Mr. Siva,
23 you'll just have to speak loud here.

24 MR. SIVA: That's all right. I was in the
25 service for 20 years, so this is a normal situation. I

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1 don't mean to speak of the military that way, but it's
2 similar.

3 Anyway, I'm here on this monument situation
4 which came about all of a sudden. The first thing I'm
5 going to say is I don't think that all the reservations
6 were included in this, they were never really spoken to
7 as to what was going to happen. Certainly the Santa
8 Rosa and the Cahuilla, they are involved in all this,
9 not just the Hot Water Indians here in Palm Springs.
10 Agua Caliente -- I don't speak Spanish, but what you
11 have done all of a sudden is clamped down on it and we
12 can't move, especially our horseback riding.

13 I'm with the Desert Riders and we have built
14 trails all through this mountain and there was existing
15 trails that the Cahuilla people used, connecting
16 different areas, connecting into Arizona and other
17 states. These trails that you see now, some of your
18 roads are built on these trails, but now we can't use --
19 I can't even go on my horse where I used to ride when I
20 was a little boy.

21 The main reason I think is the Bighorn sheep.
22 The area from here all the way into San Jacinto
23 Mountains over there at Palm Canyon, West fork, way back
24 into the Highway 74, all that used to be filled with
25 wild horses many years ago. There was myself, my

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1 brother, Jim Maynard, we were the only three that really
2 looked after the horses.

3 The horse people there in Palm Springs was
4 Miguel Petronino, Pedro Chino, Willy Martins, they are
5 the ones that owned wild horses in that area. Those
6 horses were branded at that time, it was our
7 responsibility to round them up and brand them for these
8 old people, but they were already old by that time.
9 Pedro was in his 100s, Miguel was close to that also,
10 and Willy was not a young man. So whenever they wanted
11 something done with the horses, they would call us and
12 we would contact the boys from Santa Rosa, Cahuilla, and
13 we'd round these horses up.

14 I remember I was about 11 or 12 and we rounded
15 up 88 heads in that area down into the valley and the
16 reason that we rounded up all these horses was because
17 Miguel died and all his relatives were women, so they
18 wanted his horses sold. And we did it, took us weeks to
19 get this done. And while we were running around, we see
20 Bighorn sheep, never bothered us, they looked at us. We
21 went into areas where they had lambs, never bothered us.
22 Now you can't even go up a trail where they never used
23 to be right here above Rancho Mirage and going on into
24 74. Bighorn sheep were hardly ever in that area. It is
25 high-country area.

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1 Now they have opened up the -- first mistake
2 was bringing the salt licks down there into our canyon,
3 bringing the sheep down. That was one mistake and the
4 Indians didn't do this. So the sheep went across,
5 started going down, and all of a sudden they see the
6 green in this area here on the golf course. We're here
7 in the drought now for maybe for the last 50, 60 years
8 in this area here, so the sheep need feed so they are
9 moving down, see the grass down here, so they are here
10 now.

11 Now everybody is saying this is their area,
12 this is not their area. Right here where this school
13 is, right in this area here, there was a big ranch, had
14 citrus, dates, had a huge alfalfa field, I imagine 50
15 acres of this. When the feed was bad up in the
16 mountains, the horses would come, came to the trail
17 right above the Bighorn establishment. There was a
18 spring right above there going up there, a trail
19 connecting with the Art Smith trail, that was our trail.
20 The horses would come down and get into the alfalfa
21 field. The agent at that time was Quakenbush, had his
22 office where the spy is now, and they would call and
23 Willy would get ahold of me, my brother, and Jim Maynard
24 would come down here, ride all the way from Palm Springs
25 and drive these horses out as far as the springs up that

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1 trail.

2 In about a week's time, they would be back here
3 again. It was the same, even if you fenced the alfalfa
4 field, the horses wouldn't go in, this was what is
5 happening with the Bighorn sheep. They are starving,
6 this is the worst summer that I have seen. The Cholla
7 cactus is dying. The Orocopia is barely hanging on, the
8 Beavertail cactus is drying up and dying. The wild buck
9 wheat is drying up and dying. The Bighorn sheep are
10 going out there and eating the Agave hearts, now it's
11 getting pretty bad when they have to get down amongst
12 these needles to get something to eat. Here we go up to
13 the Pinyon area and we harvest the big Agave -- and we
14 have the Agave tasting at the Morongo museum every year.
15 This year the Bighorn sheep had beaten us to that Agave.

16 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Excuse me, wonderfully
17 interesting, but we'd like to hold it to five minutes.
18 Could you wrap up your comments?

19 MR. SIVA: Oh, yeah, you have so many people
20 behind me that want to talk.

21 MS. HENDERSON: Mr. Chairman, I would like to
22 make a request, if you don't object, giving him a few
23 extra minutes. It's tremendously interesting what they
24 are saying.

25 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Does anyone have any concerns

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1 with that? Please continue.

2 MR. SIVA: The reason is I think I'm the only
3 one here that has been in that country from way back. I
4 was born in 1923, and I didn't start riding until 1930.
5 I rode with the old people, I know that country back
6 here, although I'm in the reservation, but my relatives
7 have the Agua Caliente people here with their horses. I
8 know this country and I know where the Bighorn sheep go.
9 I think it should be that everything will stop, our
10 riding, especially our trails.

11 I remember in the thirties, there was something
12 like 11 riding stables in Palm Springs, and they rode
13 all over these mountains and didn't bother the Bighorn
14 sheep. Why all of a sudden you come up and say, "You're
15 disturbing the lambing," that's a bunch of baloney.
16 Somebody just dreamt that up, but you people buy it.
17 Now the Bighorn sheep is dying because they are going
18 across and eating the grass and the grass has been
19 watered with insecticide, keep the pesticides out of the
20 grass.

21 You have the oleander which is the worst flower
22 you can plant, the worst poison, you see oleander all
23 over the place. You pull all the existing native plants
24 from here, you bring in these foreign plants, and they
25 are killing things. Now the BLM is saying to me there

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1 is some wild horses up there, last of the wild horses.
2 I want to feed them, "Don't take alfalfa up there."

3 We've been feeding alfalfa hay to these
4 horses for hundreds of years and all of a sudden, the
5 alfalfa has weeds -- seeds in there. The weeds are
6 going to grow up in the mountains. That's another
7 baloney, who thought that up? What about talking about
8 these oleanders? I have a poisonous tree right here.
9 You should have kept a mesquite tree growing here, a
10 natural tree. There isn't one. Everything is foreign
11 that is brought in.

12 So now I don't know what you're going to do
13 about the riders because Palm Springs, the Agua Caliente
14 people are ready to leave. That was their way of making
15 money at that time in the riding stables, that was their
16 income. When they ride at the stables, they go into the
17 canyon, they have to pay to go in which they still do.
18 And this is part of their culture, the Agua Caliente
19 people, the horses. They were there when the Spaniards
20 brought them in before the European Americans came in,
21 these horses were here being used by our people. And
22 now they want to take them all out, take them all out of
23 there. The main one, the one old mare there is 30, 35
24 years old, still hanging on there. If we did take them
25 out of there, we are going to leave her there, let her

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1 die there.

2 Thank you.

3 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Thank you, sir. That's the
4 only person I have on the sign-up sheet for comments.

5 Anyone else wish to make comments on the
6 morning session? There being no sign of anyone, we will
7 then continue with the agenda and review of the last
8 meeting minutes.

9 MS. GEORGE: Minutes were placed on your table
10 right there on your minutes. It should be meeting
11 minutes.

12 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: You have the opportunity to
13 read the minutes and there were some corrections
14 submitted. I take it those corrections were made?

15 MS. GEORGE: Correct.

16 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Any other corrections or
17 comments on the minutes? Housekeeping Review of the
18 April meeting by our Designated Federal Official.

19 MS. GEORGE: Good morning, Committee and
20 public, and good morning, staff. I'm the DFO. Can you
21 all hear me?

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We can't hear you.

23 (Pause in the proceedings)

24 MS. GEORGE: Can you hear me, Jim?

25 Good morning Committee. Good morning to the

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1 public. I have a few housekeeping items I want to go
2 over, that is, we will have an informational tour for
3 the Advisory Committee on June 25th, and the Committee
4 chair and I will need to get together in the next few
5 weeks to put together that agenda. It will be on
6 Highway 74, and there will be more information to come
7 out for all on the internet.

8 The other item of business is letters of
9 reappointment. I have three letters as of this time. I
10 have Mr. Parkins', Mr. Freet's, I have Bill Havert's
11 letter. I have been told that there will be a
12 reappointment for a new nomination for Indian Wells. We
13 were just lacking Mr. Lyman's. We had a deadline of
14 April, Mr. Chair, so I wanted to give you a status of
15 that.

16 Also, the status to the Committee that the
17 Forest Service, BLM, were to meet on May 28th, but we
18 have to postpone that until July 3rd, and then we will
19 go over staffing, critical issues, internal items of the
20 joint services for managing the National Monument. On
21 June 11, from 9:00 to 12:00 at the BLM, there will be
22 another interagency work group to look at projects and
23 the things we've all been working on as well as starting
24 to focus on interpretive -- how to build an interpretive
25 plan for October outward to the National Monument so we

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1 can start connecting people to the National Monument as
2 well as looking at a series of events to recognize the
3 monument and to start looking at the celebration event
4 in October.

5 We met this week with community folks and
6 various entities such as the Living Desert, Desert
7 Museum, to talk about setting up that community event,
8 we pretty much agreed on the weekend of October 26th and
9 October 27th. I think that's about it. Also, just some
10 housekeeping, we all need to pay Connell on the
11 Committee for lunch, you need to pay her cash today.
12 And I've been asked by an individual to remind folks
13 that water is the only beverage that one can drink here
14 in the City Council chambers.

15 What we try to do is help the Committee in
16 educating folks, putting a focus on Cultural Resources
17 today, as well as on the California Department of Fish
18 and Game, speaking on planning needs for the Monument
19 plan. Connell will update folks on what went on at the
20 public scoping meetings, where we're headed with the
21 National Monument plan. We need to at that point also
22 discuss about the process that we want to visit for the
23 work groups in providing their analysis and input. Also
24 to make use of the web page and the BLM planning web
25 page, we can post when the meetings will be held. We

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1 need a little housekeeping on that from the working
2 groups.

3 I think that's about it.

4 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: If you wouldn't mind, if you
5 can perhaps give an overview of our discussion group on
6 Thursday as to the thinking of various folks for the
7 training of volunteers, that's rather interesting, that
8 should be presented to the Committee.

9 MS. GEORGE: What we're trying to do is connect
10 people to the National Monument. It's getting -- moving
11 out to our community about the Santa Rosa/San Jacinto
12 Mountains National Monument, and in order to do that, we
13 want to tell the story about the people, the history,
14 the story that Alvino shared this morning, these sorts
15 of things. Mr. Wellman's -- talking to Wellman, the
16 different stories, people's history and connections with
17 the landscape as well as the natural history for the
18 geology.

19 We had the first meeting with folks to talk
20 about -- basically, first was where can we do a joint
21 interpretation so we can build a schedule starting in
22 October that can get publicized, get to the hotels once
23 we have visitors, looking at scheduled hikes, scheduled
24 discussions. That was one part.

25 The other part is working with the Friends of

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1 the Desert Mountains because they are the Friends group
2 to the National Monument. This is an outcome at the
3 recent workshop, me and the director of the Desert
4 Mountains, Judy Hartman attended and myself, connecting
5 the dots in this community. There's an Agua Caliente
6 Band of Cahuilla Indians Visitor Center, Indian Canyon,
7 State Parks, Living Desert, Desert Museum. That's some
8 of the folks. How can we all get on the same page about
9 announcing events, working cooperatively, also, an
10 interpretation of what this monument is. Going back to
11 -- you need to tell the story of what this monument is.
12 That it's not an Antiquities Act monument, it has its
13 own unique legislation, so we're starting to talk and
14 bring folks together.

15 The next phase would be working with the
16 Friends to build a volunteer base that's already
17 existing with a clear mission of what it is the monument
18 wants to deliver to our visitor and communities in
19 education and interpretation, building learning
20 objectives, building goals. So from that, we can then
21 build a training program with Living Desert and CODD,
22 who is going to be offering a 12-month course on
23 National Resource Management. So we're sharing and
24 educating, it's going to take time, but that's basically
25 what we're up to.

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1 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Any volunteers?

2 MS. GEORGE: The volunteers, we want to build
3 on what we have that is existing, and we want to build a
4 larger volunteer pool to help us with our National
5 Monument.

6 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Comments, questions? It's
7 interesting, I think it's a beginning. I think the best
8 part about it is the bringing together of the various
9 organizations in the valley for information as to not
10 only history, but also coordination of information, and
11 I think it's a great beginning. My concern was who's
12 going to put together, organize and control, if you
13 will, the volunteers. There's still an answer yet to
14 come. This is a joint operation with the Forest Service
15 and BLM so that is yet to come. I think it's a good
16 beginning.

17 Thank you very much, Danella, for putting that
18 together and hope you have more meetings of that sort,
19 and more of you perhaps.

20 Terry, do you have any comments?

21 MS. HENDERSON: No. I thought it was very
22 interesting, the number of programs that already exist
23 out there, and the fact we need to coordinate that and
24 have a unified message that's going out to everyone. I
25 thought it was important that a staff person is coming

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1 on board, that would be the coordinator on that. I
2 can't remember his or her title.

3 MS. GEORGE: The GIS 911 Outreach Interpretive
4 Specialist, it closed on April 28th. I called personnel
5 yesterday at BLM to see the status of that and we have
6 about three weeks to get what's called a cert. The
7 certs are the list of names of the people so they were
8 still ranking certs in the personnel office. We have to
9 go through the process of interviewing and such.

10 Can I also make one other housekeeping comment?
11 Rachael, can you hear us?

12 THE REPORTER: Yes.

13 MS. GEORGE: We have a court reporter for the
14 public. It would be nice to say your name and spell
15 your name. We have to be conscious of that.

16 MR. HAVERT: Bill Havert. Danella, did you
17 have contact with the natural history folks up at State
18 Parks at the top of the tram or any of the other groups
19 over in Palomar?

20 MS. GEORGE: No, we didn't. I was talking to
21 Gary this morning, I need to connect that dot. The tram
22 was going to come, but Rob could not make it. Rob was
23 going to be there so we do need to connect that. We did
24 invite folks from the Idyllwild Ranger District, but
25 they were unable to make that meeting.

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1 MR. HAVERT: I think there are some groups up
2 in the Idyllwild, even though that's not the monument
3 but a natural ally, I think, of interest for the Forest
4 Service is pursuing the potential for a visitor center
5 that would be the other portal for the monument. Seems
6 like there might be some opportunities up there, not
7 just for the

8 Forest Service, but maybe State Parks and some others.

9 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Other comments? Let's turn
10 to the proposal for the documentary. A person from the
11 Mercury Post is to make a presentation to us and what
12 they are looking for is the support of the Committee for
13 the idea. Please come up to the podium and spell out
14 your name.

15 MS. HUDGENS: Good morning. My name is Pam
16 Hudgens, H-u-d-g-e-n-s. Robert Lee is with me, L-e-e.
17 I've given all you members the packet. In the beginning
18 is an agenda of what we propose to talk to you about
19 today, and behind that is a little bit about my company
20 just to give you guys some background on what we do.
21 You can look through that at your leisure.

22 Today we're here to request support on a
23 documentary on the Santa Rosa/San Jacinto Mountains
24 National Monument. What we would like to do in this
25 documentary is introduce the monument, when it came

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1 about, how it came about, and actually let people know
2 what the monument is, that it's a community-based
3 legislation, the idea of common areas, and let people
4 know about the -- that the BLM is working in
5 coordination with the Forest Service, the idea of the
6 Service First.

7 We want to identify the portals for visitor
8 information, that being what different experiences the
9 visitor can expect and where the visitor can access this
10 information: The Living Desert, Indian Canyon Visitor
11 Center, Tahquitz Canyon Visitor Center, Desert Museum,
12 the Highway 74 Information Center and the Idyllwild
13 Ranger District. We want to also let people know about
14 the historical significance of the area and historical
15 sites, maybe to do video tours of the areas of the
16 petroglyphs and of the rock house, some areas that may
17 be very, very important to the historical background of
18 the area, but may not be very well known to visitors or
19 local people for that matter.

20 We would also like to include in this
21 documentary the native people and their interaction with
22 the landscape, do some interviews with the tribal
23 elders, and some of the other people in the area that
24 have been in Palm Springs since the beginning, and their
25 take on the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains, and do

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1 some storytelling and recounting of ideas and facts.

2 Danella was telling me a beautiful story about
3 an elder, I believe he was a Native American, and he was
4 telling a story about hearing the breath of the wild
5 horses, and just things like that that are recounted,
6 that if we don't capture that, you don't get that -- it
7 doesn't have a future. I feel the need to capture this
8 while there is still people to tell the story is very
9 important.

10 We would also like to touch on the wildlife,
11 the animals indigenous in the area from the ridge to the
12 toe of slope. There's a huge diversity, there's many
13 animals that are endangered. If we make the community
14 and the visitors aware of their plight and how they can
15 help, it benefits everybody.

16 The different plant life and the significance
17 on the environment. This gentleman was talking about
18 how the Bighorn sheep are now eating this Agave heart,
19 that they don't normally unless it's a severe drought.
20 Things like this are very important. The geology and
21 the watersheds, how this is scientifically important and
22 how it is also historically important. The watersheds,
23 how the Native Americans base their lives around the
24 watershed and would move up and down the mountainside as
25 the seasons change.

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1 We would like to touch on conservation issues
2 and recreational usage. I think with that also comes
3 conflicts over usage. Some people feel like this is an
4 area that should and needs to be visited by the public,
5 and there's those that feel like it should stay in its
6 pristine state. I think we should explore both aspects
7 of that. I think that the benefits and use for this
8 video far outnumber the ones I've listed here. However,
9 to begin with, to relay the number of experiences one
10 can come and enjoy as a visitor to this monument, I
11 think it is very important to increase and promote the
12 "leave no trace" visitation policy, therefore reducing
13 some of the conflicts. To identify to the locals and
14 visitors, but they can get more information on the
15 monument, which is rich in local, natural history, to
16 let the school-age children, the youth of the area, know
17 what surrounds them and to increase the awareness of the
18 BLM and United States Forest Service and their
19 involvement in this monument.

20 The areas of distribution that can use this
21 video are local cable programming. I am in the business
22 of producing and distributing video programs, and I'm
23 very familiar with the cable out here and it is very
24 affordable to buy, and also, if we do go on that route
25 and buy half hours, you're reaching locals, you're

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1 reaching visitors. And after you've made a buy, then
2 you can run half hour -- I'm sorry -- 30-second
3 commercials, and they would be a lot more likely to run,
4 some no charges or public service announcements as we
5 are clients of theirs now, and get word out on these
6 meetings and on other activities that are going on that
7 have to do with the monument.

8 I think we should distribute these to schools
9 for natural history. The Visitor Center should have
10 access to these, make them available to different
11 service organizations, the scouts, hiking and nature
12 clubs. And also a very interesting area of distribution
13 would be hotel in-room programming, that we could play
14 this, distribute it to the hotels in the area and have
15 them play it on their access channel, that way having
16 the ability to reach the visitor.

17 And that is my proposition. We are looking for
18 your support for a grant. We are looking for a grant
19 and in order to get that, we would like to get a letter
20 from you for your support.

21 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: I don't think you mentioned
22 the length of the presentation.

23 MS. HUDGENS: After discussing it with the --
24 one of the objectives is getting it out on the local
25 programs, I believe a 30-minute program would be the

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1 most logical time frame. You can go for longer;
2 however, I think for the purposes that we've stated
3 here, 30 minutes would be the optimal.

4 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Questions?

5 MR. MUTH: Are you just asking for a letter of
6 support for the production of this documentary so you
7 can then seek grant funding from some other source?

8 MS. HUDGENS: Yes. Although, if you guys would
9 like to support us with money, that would be fine also.

10 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: We don't have any money.
11 Other comments, questions? Terry?

12 MS. HENDERSON: I'm wondering, do we have a
13 business process that we need to be concerned with?

14 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Not us, we don't worry about
15 it. All we worry about is the idea and whether we think
16 it would be germane to the monument such that we would
17 suggest that someone might pick it up and run with it.

18 MS. HENDERSON: Okay. So the letter of
19 support, my interpretation is, is it specifically to
20 your company or is the letter of support for the idea?

21 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: I think it could be either
22 one. It would be whatever this Committee might decide,
23 whether they think it's a good idea that someone ought
24 to pick up or whether we think this company should pick
25 it up.

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1 Bill?

2 MR. HAVERT: Is there one particular foundation
3 or grant source to which you are applying for and then
4 looking for a letter specifically addressed to that
5 grant source?

6 MS. HUDGENS: Our next step is to research
7 which grants are available for the area, that we are
8 looking specifically for land management information
9 distribution. That is our next step. It may be several
10 people that we are requesting, and whoever comes through
11 and whoever approves it.

12 MR. HAVERT: So are you looking more for a
13 generic letter saying this Committee thinks making a
14 video on the National Monument would be a good idea and
15 use that accordingly?

16 MS. HUDGENS: It would be beneficial. And also
17 to solicit other letters as well, possibly going to
18 Dianne Feinstein and Mary Bono to get letters of
19 support.

20 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Yes.

21 MR. PARKINS: I guess the missing dot is also
22 considered a portal through State Parks? Would the
23 missing dot, as you referred to earlier, be considered a
24 portal to the Palm Springs aerial tramway?

25 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Yes.

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1 MS. HUDGENS: Absolutely.

2 MR. PARKINS: I understand you're not asking
3 for any contributions of any sorts from this Committee?

4 MS. HUDGENS: No.

5 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Gary?

6 MR. WATTS: Mr. Parkins covered my point, that
7 the Tram Line and State Parks should be considered part
8 of the portal?

9 MS. HUDGENS: Yes, absolutely. I think our
10 objective with this is to get it to as many distribution
11 points as possible to benefit the community as a whole
12 on the benefits of having this beautiful monument in our
13 backyard literally.

14 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Yes, Rob?

15 MR. PARKINS: If it's appropriate, I move for a
16 generic letter of support. I think it's an excellent
17 concept.

18 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: We have a motion to adopt the
19 generic idea concept from Rob Parkins. Do we have a
20 second?

21 MS. HENDERSON: I second for discussion.

22 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Any discussion? Jeff?

23 MR. MORGAN: Who controls what's in this video?
24 Who would control the content of the video? This video
25 could be political, could push one point more than

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1 another point. Who would actually be selecting material
2 and editing material of those things?

3 MS HUDGENS: I would like to work cooperatively
4 with the BLM, and as far as the Forest Service would
5 like to be involved, but I would like to do this on the
6 premise that it would benefit the BLM and the monument
7 as a whole. If there's a committee forum, or something
8 like that, I certainly have no problems with that at
9 all.

10 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: I think the question was a
11 little bit more direct in that would a person, whether
12 it's BLM or the Committee, have veto power over the
13 script and production so that the ultimate package would
14 be approved before release?

15 MS. HUDGENS: As I see it, I would like to have
16 one point person, a point person. If there's a
17 Committee behind that point person, that's fine. I
18 would like one person that I could work with, that
19 would, yes, have veto power over any information that
20 would be in there that may be adverse to whatever you
21 decide would be.

22 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: In the final product?

23 MS. HUDGENS: Yes.

24 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Does that answer your
25 question, Jeff?

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1 MR. MORGAN: Yes.

2 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Bob Brockman?

3 MR. BROCKMAN: It seems to me what is being
4 asked for here is the endorsement of the concept of the
5 proceeding; however, I don't think you're being
6 exclusive in the endorsement since you are not
7 contracting with them and maybe other companies that may
8 want to produce similar kinds of information, so it's
9 with the understanding that this may not be an exclusive
10 endorsement.

11 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: The way the Chair understood,
12 the motion was the concept.

13 MR. PARKINS: Since he has very little to do, I
14 was going to suggest Jim Kenna to overview the concept,
15 but I won't do that.

16 MR. MUTH: He's still smiling. I think he
17 accepted.

18 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Other comments on the motion?
19 Hearing none, we have a motion and a second to approve
20 the concept of a video documentary on the monument.
21 Would that be a correct statement?

22 Any other discussion? Those in favor say
23 "Aye."

24 THE COMMITTEE: Aye.

25 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Any opposed? It's approved.

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1 Mr. Siva?

2 MR. SIVA: What other documentary has she done?
3 We think we should see something they have done before.

4 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Mr. Siva, we're not selecting or
5 approving, we're suggesting that it would be a good idea
6 to have a documentary on the monument. That's all we do
7 today.

8 MS. HUDGENS: Although in direct response to
9 his question, we have done work with you in the past. I
10 would like to show it to you if that's possible. I have
11 a TV monitor. It's a public service commercial that we
12 did recently. May I show that?

13 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: I would suggest that the
14 request that you have come forward with has been met and
15 that it has been suggested by one member. Perhaps
16 during the lunch break, you can show it at that time.

17 MS. GEORGE: How long is it?

18 MS. HUDGENS: It's a 30-second commercial.

19 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: We can do it at the break or
20 during lunch. Thank you very much, I appreciate it.

21 MS. GEORGE: I want to say thank you for the
22 public service announcement, that it is with John Walsh
23 with America's Most Wanted, and I want to thank them by
24 giving them a mug of the National Monument.

25 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: A broken mug.

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1 MS. GEORGE: This is to thank Pam and Robert
2 because they did put together a public service
3 announcement, and there will be another one in the fall
4 with Mr. Walsh.

5 MS. HUDGENS: Thank you very much.

6 (Pause in the proceedings)

7 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Thank you. Back on the
8 record. We're a little bit early, but I guess that's
9 okay.

10 Cultural Resources Assessment and Ethnographic
11 Assessment. Mr. Daniel Mc Carthy, if you would please
12 give us your name and spell your last name and who you
13 are with.

14 MR. MC CARTHY: Good morning, I'm Daniel
15 McCarthy, D-a-n-i-e-l M-c-C-a-r-t-h-y. I'm a Heritage
16 Resource Program Manager for the San Bernardino National
17 Forest and work in cooperation with the Santa Rosa/San
18 Jacinto National Monument.

19 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: While we're waiting, Mr. Jim
20 Kenna publicly apologizes for the screen.

21 MR. MC CARTHY: Those in the background who
22 wish to do so may move up. What I'm going to do is show
23 a few slides of the monument in regards to Cultural
24 Resources, while this slide is one of the National
25 Forest portion and emphasizes that the monument right

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1 here represents a portion of the National Forest and the
2 white areas to the east. The black areas represent the
3 various Cahuilla Reservations surrounding the monument
4 of the Santa Rosa/San Jacinto Mountains.

5 Part of the agencies -- I use that plural --
6 representing are BLM and Forest Service, part of our
7 responsibilities are to Native American tribes,
8 fairly-recognized tribes, and in this particular case,
9 there's 11 different reservations that are within the
10 spirit of influence of the monument. And six of those
11 reservation borders are within a close proximity or
12 within a mile or two of the National Monument.

13 Part of the agency's responsibilities on a
14 government to government basis is to do tribal
15 consultation. Here we are out with Katherine Sarbel,
16 looking at an area in the Santa Rosas, looking at the
17 rock foundation for a Cahuilla shelter. There are many
18 boulders, perhaps thousands within the landscape of the
19 monument that contain mortar, the surfaces that reflect
20 plant gathering and processing for food. There's an
21 example here with dozen of chards just the way they were
22 left hundreds of years ago.

23 An example of a rock painting, here's a drawing
24 of that, a petroglyphic design, one of several maze-like
25 designs found in the monument. These are a rather

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1 unique style within Southern California, but there seems
2 to be a concentration in the monument where there are
3 more panels of this particular style than the other
4 numerous sites in Southern California combined.

5 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Question, the line down the
6 center, is that a defacement or part of the design?

7 MR. MC CARTHY: No, that's -- the line that
8 goes from the upper right to the center portion is a
9 natural feature of the rock. The northern part of the
10 San Jacintos, in this view there are two rock sites that
11 are previously known. We have a wide diversity of
12 plants and animals corresponding to the elevation. That
13 elevation is reflected and those plant communities are
14 reflected in this slide showing the Santa Rosa/San
15 Jacinto on the left, and the little San Bernardino
16 Mountains on the right which would represent the
17 northern part of Coachella Valley.

18 What's not clear in the slide because of the
19 projection and small screen is that there is a diversity
20 of plants that are unique to the San Jacinto and Santa
21 Rosa Mountains, and within those plant communities,
22 those are the very plants that the Cahuilla that lived
23 here for thousands of years subsisted on. Just a few of
24 the plants include a Fedora which provided a tea for
25 health benefits, acorns, the black oak acorn in

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1 particular, was used as a staple food for the Mountain
2 Cahuilla.

3 A view of a portion of Pinyon Flats. In the
4 background on the left and across the top is a dense
5 grove of Pinyon Pine. In the foreground, you only see a
6 few of those pine trees because in the forties, a fire
7 swept through here and burnt those out. Those trees
8 that are here now are basically the ones that survived
9 the fire, and that gives you an idea -- 60 or 70 years
10 is not a very long time for Pinyon to come back into an
11 area. They are very slow growing and very difficult to
12 propagate.

13 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Just a comment, most of those
14 groves are now gone from the fire in the nineties.

15 MR. MC CARTHY: The Pinyon provided the pine
16 nut, examples here of the cones, the nuts, the fact that
17 they were shelled and the nuts were eaten and provided
18 another stable food for Cahuilla. Another general view
19 of the landscape at the high elevations, the uplands.
20 Here there's Pinyon, Agave, Yucca, Whipplely, Molina,
21 just to name a few of the plants that were part of the
22 food chain for the Cahuilla.

23 Another major stable for the Desert Cahuilla --
24 Mountain Cahuilla was the Agave. The plant was
25 harvested before the stock itself matured and began to

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1 grow up. It was the base or the heart of the plant that
2 was used for food, and then the leaves were also
3 providing fiber for carrying nets and portage.

4 The Cactus Spring Trail today is one of a small
5 segment of a very large network of trail systems that
6 provided access to the Cahuilla from the lowlands, the
7 valley floor up into the highlands, uplands. In the
8 times past, there was Lake Cahuilla that filled the
9 valley floor. Where we are today would have been under
10 a hundred feet of water 500 years ago. The Cactus
11 Spring Trail, along that there are a number of resource
12 sites, procurement areas, gathering areas, seasonal
13 camps. What's displayed is an Agave roasting pit right
14 alongside of the trail.

15 Here, we have assured scatter along with human
16 bone. It's not typical of cremation sites that we think
17 of in terms of our cemeteries today, but there are a
18 number of known cremation areas both at the lower,
19 elevations and the high elevations, so it's another
20 sensitivity area that we need to be aware of when we
21 direct the public into the monument.

22 An early drawing of the 1850s indicating the
23 Lake Cahuilla where the shoreline is exhibited, and
24 along that shoreline there are still petroglyphs,
25 carvings and paintings that were carved in the toofa, a

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1 blue-green fresh water algae that grew along the
2 shoreline.
3 Something very unique to the Santa Rosas and as well as
4 Southern California, I show only a few slides here, but
5 we have this small rock outcrop, and in the very center
6 is a notch in that rock outcrop, and there is a coarse
7 carble, fist-sized, that has been placed there. On the
8 summer solstice, June 21st, as the sun rises, it comes
9 up and shines through that particular notch and displays
10 a ray of light in this center rock that's been placed
11 right here, and here's the tip, there's the light right
12 there.

13 We have little information about this kind of
14 phenomena. We knew that the Cahuilla had their own
15 names for the constellations. This site merely
16 demonstrates a portion of that, and with these kinds of
17 resources that we know of with very little effort on the
18 part of the agencies in the past to actually inventory
19 and understand where these sites are, the monument has
20 proposed an overview of two kinds to be conducted.

21 In the 1980s, the National Forest had an
22 ethnographic overview conducted. It only included the
23 forest portion of the monument and archeological
24 overview of Cultural Resources that were known at that
25 time. The contract will be let shortly to update both

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1 the archeological and ethnographic overviews. We're not
2 sure how much additional or new information will be
3 derived from the ethnographic overview, because the one
4 that was done in 1980 is still a good example of what it
5 should have done, what it should have provided even 20
6 years ago.

7 What perceptions have changed is the kind of
8 numbers and archeological sites that we know today
9 versus 20 years ago and our interpretations of those
10 sites. We still have opportunities to collect
11 additional information from elders such as Alvino Siva.
12 So it will be important to gather that information,
13 understand where sites are on the landscape, conduct
14 consultations today with the various bands of Cahuilla,
15 and that will help in our planning effort to manage and
16 protect the resources of the monument. Thank you.

17 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Thank you. Questions? How
18 would you suggest that the usage of the monument and the
19 protection of these artifacts and locations be
20 accomplished? Fencing or what?

21 MR. MC CARTHY: In consultation with the tribe.
22 There's a whole wide range of protection measures that
23 will have to be looked at, no one effort will work on an
24 area this size. I would not personally be supportive to
25 putting up fences to protect sites because that's just

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1 going to draw attention. There are some sites that lend
2 themselves very well to public identification. We need
3 to identify those sites and provide the opportunity to
4 educate the public, because without their help and
5 understanding and education, we're not going to be able
6 to protect the sites at all. The area is too big and
7 there's just too many resources that are there.

8 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Could it be suggested that
9 certain areas of the monument be off-limits?

10 MR. MC CARTHY: That might be another
11 alternative to consider, but until we get the overviews
12 and conduct the consultation with the tribes to find out
13 what areas they want protected, we're not in a position
14 right now to really make those judgment calls.

15 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: But it is a possibility?

16 MR. MC CARTHY: There is a possibility, yeah.
17 Certainly we would not want to lead the public into
18 sensitive areas that contain cremations.

19 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Terry?

20 MS. HENDERSON: Is it possible that some of
21 these sites would be on public land as opposed to tribal
22 land?

23 MR. MC CARTHY: There are sites throughout the
24 monument, the sites don't pay attention to the agency
25 responsibilities or land matter status.

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1 MS. HENDERSON: Would there then be the
2 potential that it might be handled differently, or would
3 there be some plan put in action for a consistency, if
4 you will, in the protection of these sites?

5 MR. MC CARTHY: I think that's where
6 complication comes in. We have the agencies responsible
7 and we have the tribes concerned about these issues. We
8 want to share what information we come up with, what
9 information we know about the sensitivity of these
10 areas, and where they are located, and hopefully, we
11 would be working together to develop a policy for that
12 protection.

13 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Any comments, concerns?
14 Barbara, you were commenting, this was part of your
15 group, work group?

16 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: Yes. Our work group has
17 been working together. Connell has been working with
18 us, and we've been in contact with the different tribes,
19 even show the tribal reservation lands around the
20 monument, where the cultural sensitive areas are, or the
21 natural resources in respect of the transplant material,
22 their native plants that they still use as food.

23 You know, you've been talking about how this is
24 food they used to use, but we are still using those
25 foods today. It's not that we used them before and

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1 don't use them now. It's still being used by a lot of
2 our people on the different reservations, so these plant
3 materials are a food source in the monument area. We're
4 trying to figure out how do we best work with the tribes
5 on allowing access to those materials and food sources
6 and also trying to protect the cultural sites. Like
7 it's been stated here today, there's not just one way to
8 protect them, there's different ways for different
9 sites, and I think that's what we're trying to work on
10 right now.

11 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Other comments? Yes,
12 Danella.

13 MS. GEORGE: For the Committee and the Chair, I
14 want to thank Daniel for coming. Also, Daniel, what he
15 has displayed today is a result of the interagency work
16 group. Daniel working with Wanda and Ginger and the
17 type of projects that the folks are coming up with for
18 the monument and the critical assessment needs to have a
19 valuable Monument plan to address the issues. Now we
20 have a working group with the Advisory Committee and you
21 too, Daniel, get a mug.

22 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Thank you very much.

23 MR. CRITES: I had an opportunity last summer
24 to take a day's walk with Daniel. He has a remarkable
25 amount of knowledge, an incredible person. If you have

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1 a chance to spend some time and visit issues having to
2 do with the background of this area, it's well worth it.

3 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Barbara?

4 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: Also, it would be good to
5 have him on this video with his knowledge, because when
6 he's gone, he's gone. This is something that needs to
7 be in the video.

8 MR. CRITES: His beard is gray so it won't be
9 long.

10 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Okay. Any comments? Any
11 questions? Jim, I need some guidance as far as our
12 agenda. Our agenda calls for specific times, and we're
13 running way ahead. Do we need to be tied to our agenda
14 for the designation of a break or can we just take a
15 20-minute break? What's the rule?

16 MR. KENNA: The only hard wire things in the
17 agenda are the public comment periods. The rest, you
18 have flexibility.

19 MS. GEORGE: I would just suggest that we open
20 it back up for public comment to see if there's anybody
21 here who would like to give a public comment.

22 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: We can do that. Jim, you
23 have to answer.

24 MR. KENNA: Yes. The question was?

25 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: The question was a suggestion

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1 by the DFO that we would go ahead and open public
2 comments again to utilize some of the extra time we
3 have. Is that within our ability or are public comments
4 limited to before and after as specified on the agenda?

5 MR. KENNA: No. You have the option to accept
6 additional comments. The minimum is what you have on
7 the agenda.

8 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Fine. With the Committee's
9 permission, we'll go ahead and ask if anybody from the
10 public has some comments they would like to put forward
11 at this time, probably more specifically on what we
12 heard this morning.

13 Yes, ma'am, come to the podium. Give your name
14 and spell your last and address who you represent.

15 MS. BERGMAN: Good morning. My name is Barbara
16 Bergman, B-e-r-g-m-a-n. I represent the Pinyon
17 Community Council, as well as a group known as Committee
18 74. Committee 74 is a group of interested members of
19 both the local government agency and community residents
20 who meet on a monthly basis to discuss all aspects of
21 safety on this Highway 74. We are represented by
22 volunteers from the CHP and Cal-Trans, local residents,
23 and we're very appreciative of the support we've had
24 from Danella George who attends our meetings as well.

25 Our state and purpose of our group is to ensure

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1 the present and future safety of residents and
2 non-resident travelers on 74 and to increase the public
3 awareness as to the proper use of this highway. We
4 would like to instill an attitude of respect and
5 appreciation for the surrounding habitat and wildlife
6 that surround the highway. We are a collaborative
7 group. We discuss present issues on the highway which
8 represent dangers to motorists, as well as addressing
9 the future needs which we feel may result by the use of
10 this highway because of the National Monument.

11 An example of the kind of thinking we've
12 created through this group is that we're searching to
13 establish a
14 memorial plate at the Vista Point, a very well-used
15 place. We see it as a way to increase public awareness
16 of the fatalities occurring on this highway. We like to
17 see some reverence and respect. It's a place of
18 reverence that's being a little misused currently.
19 Corky Larsen has been very supportive in having a rock
20 that has been defaced cleaned up, and we feel that maybe
21 a plaque of some kind used perhaps in these boulders in
22 respect to the families who have lost lives.

23 Recently, I thought of the people who are alive
24 and who have lost a life due to head-on collisions on
25 that road, and maybe we can show respect to those people

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1 as well. We're a group that wants to be a part of this
2 planning, the National Monument Committee planning, and
3 you know that we would -- that we be a part of your
4 foresight as well as our needs. It's a little unique in
5 that 74 runs through the middle of the community. It's
6 a national monument placed in a little bit of a
7 different situation. There are great needs that I think
8 need to be shown to the residents who live there and to
9 the innocent people who may be drawn to a highway that
10 is far more dangerous than may be publicized.

11 KMIR is very supportive of it. They did a sort
12 of highway series, and they would like to do a follow-up
13 at the end of the year to see the results of this
14 Highway 74. Cal-Trans works closely with us and we are
15 now reviewing those turnoffs which need to be increased,
16 need to be fixed. Guardrails apparently are a project
17 that has now been okayed. We have CHP working with us,
18 there's increased coverage, patrol aircraft that has
19 been used on the highway because it's hard to turn
20 around and catch people going at the speeds that they
21 go. We're looking at adding a road -- road signage that
22 describes safe speed limits. We have people going
23 upwards of 70 miles an hour, legally it's a
24 55-mile-an-hour road, and at that point things on your
25 dashboard are flying. 55 miles an hour is not safe on

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1 that road.

2 So there are numbers of activities going on
3 already and I didn't want the National Monument not to
4 know that we are active and we are meeting and we're
5 really looking for collaboration. Now, I sense that --
6 we have driven the road, I sense that Danella has great
7 foresight and insight into the needs of both resident
8 and non-resident travelers on that road. We are
9 initiating a road study usage so we can tell you in two
10 years or three years what effect the National Monument
11 has on the use of this road. It is not engineered for
12 the number of people that are on it now and we may need
13 help. Cal-Trans is very active at this point, but we
14 need some additional federal funding to make this road
15 safe for the people that we are really encouraging to
16 use it.

17 We also have the issue of bicycles -- it's an
18 ongoing issue -- maybe the Scenic Byway legislation will
19 help us in making it safe for people using bicycles on
20 that road as well. Thank you.

21 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Thank you very much. Anyone
22 else who wishes to make comments at this time? Step to
23 the podium, say your name and spell your last name and
24 who you represent.

25 MR. INGRAM: Joe Ingram, I-n-g-r-a-m, and I

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1 represent myself. Yeah, I'd like to just bring forward
2 a little experience I had probably about two weeks ago
3 coming down 74 about 10:30. I observed a ewe with a
4 radio collar that I've seen numerous times just above
5 Vista Point that Barbara was talking about with the
6 memorial. The ewe seems to have no fear of traffic,
7 cars. I observed this -- the ewe on Highway 74 eating
8 grass in the cracks right there. I hit the brakes -- I
9 had to hit the brakes. I had a car behind me and a car
10 coming at me the other way, so I couldn't go over in the
11 other lane. And, you know, it was a little bit hairy, I
12 was kind of concerned about hitting it.

13 I made it to the bottom of Highway 74, stopped
14 and talked to the Bighorn sheep ambassador and told him
15 my experience and said, "What are you going to do when
16 someone hits it and kills it?" The response was, "As a
17 BLM employee, it's not my job. It's not my job if it
18 gets killed. I hope the crows eat it."

19 That kind of upset me a little bit, thinking
20 about the hypocrisy, spending thousands and thousands of
21 dollars answering to the lawsuit that I've brought up
22 previously at almost every meeting, I'd like to bring it
23 up because it's not being responded to. You have a
24 lawsuit and an outfit coming and dictating to the BLM
25 what their special interest is, dictating to the BLM

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1 what they want done on the Dunn Road and in the monument
2 itself, but yet just on a simple down-to-earth issue of
3 the, quote, the endangered species in the highway,
4 there's no response. I just thought I'd bring that up.

5 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Thank you, Joe. Mr. Siva?

6 MR. SIVA: I want to comment up here because I
7 want to get a cup.

8 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Mr. Siva has spoken
9 previously.

10 MR. SIVA: I just want to mention that you
11 people are talking about sacred sites with the Cahuilla
12 people. To you a sacred site is just a word in the
13 dictionary. You don't know really the meaning of that
14 sacred site. But it does to the Cahuilla people --
15 maybe not the modern Cahuilla people, they don't know
16 what a sacred site is, but I do because I grew up with
17 the people that knew what a sacred site is and they
18 would tell you.

19 The Mount San Jacinto, the whole mountain is a
20 sacred site to the Cahuilla people. This is where the
21 shamans went to get their power, their songs. Cahuilla
22 say they have a spring that comes up there that runs,
23 that's our song, we go there to listen, look at the
24 ripple of the stream, and that's where we get our songs.
25 That spring is still there. People are trying to drill

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1 a hole down in the Mount San Jacinto, that's a sacred
2 mountain to the Cahuilla people.

3 People went up there, took pictures up there of
4 Bighorn sheep. They didn't look like the regular
5 Bighorn, they had long hair and was thin and long,
6 standing there looking across the top of the canyon.
7 Three boys took pictures of these sheep. When they went
8 to develop it, there were no Bighorn sheep in the
9 picture. The spirit of our shamans are still there. So
10 let's not talk about sacred sites because to you it
11 doesn't mean a damn thing. This is what gripes me. We
12 could show you a place that is a sacred site, that's it
13 -- that's Native American words -- we don't know what
14 that is. This is what I find about you people.

15 Talking about them horses. Years ago when
16 there were bands of horses up in that mountain, we used
17 to go up, something to see stallions standing up on the
18 hill blowing through its nostrils, you can see it, its
19 tail up in the air. That was something to see. But now
20 making the monument, you're not needing horses, you
21 don't want everything. There's the kangaroo rat, the
22 kangaroo rats are not producing because there's no rain.
23 When you have rain, you would be overrun with kangaroo
24 rats. Animals don't produce when there's no rain, no
25 food. The only one who reproduces is a human being

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1 whether it's starving or not, but not an animal. Do I
2 get a cup?

3 MS. GEORGE: We'll get you a cup, Alvino.

4 MR. SIVA: I'm just kidding you.

5 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Are there any other public
6 comments in this special public comments section? Then
7 let's take a break of 15 minutes. We will then return
8 at 10:35 according to this clock here.

9 (Recess)

10 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Ladies and gentlemen, we have
11 a request, because we are running ahead of time, that we
12 have one additional comment from the person from the
13 Highway 74 group following a viewing of the video. What
14 is the Committee's pleasure? Okay. Give your full
15 name. Spell the last name.

16 MR. WALTERS: My name is Charles Walters,
17 W-a-l-t-e-r-s. I'm not with the Highway 74 group, I'm a
18 20-year property owner in Pinyon. I've been to many of
19 the meetings, and I'm just here to remind the Committee
20 about our serious water problems that we have up there.
21 I think we're pretty close to being out of water already
22 and the summer hasn't even hit. I'm not sure how we're
23 going to handle the water problems with the amount of
24 people that are going to be brought up there.

25 Secondly, the fire -- this morning Barbara and

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1 I were riding down, we hit the Rice Rocket motorcycles
2 this morning. And also we are doing 55, trying not to
3 be late to the meeting, and someone was flashing their
4 lights and trying to pass us on double yellow lines this
5 morning. So we have many concerns up there and just
6 wanted to take a moment to remind the Committee of this.
7 Thank you.

8 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Thank you. I'm going to take
9 the opportunity to ask the Highway 74 Committee, I, for
10 one, am not really too sure what you would like this
11 Committee to address, this being Highway 74? This
12 Committee is formed to provide public suggestions to the
13 BLM and the Forest Service as to how the monument
14 ultimately will be shaped, its availability, its use and
15 so on. I guess I'm a little -- I'm not really
16 understanding how, given those parameters, we can help
17 you. You might want to make a suggestion to that fact.

18 MS. BERGMAN: I believe the collaboration and
19 understanding that it's the driveway that may become now
20 a highway. Initially, 74 was thought of and seen as a
21 driveway for us. The residents who chose not to live
22 down the hill and chose to hide quietly and live quietly
23 are maybe feeling a little inundated. And this
24 collaborative effort, should there be increased
25 population on this already dangerous road, that we look

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1 at the effect of that increased population on everybody
2 including the wildlife, the Bighorn sheep that are on
3 that road.

4 We're looking now -- talking to Bighorn and
5 talking about tunnels and allowing those sheep access
6 around that highway and around the people that are using
7 that highway. I really believe that my feeling, the
8 last time we drove that way together with CHP, with BLM,
9 with Cal-Trans, that we co-collaborated a need, maybe a
10 futuristic need, but there's a need for increased safety
11 now. I just sense that the future of that road be any
12 different than it is now, we do need the assistance of
13 not only Palm Desert, city of Palm Desert, we need
14 funding, we need road safety, education. You really
15 will play a huge part. This road goes straight through
16 this National Monument. The only way to this National
17 Monument is to use this highway, so every aspect I see
18 of this highway is now under the influence of the
19 National Monument and those people who are directed
20 because of the National Monument to use the road.

21 There's another concern we would like to bring
22 up. The closing of the Dunn Road is very, very
23 dangerous to those residents who may only have one way
24 out. If there's fires, as there were before, or there's
25 a fire where we're surrounded and that Dunn Road is

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1 allowed to go back to its natural state as we have heard
2 and proposed, you are locking us in. We would like that
3 stated, and I would like to state strongly also that the
4 drought is there. If we want people, many people to
5 come up and enjoy those hills and use bathrooms, we
6 don't have any way to give them water, we don't have
7 extra water up there. To add extra people -- I think
8 the theme is it's beautiful, it's quiet, it's well-kept,
9 you have a dangerous avenue to get people up there.
10 We'd like to encourage them, but if we don't educate
11 them, we're going to kill them.

12 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Okay. So a suggestion to
13 this Committee then is what?

14 MS. BERGMAN: That Danella continues to meet
15 with us at these collaborative meetings. We talked
16 about where would a portal sign for the National
17 Monument be best placed. We talked about getting some
18 college students -- that there are some students living
19 up on that hill, that we give them some funding to work
20 that area, that we make it a benefit to the community,
21 that the National Monument there is not a detriment,
22 that we really see that we co-collaborate with every
23 agency that's involved, with every animal, every plan,
24 every person who is going to use that road.

25 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: So this Committee then would

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1 be -- if you had your way -- would be recommending that
2 the agencies, BLM and Forest Service, in their planning,
3 would plan to expand the Highway 74 with more lanes or
4 more turnouts? This would be the Committee's
5 suggestion?

6 MS. BERGMAN: Yes, if they were working with
7 Cal-Trans and, if necessary, the federal government for
8 the funding to do that.

9 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: We're talking planning here.

10 MS. BERGMAN: We're talking planning and if
11 there's communication -- if I'm on one committee and I'm
12 working towards one end and you're on this committee
13 working towards this end, it's a waste of time. If
14 we're co-collaborating, we're --

15 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Let me just hold you there.
16 We are a conduit, we're your conduit. You're coming to
17 us making suggestions, and if the Committee as a whole
18 feel it's a valid suggestion, we will conduit it to the
19 responsible agency, in this case the BLM and the Forest
20 Service who are in charge of putting together the plans
21 for the monument. That's what you're doing now, you're
22 providing us information that you would like us to
23 conduit to those agencies for planning purposes. We
24 have no money, we have no ability to make anything
25 happen, we're simply a voice of this community. I just

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1 want you to understand that so that when you come to us,
2 which we appreciate wholly, with ideas that you are
3 coming to us as a conduit to pass it on. This is a
4 planning effort.

5 MS. BERGMAN: Thank you.

6 MR. MUTH: Mr. Chairman, I would just like to
7 comment, feeding off one of the comments is that it
8 would be locking them in if we close Dunn Road creating
9 a dangerous situation. There's a misconception here on
10 the part of a lot of people that this Committee has
11 something to do with the closure of Dunn Road, the
12 Bighorn sheep recovery plan, and the issues that keep
13 coming up regarding that. We don't. Those are
14 controversial issues. We have to comply with the law.
15 We cannot tell the Fish and Wildlife Service that we
16 will or will not abide by the Bighorn sheep recovery
17 plan.

18 So keep those things in mind when you talk to
19 us. Tell us what you want, but don't accuse us of
20 locking you up, please. Thank you. I got it off my
21 chest.

22 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Thank you. Terry?

23 MS. HENDERSON: I certainly appreciate where
24 these folks are coming from, the fact that they have
25 some concerns. I would like to know what the official

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1 status of Highway 74 is. I'm assuming it's under the
2 jurisdiction of Cal-Trans. I've never heard it called a
3 driveway before. If it is a highway and what all it is
4 constructed to do. We all know in our communities that
5 we have highways that are subject to X amount of
6 traffic, et cetera. If we're going to deal with that,
7 we also need to know some of the specifics.

8 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Are you suggesting perhaps we
9 have a representative from Cal-Trans give us a
10 presentation on Highway 74, its uses and meaning and so
11 on?

12 MS. HENDERSON: That or even a written report,
13 but a presentation would be a bonus.

14 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: I would think, personally, a
15 presentation would be preferable, then we can ask
16 questions. Buford?

17 MR. CRITES: It's also appropriate that when we
18 talk about the monument and the, quote, "traffic it
19 places on the highway," does that replace the context of
20 -- yesterday, I was in Idyllwild, this is the biggest
21 year of building permits the State has had in the last
22 12 years. Pinyon Crest is in the middle of a mini
23 building boom up there. Driving the valley at night,
24 it's beginning to look like this desert not too many
25 years ago in terms of lights.

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1 Temecula is probably the best example of the
2 awful sprawl that come up if you were in Riverside
3 County. Highway 74 is the primary access from San Diego
4 to this entire valley. The multitude of things that
5 produces traffic on Highway 74 is large, and I suspect
6 the impacts of the National Monument percentage-wise
7 would be a remarkably small percentage, which does not
8 mean that we should not work it. I think the agency
9 needs to do that, but certainly the creation or lack of
10 creation of the National Monument is not what is driving
11 up the volume of traffic. Seven o'clock in the morning
12 is not a prime tourist time, and most of the trucks and
13 so on I see going up and down that don't appear to be
14 tourists. They appear to be people who are late on
15 their way to work in the valley or vice versa. It's a
16 community highway, increasingly, with people who do come
17 to live here, work here or whatever.

18 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Are you suggesting then that
19 it would not be advantageous to --

20 MR. CRITES: No, I think it's just fine, but I
21 think it's perfect to note this is not an issue that is
22 moving traffic onto that highway. This is one of many
23 issues that has some variable effect. Certainly, they
24 should come and visit us.

25 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Bill?

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1 MR. HAVERT: I would follow up on what Terry
2 said of also having some input from Cal-Trans. I think
3 they do have a logical national plan for the highway and
4 they are contemplating some safety agreements on Highway
5 74. So it would be smart on our part, I think, to get
6 some input for them, get information for BLM and Forest
7 Service relative to the National Monument consideration,
8 obviously, they have some environmental issues they have
9 to address as well.

10 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Okay. Any other comments on
11 the subject?

12 MS. GEORGE: Mr. Chair, Committee, the Forest
13 Service will be doing a presentation on the National
14 Scenic Byway process and how we view Highway 74. Also,
15 I will see if I can have someone from Cal-Trans come to
16 give a presentation on the history of Highway 74, what
17 the vision of the future of it is from Cal-Trans. And
18 also Riverside Transportation Committee, I'll see if
19 there's somebody there that can also come and see how
20 that all fits in with the Riverside Transportation Plan.

21 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Thank you. Any comments?
22 Although we have reached the hour for the next
23 presentation, this takes how long?

24 MS. GEORGE: About a minute.

25 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: We'll go ahead and run the

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1 video.

2 MS. GEORGE: We'll show it to the Committee
3 first, and then turn it around and show it to the
4 public.

5 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Okay. All gather around here
6 very quickly.

7 MS. GEORGE: Tim Parrot, who is here, helped us
8 with the John Walsh video, helped us secure this.

9 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: This is a video that does what?

10 MS. GEORGE: This was to get to the public
11 knowledge --

12 (Video presentation)

13 MS. GEORGE: We're going to have a follow-up
14 meeting in October, and Pam is going to help us edit it
15 to submit it for the fall meetings.

16 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Maybe stick it on top of the
17 podium for better view. While we're doing that, this
18 was prepared and presented how? Why was it prepared?

19 MS. GEORGE: Public awareness to get the
20 message out as a tool to reach our public through TV,
21 and that's why.

22 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: And it's presented how?

23 MS. GEORGE: It was presented on TV. It was
24 shown on KESQ, PAX had it, Time Warner showed it. The
25 next round, Pam is going to make sure we have a little

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1 more free time because TV time costs money, and then the
2 next -- there's also one we will show in the fall, you
3 guys are getting a preview to thank the community for
4 the celebration part of the monument. One is for
5 planning and one is to recognize the community through
6 the celebration period.

7 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Have you had a response about
8 it other than Terry?

9 MS. GEORGE: Yes. People saw it, actually
10 quite a few people saw it. Of course, I told them to be
11 on the lookout.

12 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: This was something that BLM
13 bought and paid for?

14 MS. GEORGE: No. This was a public service
15 announcement that John Walsh did for free. Tim, here,
16 helped me make contact with him, and I also have a
17 contact with somebody at the Department of Justice that
18 John used to be her boss, she works for John Ashcroft.
19 She helped us and we were able to secure this video and
20 John did it free of charge.

21 (Video presentation)

22 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Thank you very much. We will
23 then continue with the 10:50 presentation. Present is
24 Ms. Wanda Raschkow and Ms. Ginger Ridgeway. Cooperative
25 Cultural Work with the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla

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1 Indians with Ms. Wanda Raschkow and Ms. Ginger Ridgeway
2 speaking.

3 MS. RIDGEWAY: I'm Ginger Ridgeway, the curator
4 for the Agua Caliente Cultural Museum. I'm involved in
5 this project on behalf of the Agua Caliente Band of
6 Cahuilla Indians, specifically in regard to the Cultural
7 Resources survey work that's being done.

8 The Agua Caliente and the other Cahuilla people
9 are very lucky that their reservations are located in
10 the heart of their ancestral lands, not all the Native
11 American people in this country have been that
12 fortunate. Their land is very important to them. It's
13 a very integral part of their identity. Their
14 reservations are a small part of the land that they
15 traditionally use, but they still live and work in this
16 same area.

17 Alvino Siva referred earlier to sacred sites,
18 special places in the area that are now located in the
19 Santa Rosa/San Jacinto National Monument. I think it's
20 hard for many of us to understand the connection of the
21 Cahuilla people to the land. Our ancestors may have
22 come from places all over the world, where our tenure
23 here in the area is relatively small compared to the
24 Cahuilla people. The land is their identity here, and
25 so they have a very, very strong interest in what's

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1 happening with this monument.

2 Some of the Cultural Resources have been
3 identified in the area, but there is much area that has
4 not been surveyed and much more work to be done. We're
5 going to talk a little bit about the work that has been
6 done in the past and for the plan for further work on
7 the Cultural Resources.

8 The goals were to expand the knowledge of the
9 Cultural Resources in the National Monument, find out
10 more about the known sites, and look at those that have
11 not been identified. It's important to identify some of
12 these sites that are at risk or that will be subject to
13 increased risk with more traffic, more visitation to the
14 monument. We wanted to let them collect more
15 information to make better decisions about managing
16 these resources. Part of the project was to train tribal
17 members to assist the archaeologists with this work to
18 bring their perspective to the surveys and identifying
19 this information about these places that are so
20 important.

21 The areas that were identified for the first
22 part of the survey were the following: We looked at
23 popular trails and areas where there was already
24 significant visitation, we looked at areas where
25 visitation might be expected to be greater, and we

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1 looked at areas where we knew there were important sites
2 that might not have been adequately documented. A lot
3 of this work on previous surveys was done 40, 50 years
4 ago and was in serious need of updating.

5 Wanda Raschkow with the BLM and I worked on
6 putting together a training workshop to train tribal
7 members to participate with the crew, and this on-site
8 survey, it was a two-day workshop, it was held at Agua
9 Caliente Museum. There was one day of in-the-classroom
10 training. Jim Kenna spoke about the creation of the
11 National Monument so everybody understood the background
12 of it, Ray Patencio spoke as a tribal leader on the
13 Cahuilla perspective as Cahuilla people see their
14 heritage and their sites and resources in the monument.

15 The first-day workshop, we did an ethnographic
16 overview, talked about the history of the Cahuilla
17 people in the area, talked about the legal foundations
18 for cultural survey work involved in protecting Cultural
19 Resources. Then we talked about how Cultural Resource
20 inventory is performed, the kind of preparation needed,
21 the planning, the kinds of areas needed to be visited,
22 kinds of equipment needed, the training. We talked
23 about recognizing artifacts and sites, so when you get
24 out there, these new people being trained knew what to
25 look for and help us with that. We worked on the site

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1 record forms, taught them how to fill out the
2 information on that.

3 The second day was a field work session where
4 we actually went out on the land with map and compass in
5 hand, forms and clipboards in hand, and walked the land
6 and transects, taught them recording procedures, and how
7 to record the information as it was identified. The
8 crew that we worked with, the training group consisted
9 of five people. There were three Agua Caliente tribal
10 members, one was from the El Toro Planning Department
11 and another Agua Caliente employee from the Canyons, so
12 this was the group that we trained to work with. I'm
13 going to turn the rest of it over to Wanda, and she'll
14 talk about what we accomplished during that survey.

15 MS. RASCHKOW: One of the first things that I
16 would like to say that as an archeologist, it was a
17 pleasure and honor to go out in the field with people
18 who this area was their home and their ancestors. The
19 first step to build cooperation and collaboration
20 between agencies and tribal groups is to have
21 relationships built between the individuals and the
22 staff of those agencies and groups. It was a wonderful
23 experience from that point of view.

24 Anyway, we started out with our small crew, the
25 two-day classroom training was just the beginning for

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1 the field training section. So as we worked in the
2 field, we got better and better as a crew, and this
3 group of people got better and better as being
4 assistants to archaeologists. Five individuals
5 completed the training, four individuals were able to
6 actually participate in the field work, and we did our
7 inventory between March and April of 2001.

8 We managed to locate and document five
9 previously unrecorded archaeological sites, and updated
10 site records for five known sites. And as Ginger
11 mentioned, a lot of those sites were recorded up to 50
12 years ago, and one of my favorite site forms was the one
13 that said, "I'm not really sure where this site is, but
14 I read about it in the paper." We had a hard time
15 finding that site, but we succeeded.

16 We also recorded a number of isolated
17 artifacts, say a pottery drop where you have five or six
18 pieces of pottery on the ground. They don't warrant the
19 six or seven pages of documentation you would do for a
20 site, but they still provide you with critical
21 information.

22 Some of our challenges, the terrain itself was
23 a challenge. We attempted to find relatively flat
24 spaces to do a survey, one is in that photo on the
25 right. Also, the sites we encountered were very

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1 complex, and it took us up to a full day on some of the
2 sites just to record the site. We ran into very hot
3 weather, we finally terminated the project because we
4 were out one day and I was losing my survey crew and
5 didn't really want them crawling on transects.

6 The other problem we ran into is small crew
7 size. All of us had other jobs, so it was really hard
8 to coordinate everyone's schedule to get the entire crew
9 out for an entire day. As a result, we did some
10 rethinking, and we decided that if we're going to be
11 able to get a large area survey of the monument done, we
12 really need to call in the experts, people who can field
13 a full crew and have them out there all day, every day.
14 We sat down planning with the tribe to do a sample
15 survey of the entire monument.

16 What we will be trying to do is discover what
17 is the distribution of Cultural Resources within the
18 monument, and what condition are those resources in.
19 Are they being damaged now, do we need to take some sort
20 of action to protect the sites? All this information
21 will help us develop a planning document, develop plans
22 for managing the resources. It also will be a great
23 source in education and interpretive materials. What we
24 will look for from our contractor is a report that will
25 tell us about the trails, the isolated artifacts, the

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1 historic sites, prehistoric sites and raise management
2 issues for us.

3 One thing that keeps coming up is that we will
4 hire a contractor to do this survey and we will develop
5 a report that we can share with the public, but the
6 specific site locations will not be available to the
7 public. They will be kept in a technical appendix and
8 those will only be available to people who have the need
9 to know and also are able to keep the information
10 confidential. That project is right now in progress.
11 We have a statement of work that's in draft form, we're
12 coordinating with the tribe to set aside the funding,
13 hoping to contract out the survey by the fiscal year.
14 That's it.

15 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Questions? Comments? A
16 question comes to mind about the confidentiality. Would
17 the BLM and Forest Service in their planning effort have
18 this information available so that they might well plan
19 areas offsite or off-limits to the public and so on, or
20 would that have to come through a partnership working
21 group?

22 MS. RASCHKOW: No. That information -- the
23 point of the survey is to get that information into the
24 hands of BLM and Forest Service so we can use it in
25 management decisions.

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1 MR. MUTH: I think I missed something. What is
2 the range of this inventory, is it simply Agua Caliente
3 land or -- what exactly did you mean?

4 MS. RIDGEWAY: At this time we're looking at
5 federal lands, BLM, Forest Service and Agua Caliente.
6 The partners that have funding this year are Agua
7 Caliente and BLM. We're waiting to see if the Forest
8 Service is going to be able to contribute some funding
9 to it. We've discussed whether to invite the State to
10 be part of it, but we'd have to ask them for funding.
11 So at this time it's federal and tribal land.

12 MR. MUTH: Don't ask the State this year.

13 MS. RIDGEWAY: Okay.

14 MR. CRITES: Just out of curiosity, this issue
15 seemed to come up on a number of issues. BLM is funding
16 and tribal is funding, but no Forest Service money
17 again. So how are we -- I get a consistent feeling that
18 for whatever the reasons are that Forest Service funding
19 either lags behind or simply doesn't exist on a whole
20 lot of monument issues. My question is what are we
21 doing about that?

22 MS. RIDGEWAY: I will refer that question to
23 Danella.

24 MS. GEORGE: I will be happy to answer that
25 right after Wanda and Ginger have finished. Does the

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1 Committee have any more questions for them? I'd rather
2 you ask them cultural stuff and then I'll answer.

3 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Bob?

4 MR. BROCKMAN: This may be another question
5 that gets referred to Danella, but I guess my concern
6 is, given the time frame that this surveying is going to
7 be taking, how will the results of that survey get
8 incorporated into our management?

9 MS. RIDGEWAY: What I anticipate is that we
10 won't have a final report, but we'll have a draft
11 report, so we'll have a sense of where the sites are
12 coming up. And as Daniel McCarthy pointed out, one of
13 the really important things we need to know to do the
14 planning is consultation with the tribes, and their
15 indication to us of various areas that need to be
16 protected as well. That piece of the puzzle is ongoing.

17 Then as we get the inventory report, the draft
18 form in, we will also have the information of where the
19 hotspots are. We might not have the completed site
20 forms and everything edited perfectly, but we will know
21 where the hotspots are. We are planning to give
22 ourselves lead time to get that into the planning
23 document.

24 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Buford?

25 MR. CRITES: The tribal area, the Santa Rosa

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1 Mountain Reservation, there was a number of
2 representatives from that group at a public meeting in
3 Palm Desert two or three weeks ago, and the issue came
4 up that there was a perception that they never heard
5 there was going to be a National Monument and now there
6 is so on and so forth. I very specifically remember
7 letters being sent to the tribe and their response was
8 they didn't want to be part of it, didn't want to know
9 about it, et cetera, et cetera, "Leave us alone." After
10 the fact, correctly or not, there's a different
11 perception.

12 Have you at least made sure that they have had
13 the opportunity, even though they are not within the
14 monument but are adjacent to it, to be aware of the
15 study and participate if they chose to, whatever, so six
16 months from now we don't have representatives of the
17 tribe saying, "Had we known, we would have X and Y and
18 Z"?

19 MS. RIDGEWAY: That dialogue has been opened
20 up. With Barbara's assistance, we took a presentation
21 to the Tribal Alliance and Sovereign Indian Nations
22 meeting and heard issues from the Santa Rosa and other
23 tribes. We have a meeting planned for next week where
24 both Forest and BLM will have a government consultation
25 with the Santa Rosa.

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1 MS. GEORGE: Following up on that, I'm
2 scheduled, Buford, on Thursday, June 6th at Anza with
3 Tribal Council, and I just needed to visit with Daniel
4 this afternoon to let him know that date and I had left
5 a message for Laurie Rosenthal and Ruth is here, she's
6 aware of it. Jim Kenna will be there since he's a
7 keeper of a lot of the history and Wanda Raschkow will
8 be present.

9 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Other comments, questions of
10 the presenter? Okay. Nothing else.

11 Danella, you want to comment on the question on
12 the part of the Forest Service?

13 MS. GEORGE: I want to thank --

14 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Before you do that --

15 MS. GEORGE: Okay. The dollars -- the question
16 of dollars, is that it?

17 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: The question was raised by
18 Buford.

19 MS. GEORGE: On funding. That was one of the
20 topics we were to discuss at our board meeting which was
21 to have been last Tuesday, but had to be rescheduled.
22 Soonest date we could get everybody is July 3rd. The
23 issue has been elevated by the State director of BLM to
24 the Regional Forester. Hopefully, there will be some
25 remedy, and that's all I'm aware of, or if somebody from

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1 the Forest Service knows anything different of funds
2 available since yesterday, since the last e-mail. Okay.

3 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Ladies, can you come back up
4 please? If there is difficulty with Forest Service
5 funding, is that critical to this study?

6 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Let her answer first.

7 MS. RASCHKOW: It's not critical to the
8 inventory at this time. The tribal and BLM have
9 sufficient funds to do, we believe, a three to five
10 percent sample. The Forest Service, as Daniel was
11 talking about, is doing the ethnographic and
12 archaeological overviews which will also be information
13 that the survey has to build upon and that is necessary
14 for planning. The Forest is contributing, but they are
15 not able at this time to contribute to our survey. We
16 believe the survey will be adequately funded.

17 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Buford, does that answer your
18 question?

19 MR. CRITES: Yes, indirectly it answers it, but
20 not specifically. I think there is a broader issue that
21 I consistently hear comments about regarding the funding
22 issues and so on. If that's the bureaucratic response
23 that we find a way around it to make it work, fair
24 enough?

25 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Danella?

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1 MS. GEORGE: I want to thank Wanda and Ginger
2 for today's presentation and also their work they have
3 done in the last two years with this kind of interagency
4 work. We have the tribal agreement with the Agua
5 Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians. And, number 2, you
6 get your National Monument mug.

7 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Thank you, ladies.

8 MS. RASCHKOV: Thank you.

9 MS. RIDGEWAY: Thank you.

10 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Okay. Right on time. Our
11 next presentation is the California Department of Fish
12 and Game Planning Needs. Dee Sudduth, welcome.

13 MS. SUDDUTH: My name is Dee Sudduth. I'm the
14 Senior Lands Coordinator for Region 6, California
15 Department Fish and Game. The entire state is divided
16 into six land regions and one marine region. We're also
17 called the Eastern Sierra Inland Desert Region, and that
18 includes Monterey County, Inyo County, San Bernardino
19 County, Riverside and Imperial County. I'm going to
20 give you an overview of our State program and then dive
21 into more specifics.

22 Our State -- our region-wide lands program has
23 a staff of 22 people and we administer approximately
24 250,000 acres of land as well as all the hatcheries in
25 Southern California. We have two basic types of lands

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1 that we administer, wildlife area and ecological
2 reserves. We have a category called undesignated lands
3 which includes conservation, mitigation lands and other
4 lands that we just haven't designated yet. Within
5 Region 6, we have 12 wildlife areas for a total of
6 216,000 acres and 19 ecological reserves which is
7 approximately 27,000 acres. And in Southern California,
8 which was my portion of the region, we have 11
9 ecological reserves, three of which are in the monument,
10 and four wildlife areas, two of those are unstaffed and
11 one is not staffed. We have one in the monument.

12 I will go over a little bit of the history of
13 each one of the ecological reserves. We have Magnesia
14 Springs, 1,268 acres, which was designated 1975. We
15 acquired this land for the summer water, which was
16 critical water for Bighorn sheep. Our management
17 objectives on these properties are to protect and
18 restore the habitat for Bighorn sheep. We do this
19 through water source protection and water source
20 restoration, tamarisk removal, other invasive exotic
21 removals, and monitoring of the habitat quality and
22 resource value. The Magnesia Springs Ecological Reserve
23 is closed for public entry from June 15th to
24 September 30th in order to protect -- in order to keep
25 the sheep's ability to use the water resources without

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1 conflicts.

2 Carrizo Canyon Ecological Reserve was also
3 purchased to protect Bighorn sheep habitat and also
4 provide a critical water source. It's 1,022 acres and
5 it's closed from June 15th to September 30th by
6 regulation, and this year we closed it from January
7 through September 30th during the lambing season.

8 We have a third ecological reserve which is
9 Hidden Palms. This was designated in 1974 and consists
10 of 136 acres. This is the only known habitat location
11 for the Desert Slender Salamander which was discovered
12 in 1969. It's also a Bighorn sheep habitat.

13 Our objectives at Hidden Palms are to protect
14 the source location for the salamander as well as to try
15 to protect as much of the 400-acre watershed for water
16 quality, which is the only water supply that actually
17 maintains the habitat for the salamander. We'd like to
18 acquire additional habitat for additional acreage within
19 that watershed, and that's one of our goals for that
20 particular area. Again, this was the other desert
21 ecological reserve, invasive exotic weed control as one
22 our primary habit management strategies.

23 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: You keep bringing up the word
24 "protect." Are you keeping people out by patrols or
25 what? When you say the word "protect," what does it

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1 really mean? Does it mean you have patrols there?

2 MS. SUDDUTH: We do have patrols, but they are
3 somewhat limited. Protection is to make sure the
4 habitat doesn't become degraded through trash, illegal
5 trails, graffiti, allowing exotic plant material to
6 become established, prohibiting people from taking these
7 plants, rocks, or actually restrictions on taking of the
8 endangered or threatened species, whatever that is,
9 whether that be plant or animals. The ecological
10 reserves under our California Fish and Game Code allowed
11 us to start acquiring land to protect threatened and
12 endangered species versus our wildlife areas which are
13 lands that are acquired in order to maintain for the
14 resource values for the public to enjoy recreational
15 activities that are associated with wildlife. So we
16 really only have two different types of land strategies
17 going on there.

18 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Thank you.

19 MS. SUDDUTH: Thank you. You're welcome. We
20 have the Santa Rosa Wildlife area which is about 26,000
21 acres and we're checkerboarded across the area with BLM
22 and with other federal lands. This area was designated
23 in the early 1970s and this, again, is open to a lot of
24 recreational uses. Both our wildlife areas and our
25 ecological reserves have lists of activities that are

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1 either allowed or prohibited, and these are designated
2 in our Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.

3 As far as the planning issues, I wanted to
4 introduce Eddie Konno who is with our Habitat
5 Conservation Planning Division, and he's been working in
6 the valley, I guess, for several years now on a lot of
7 our planning issues. We really have several divisions
8 within the Department of Fish and Game that are involved
9 not only with our land, but other lands within the
10 monument.

11 We also have our Wildlife Inland Fisheries
12 Division which is doing a lot of monitoring on the sheep
13 itself and some of the other endangered species within
14 the range. I'll open it up to questions at this point.

15 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Questions? Comments?
16 Buford, you look like you're rising to the occasion, is
17 that a false hope?

18 MR. CRITES: I'm not sure it would be a hope to
19 some people.

20 MS. SUDDUTH: Anyway, I'd like to leave copies
21 of our regulations and see if we can reach some
22 consistency if we can.

23 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: I'm still, I guess, unsure as
24 to the degree of protection. Do you actually have
25 rangers that are running around these hills doing

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1 things, or are you hoping for the public to understand?

2 MS. SUDDUTH: Well, it's really a

3 multi-problem. We have what we call wardens who are
4 enforcement agents. They are out there enforcing all of
5 the Fish and Game code regulations, not just our lands.
6 This is just one more of the things we they have to do.
7 A lot of what we rely on is public education and public
8 cooperation, letting the folks know why we do what we
9 do, why this land is set aside, what we are trying to
10 accomplish. A lot of it is passive protection.

11 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: And how would you see these
12 protective areas affecting those that are within the
13 monument, affecting the monument and access there? How
14 would that coordinate the undertaking with our planning?

15 MS. SUDDUTH: I think, again, our lands were
16 purchased with the primary concern of protecting Bighorn
17 sheep habitat. That's our first and foremost priority
18 for those lands, and then we hope that those goals will
19 be met within the monument regulations as well.

20 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Terry?

21 MS. HENDERSON: Question, the folks that you
22 have out there, are they different than the sheep
23 ambassadors?

24 MS. SUDDUTH: Yes. Our wardens are actually --

25 MS. HENDERSON: Paid employees?

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1 MS. SUDDUTH: Yes, paid employees and law
2 enforcement officers. They have all full authority that
3 any peace officer in California.

4 MS. HENDERSON: What information or what level
5 of training do the sheep ambassadors have?

6 MS. SUDDUTH: That one I'm going to toss back
7 to BLM because they are actually BLM employees.

8 MS. HENDERSON: Okay. What concerns me that I
9 hear a lot, we heard it even Thursday at our meeting,
10 that there are so many agencies out there and groups
11 that are doing so many things -- I mean, I really get
12 concerned whether or not there is coordination, or if
13 the sheep ambassador runs across a warden, one might
14 walk up to the other and say, "Hey, you're not supposed
15 to be here right now." Do they all get together at some
16 time and talk?

17 MR. CRITES: There are regulations prohibiting
18 that.

19 MS. SUDDUTH: We can introduce those.

20 MS. GEORGE: I think that's a great idea. I
21 think we can ask the sheep ambassadors. The sheep
22 ambassadors at BLM are employees, most of them have a
23 biology degree, or recreational degree at minimum, some
24 have Masters. Most of them have different experiences
25 working in Natural Resources, Forest Service or BLM. I

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1 think there's an informal network out there, that they
2 all do visit each other, see each other, and share
3 information out on the ground, I get that sense.

4 We asked Dee, and I really appreciate Dee who
5 has come a long way to do this presentation. Actually,
6 she has been on vacation and has come to do this for you
7 all. But it's California lands, it's State lands and
8 the monument, which is cooperation and collaboration as
9 the legislation says, we are the feds. The Advisory
10 Committee is a group of federal members for the State.
11 It's just that kind of cooperation and coordination
12 aspect to educate folks about the State lands and the
13 mandates they have and this is the most informative.
14 That is all.

15 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Allan Muth?

16 MR. MUTH: Do you have any priorities or
17 objections or anticipate conflict between management of
18 Fish and Game lands and the monument? Do you anticipate
19 any conflict of these --

20 MS. SUDDUTH: I don't anticipate any. We're
21 hoping to be consistent with the multi-species plan as
22 well. I don't see any conflict especially in the
23 wildlife areas, none at all.

24 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Yes.

25 MR. WATTS: Do you anticipate any recreational

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1 activity on ecological reserves or will it be closed?

2 MS. SUDDUTH: No. Actually, at this point they
3 will be open part of the year for recreational
4 activities. We just, one, want to protect them during
5 the lambing season and, two, protect those critical
6 water sources. As you heard other people talk, it's dry
7 all the time, but it's exceptionally dry this year. We
8 have spent the last six months refurbishing and
9 restoring two critical water holes right now and soon to
10 have a third one on line as well to try to provide some
11 water for the animals. There's also a water source at
12 Magnesia.

13 MR. MUTH: I thought the Magnesia is closed?

14 MS. SUDDUTH: I'm sorry, we don't even put it on
15 the map. The Hidden Palms Center Salamander Eco Reserve
16 is closed to everybody, that was so critical and that's
17 the only known location and we're trying to avoid any
18 misfortune to befall that. So that eco reserve is
19 closed, but again, it's only a 136 acres.

20 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Buford?

21 MR. CRITES: Curiosity --

22 MS. SUDDUTH: Killed the cat.

23 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Or sheep in this case.

24 MR. CRITES: When you closed, for example, the
25 Art Smith gate, when you closed the Art Smith gate in

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1 January, and all that was there was this tiny little
2 sign saying "Closed by Special Order," or whatever it
3 happened to be, Fish and Game, in essence, left a
4 fallout, if you will, of that to both local agencies and
5 federal agencies and you guys closed the gate and
6 disappeared. What can you folks do to do a better job
7 of educating people about what your, quote, "mandates,
8 omissions" are, and about how those things work in
9 cooperation. I'm told people working in the BLM Visitor
10 Center didn't know until folks showed up at their door
11 and never received any data about why it was closed.

12 You've got a closure on the upper end of 74,
13 there really isn't any signage to explain why someone
14 should or should not so on and so forth, and really
15 closing the gates is the easy thing to do. Talking to
16 people and doing all that business is the important
17 thing to do, and it seems like often for perhaps very
18 good reasons your agency is absent on that end of it.

19 MS. SUDDUTH: Yeah. I think any time we can do
20 any public information as to why we make decisions that
21 we make is always a good idea, and I think that's a
22 valid criticism, that it was closed suddenly and didn't
23 get an opportunity to advise everyone that that was
24 going to be closed. It was an emergency closure, it
25 wasn't something that we knew six months ahead of time,

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1 the date it was going to be closed. It was a long
2 decision-making process, but once the decision was made
3 it was critical.

4 MR. CRITES: Best of my knowledge, five months
5 later there's still no sign.

6 MS. SUDDUTH: I know. We can put one out
7 there, yeah, I agree. Again, I'll cry the same song
8 that everybody cries, we're very short of staff at this
9 point. Again, we've covering the entire region, and
10 there's only two of us.

11 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Bill?

12 MR. HAVERT: I have a more general question.
13 You mentioned public education as a primary tool. I
14 guess the specific question is, do you actually have any
15 ledgers or does the department have any ledgers directed
16 towards proactive public education for any staff time in
17 this area allocated to that? Is there any tangible
18 evidence of a public outreach program, or is that simply
19 something that's not amenable?

20 MS. SUDDUTH: I did write some figures in case
21 somebody asked. For all 250,000 acres of wildlife areas
22 and ecological reserves, we have an operational budget
23 of \$70,000 for the entire thing.

24 MS. HENDERSON: Did you say "70"?

25 MS. SUDDUTH: 70 for the entire thing. We just

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1 don't have much of an operating budget. That includes
2 with temporary help, vehicle maintenance, everything
3 that we have to fix, fences, et cetera. We are also in
4 a hiring freeze. Finally, I just got one person, my
5 other person on board as of today, so there will be two
6 of us. Hopefully, we will give you what we can, but we
7 are also -- the powers that be, the people who hold the
8 purse strings, are obviously very interested in hearing
9 from local concerns, but at this point that's all we
10 have.

11 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Terry?

12 MS. HENDERSON: Well, \$70,000 kind of shot down
13 any question I might have, but I was wondering, kind of
14 going off Buford's question, was that a permanent
15 closure or one that was a voluntary closure, closures
16 were requested from folks to voluntarily not use that
17 trail?

18 MR. CRITES: The gate is mandatory closed, and
19 the parking lot behind it is voluntarily closed.

20 MS. HENDERSON: So I would have somewhat of the
21 same question because in the trails that were closed, I
22 guess they weren't -- the request was really to not use
23 them for a certain period of time, it was voluntary. Of
24 course, that kind of information didn't get out either,
25 although when they got out there it was closed. Now,

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1 I'm not going to suggest, so nobody shoot me here, that
2 anybody help fund you, but there must be some kind of
3 e-mail or internet or website, something that we could
4 assist in where we could get some direct communication
5 with your office on these issues.

6 MS. SUDDUTH: Right, we're coordinating again.
7 There's going to be three divisions that are involved
8 with a lot of the sheep planning activities and
9 multi-species activities that's going on out there. I
10 think we're going to be more integrated with what the
11 planning processes are in the valley, so we should be
12 able to get that dialogue going back and forth than we
13 have in the past, we have some changes and other issues
14 coming into play.

15 MR. CRITES: I think when the National Monument
16 brochures or National Monument information is put out,
17 it seems obligatory that we attend to some of your
18 business while the federal government business is
19 attended to. This isn't going to happen otherwise.

20 MS. SUDDUTH: Yeah, that's again by choice.
21 Again, I would like to make sure that all our
22 regulations are included. Our closures are not normally
23 voluntary, they are mandatory versus BLM which does have
24 a voluntary closure. That's part of why we closed the
25 gate. There's so few of us out there, sometimes we have

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1 to make physical barriers because we don't have the
2 staff to stand there and say, "Please don't go into that
3 area."

4 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Other comments, questions?
5 Jeff?

6 MR. MORGAN: When you instituted this closure
7 at Carrizo Canyon, people were saying earlier nobody
8 knew what was happening. Right across the street is the
9 Visitor Center, and except for the few handouts or
10 literature available there, that can explain to people
11 why and where you want this closure. That would be very
12 -- save a few thousand dollars. That would be one way
13 of getting information out.

14 MS. SUDDUTH: Yeah, that's a very good point.

15 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Any comment, questions? Yes,
16 Gary.

17 MR. WATTS: In defense of Fish and Game, as a
18 State Representative, I think it's important that the
19 rest of the Committee and the audience understand just
20 how dire the State's fiscal issue is, and I was
21 absolutely amazed that you were able to hire somebody
22 on. The hiring freeze in the state agencies are
23 absolutely -- it's hard. When a vacancy comes up in a
24 State agency, you can't just refill it. What you're all
25 asking for Fish and Game to do is reasonable and

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1 certainly understandable, but you have to understand
2 that they are pressed beyond belief right now under
3 these conditions, and I wanted to say that in defense of
4 Fish and Game and the rest of the State agencies as
5 well.

6 MS. SUDDUTH: It's taken 15 months to get that
7 position filled.

8 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Other questions, comments?
9 Danella?

10 MS. GEORGE: Do make sure that you have a
11 chance to review the Monument brochure because we're
12 going to be ready to make another printing. You guys
13 need to get the message out, and we're more than happy
14 to get that message out at the Visitor Center as well as
15 at the office, so feel free to contact me. I want to
16 make sure I understood, which are the three divisions
17 again we will be working with in the valley?

18 MS. SUDDUTH: We have Lands and Facilities,
19 that deals with State lands, lands that we own. That
20 will be me. Then there's Habitat Conservation and
21 Planning, which would be Eddy Konno, and then Wildlife
22 and Inland Fisheries Division, that actually also deals
23 with some of the monitoring issues and some of the
24 individual specific animal issues out there. That would
25 be Kevin Brenning.

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1 MS. GEORGE: Thank you.

2 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: While she's getting the mug,
3 I think you've heard and I think we've heard and I think
4 BLM has heard, that an integral part of the plan that is
5 going to come from all this is a coordination, and I
6 think communication is going to be a big part of it. I
7 hope you and your agency will be very attuned to that
8 and work closely with Danella and make sure that there
9 is a process wherein they don't have to come and ask
10 you, and you don't have to come and ask them.

11 But it's a natural process of giving them
12 information that, even in an emergency, that the
13 information will be passed along, that's what is going
14 to make this thing work. If so many agencies aren't
15 involved, there's going to be cross purposes, just like
16 you suggested, the sheep ambassadors will challenge your
17 wardens.

18 MS. GEORGE: We have a national monument web
19 page -- thanks to Connell, it's getting better and
20 better -- where we can post stuff like that on it.

21 MR. CRITES: Question. Danella, does the
22 National Monument's web page give access to State Fish
23 and Game and data about programming and everything?

24 MS. GEORGE: Not directly. You probably have
25 to surf around BLM to get to where the State stuff is.

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1 MS. DUNNING: There is currently a link to the
2 web page and to the Forest Service web page just to find
3 out what those planning efforts are right now.

4 MR. CRITES: So we need to get to the BLM
5 National Monument website directly to Fish and Game, and
6 then the issues you have --

7 MS. DUNNING: It would be easy to add a link to
8 that.

9 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: And, Buford, as a result of
10 our meeting last Thursday, the suggestions were made
11 that each one of the cities be contacted to actually put
12 a link to the monument web page so if we have people who
13 are looking at Palm Desert they would also see a
14 monument link and then you can pick up the information.
15 That came mostly from the realization that there were
16 many potential points within the monument within the
17 cities. That request will be coming to Palm Desert very
18 soon.

19 You had a comment, Danella?

20 MS. GEORGE: Basically, if Fish and Game wants
21 to supply us a website regarding the information
22 regarding the monument, something to add to their
23 existing web page, to contact me and we will get that
24 done.

25 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Other comments, any concerns,

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1 questions? Bob?

2 MR. BROCKMAN: As a suggestion to the Committee
3 for the next agenda, some of us were wondering whether
4 or not it might be better to restructure the timing of
5 the agenda. Since Jim has indicated that the public
6 comments period were the two items on the agenda, in
7 order for a little more flexibility for the Chair as
8 well as for the rest of the people in attendance, we
9 were wondering if it would be more appropriate to
10 schedule the last public comments period at 1:00 o'clock
11 rather than 3:30. So that in the event that the pace of
12 the meeting would be a little bit quicker than that, we
13 wouldn't have to stay to 4:00 o'clock. Not that we
14 don't want to, but it might be an inconvenience to the
15 public also who might be waiting to speak at 4:00
16 o'clock. It's just a suggestion.

17 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Questions, suggestions,
18 comments or questions?

19 MS. DUNNING: It would take a Federal Register
20 Notice to change that time. The time is actually listed
21 as being the first half hour of the meetings and the
22 last half hour of the meetings in the original Federal
23 Register Notice.

24 MR. HAVERT: Is that a big obstacle?

25 MS. DUNNING: It is. It took a while to get

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1 this one published, that's why the meeting for December
2 had to be moved to January.

3 MR. HAVERT: Was that actually the last half
4 hour of the meeting? Does that require the meeting and
5 public inclusion period, or is it possible to frame the
6 agenda so that the last half hour of the meeting is,
7 say, from 1:30 to 2:00?

8 MS. DUNNING: Sure. If you want me to come
9 back to it --

10 MR. HAVERT: If we had something else we wanted
11 to continue on, have the opportunity to, we could stay?

12 MS. DUNNING: That would be the agenda, and it
13 is posted on the internet site, so people could follow
14 up, have the opportunity to realize from 2:00 to 3:00
15 there would be something, we certainly can do that. But
16 between 9:00 and 9:30 and 3:30 and 4:00, we have to be
17 here with the court reporter reporting the public
18 comments.

19 MR. HAVERT: It doesn't actually say in the
20 Federal Register 3:30, it says the last half hour.

21 MS. DUNNING: I can look into it.

22 MS. GEORGE: It does. Going back to the first
23 meeting with the Advisory Committee when we were
24 creating the Federal Register Notice and all the things
25 at this time, we set up how we were going to operate and

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1 finally got down in that Federal Register what Connell
2 said, the next series and what we try to do is set it
3 out for the year, talked about what we were going to do,
4 scheduled the meetings down here. We did that -- it's
5 kind of a learning experience, I think. I think even
6 Saturdays, does that work? I think we need to review
7 what we want to do for times and the days, but it would
8 take a Federal Register Notice to change it.

9 MR. HAVERT: Or to ask Congress, whatever is
10 easier.

11 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: Yes. If we started the
12 process today and changed the -- published it in the
13 Federal Public Register, get the meeting done and get
14 the public comments say at 1:00, 1:30, if we do that
15 today, how long does it take us to get that process
16 changed?

17 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Connell?

18 MS. DUNNING: I have no idea.

19 MR. KENNA: Let me see if I can offer some
20 help.

21 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Introduce yourself.

22 MR. KENNA: I'm Jim Kenna. What I was going to
23 suggest, I wouldn't make the Federal Register Notice the
24 reason you do or don't do something. What Connell and
25 Danella said is true of the current circumstance

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1 relative to Federal Register Notices. What you're
2 discussing, through the majority of my career anyway,
3 has been a routing action. It's just a function of the
4 current review processes that have been set up for all
5 Federal Register Notices back East, but there is some
6 discussion about changing that, and I do think if the
7 group feels that the proper course of action is one way
8 or another, then we should probably -- it would be
9 incumbent on us to pursue the process and see what we
10 can do to make that happen.

11 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Thank you. Terry.

12 MS. HENDERSON: I sympathize with the
13 conversation I'm hearing. I, too, have to sit here
14 until 4:00 o'clock; however, the conversation that we
15 originally set the schedule and the emphasis was on
16 public participation. That was the one reason we
17 selected a Saturday and the one reason we selected for
18 morning and late, 4:00 o'clock, was for the ease of the
19 public, and I think if you do think about public
20 participation on a Saturday afternoon at 1:00 o'clock,
21 it's less likely than early in the morning they come in
22 and participate and leave and then pick this up at the
23 end of the day. So I'll just resurface the conversation
24 we had for consideration while you're also considering
25 changing it.

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1 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Buford?

2 MR. CRITES: Or we at this meeting can have
3 this conversation about it and that will keep us until
4 3:30.

5 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Other comments? Jim, I'm
6 glad to hear you say that, because that's my thinking
7 exactly. If this Committee wishes to change to 1:00
8 o'clock and everybody agrees, then we would request
9 staff to take the requisite action. And I was thinking
10 due to the difficulty with the Federal Register, two
11 months is probably a reasonable time to get that done,
12 still maybe not, we might have to go through a second
13 meeting. At least if we did the procedure now, we would
14 have it quoted.

15 I guess the question is, and I would ask each
16 of you to signify by raising your hand, how many would
17 like or think it's a good idea to change the public
18 hearing from 3:30 to 4:00 to 1:00 to 1:30? Raise your
19 hand if you think that's a good idea.

20 MS. HENDERSON: Change the meeting or the
21 public comments?

22 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Public hearing, public
23 comments, or hearing, whatever you want to call it. I
24 think we have a near unanimous approval on that. So the
25 Chair would ask staff to take steps to put it in the

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1 Federal Register as soon as possible, notification that
2 we would change our public comments session from 3:30 to
3 4:00, to 1:00 to 1:30, and then advise us of whenever
4 that happens because I don't read the Federal Register.
5 Barbara?

6 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: In the meantime, can we do
7 what Jim is saying or not?

8 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: No. We have to do as the
9 Federal Register says, we have to do it from 3:30 to
10 4:00. And if push comes to shove, correct me if I'm
11 wrong, there's nothing that says we have to have a
12 quorum to do that. If everybody also wanted to leave,
13 the chair would be willing to take whatever --

14 MR. CRITES: Move to adjourn for lunch?

15 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: We don't need that motion.

16 MS. GEORGE: Can I have the Designated Federal
17 Official chart? Let's plan on August. As of now, it's
18 going to take a while. We will try to push it as fast
19 as we can.

20 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: That's all we can ask, that
21 goes without saying. If the change isn't made, then we
22 have to go with what we have.

23 MS. GEORGE: And the cost for lunch?

24 MS. DUNNING: Six and a quarter, and some for
25 the tip.

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1 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Is that including your tip?

2 MS. DUNNING: My tip will be \$8.

3 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Any other questions before
4 the break? For the public's consumption, we will break
5 for lunch and return at 1:00 o'clock.

6 (Lunch recess)

7 (Afternoon session)

8 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: All right. Ladies and
9 gentlemen, the Santa Rosa/San Jacinto Mountains Advisory
10 Committee meeting is called back to order, and our first
11 plan of order is the discussion about the Management
12 Plan and Public Scoping Meetings by Connell Dunning.

13 MS. DUNNING: Okay. So what you have -- I just
14 handed out -- is a public scoping report, a report
15 following the meetings that we had for public scoping
16 and following the previous Monument Advisory Committee
17 meetings that we've had. Today, I'm going to go through
18 a brief review of how those scoping meetings are
19 organized, what happened at those meetings and kind of
20 finish with what we are going to be doing next. There
21 was some attendance by the MAC at some of those scoping
22 meetings -- actually, every meeting did have a
23 representative by a MAC. We had a total of five scoping
24 meetings, first in Idyllwild, then in Indio, Palm
25 Springs, Pinyon and Palm Desert.

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1 As I just mentioned, the scoping report in
2 front of you were comments brought forward by the public
3 at the two last MAC meetings. There were 190 people
4 total -- do you have a question?

5 MR. MUTH: I was struck by the huge number of
6 people that attended. How many people actually spoke?
7 Was it comments from 40 people, 30?

8 MS. DUNNING: Let me tell you how the meetings
9 were structured. The meeting up in Idyllwild, 30;
10 people in Indio, around 15; Palm Springs, around 30;
11 Pinyon, 78; and I believe Palm Desert, 38 or 40.

12 MR. MUTH: Thank you.

13 MS. DUNNING: The first four meetings were
14 structured to have -- well, all of the meetings began
15 with a presentation, going through every view of what
16 the monument is and how it got here. A lot of people
17 didn't know quite what the monument is so we thought
18 we'd get the word out. We provided information about
19 the planning area, relationships to other planning
20 efforts, a schedule of a timeline of the plan, and also
21 what the public participation process is. The
22 presentation is very similar to what you saw at the last
23 MAC meeting.

24 Following that initial presentation that was
25 given at all five meetings, we had at the first four

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1 meetings, a brainstorming session where the room was
2 broken up into a circle and started asking for comments.
3 Ruth Wenstrom from the Forest Service, myself, Connell
4 Dunning, we ran those meetings, both of us were at the
5 meeting. That session was structured to get a flow of
6 comments from the people in the room, so when you ask
7 how many people actually spoke at the first four
8 meetings, we'd given everyone equal opportunity, we
9 didn't put little marks for how many times each person
10 spoke. We treated it more as a group providing
11 comments, then written onto a flip chart and following,
12 giving everybody opportunities to bring their comments
13 forward then we went back through the flip chart and
14 gave feedback to where those comments fit into the
15 scheme of the planning, whether it was
16 monument-specific, whether or not a comment they raised
17 was going to be addressed in another plan that's going
18 on or where it's completely out of the scope of the
19 monument or federal agencies. That was how the first
20 four meetings were scheduled.

21 The fifth meeting, I think you were there, it
22 was a little bit different. Following the same
23 presentation, people were given an opportunity to come
24 forward and -- come forward and speak with a court
25 reporter present and their dialogue was captured, they

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1 had three minutes. Following that, it was opened to a
2 question and answer period which did provide some
3 feedback to the questions that were raised.

4 MS. WENSTROM: My guesstimate at the first four
5 meetings, 90 percent spoke, and at the fifth, about 50
6 percent. They are just there to listen to what people
7 said. Does that seem about right?

8 MS. DUNNING: Yes. As I mentioned, there was
9 discussion to follow up how those comments were raised
10 to the different planning efforts that were going on.
11 The scoping report in front of you, if you look at the
12 last section of that scoping report, it has a
13 spreadsheet of all comments provided. We tried to keep
14 them in the same sense that they were provided to us
15 with the least amount of editing as possible.

16 What you'll find there's actually a bit of
17 overlap, you'll see in the -- for example, if you look
18 under "Access," the first column, there may be a couple
19 of comments right next to each other roughly, the same
20 thing, but different words. We felt it was important to
21 list every single comment as raised to give you an
22 opportunity to see how many times those comments were
23 raised in different areas.

24 The first column lists the category that was
25 applied. This is just a general category, it's not that

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1 that comment is stuck to -- for the rest of it. It's
2 just to gauge that category. The subcategory is just a
3 way for us to help lump similar comments that were
4 raised. The third column, just for the audience, I'm
5 talking about a public scoping report. I have -- I have
6 some copies here. The third column refers to the source
7 of the comment, which meeting it was captured at,
8 whether or not it was letter, whether it was a MAC
9 meeting. Then the final columns we kind of mimicked
10 what we did at the scoping meetings where we tried to
11 give people direction on whether it was Monument plan
12 specifics, BLM process, Forest Service plan, whether it
13 was city or county.

14 Again, this was just a general way for people
15 to seek out where their comments need to get to, and
16 what we are going to do with these comments is forward
17 them on to the BLM planners, Forest Service planners,
18 HCP planners, just so they can get an idea of the
19 comments out there and to help them get to the
20 corresponding planning process. The comments, "Access,"
21 as listed, access were the most numerous of comments
22 provided by far. About 20 percent of all of the
23 comments referred to some form of access, whether it was
24 a Trails concern, a Dunn Road specific concern, or just
25 keeping access.

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1 The second type of comment was management and
2 process, kind of what is the monument and how are you
3 going to manage it, several questions that were
4 derivations of that. Interpretation, signs as you see
5 questions raised as you've seen today, interpretation
6 was one of the main comments received. Looking down the
7 list, biological, cultural, private land issues, visitor
8 increase and other resources, fire and multiple
9 recreation. By multiple recreation, these were comments
10 that dealt specifically and called out for types of
11 recreation to maintain the balance of all the types of
12 recreation that exist or the concerns of how do we
13 balance the recreation. Multi-jurisdictional questions.
14 How are we going to work with the different
15 jurisdictions? Safety again, Highway 74, as brought up
16 today, and dogs, enforcement, funding, permits and fees.
17 These are the general comments we lump them into.

18 The next step after the first step of the
19 scoping meeting, our scoping period is open until
20 October 1st, it is not the end-all for all comments, we
21 will receive written comments, additional comments up to
22 October 1st. Those will be included into the workshop
23 in the development and into the process where we will
24 develop the plan. Those comments pertaining to other
25 plans, we will forward them on to the appropriate staff

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1 in the other planning efforts, specifically the BLM
2 plan. Every column where there's a B, it's going to be
3 the next topic for discussion. That's the draft plan of
4 the BLM California Desert Conservation Area Amendment.
5 We have copies that Jim will be talking about today
6 following my talk.

7 But the public scoping period is open until I
8 mentioned, October 1st, but we hope to use these
9 comments now to help us before it ends, and the next
10 workshops where the public will come will be structured
11 hopefully after some of the snow birds get back into
12 town, people expressed concern they might not be here.
13 We hope to have public workshops where everybody is
14 invited and give a one-on-one of why we have a plan, why
15 we have to develop alternatives, and what that means,
16 and helping the public be a part and actually sitting
17 down and then actually helping us write the
18 alternatives.

19 With that, any questions about what we're doing
20 next? The comments are in front of you and you can do
21 what you want with them. There's certainly many ways to
22 analyze. They have been done in an extremely general
23 format. If you would like the spreadsheet disk, however
24 you want it, I will be glad to give it to you. With
25 that, I will answer any questions you have.

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1 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Questions?

2 MR. MUTH: Just looking over this spreadsheet,
3 I don't see anything surprising here that I would have
4 anticipated. Were there any issues raised that we
5 didn't think about beforehand or anticipate?

6 MS. DUNNING: One issue that came up by the
7 representative of the Santa Rosa tribe, they wanted to
8 be more involved in the process, and our process of
9 involving the tribes is kind of on a different course.
10 We have a separate framework outside of the scoping
11 meetings. It's not something we weren't doing, but it
12 came out in the public scoping meeting that we needed to
13 try a little harder, a little sooner, to get the Santa
14 Rosa back involved.

15 We had a lot of private property concerns. The
16 community of Pinyon where we had 78 people there, a big
17 turnout, a lot of concerns about private property.
18 Concerns that we have responded to again and again
19 regarding the fact that this monument does not affect
20 private property, the response being, "How can it not
21 affect us, we're completely surrounded."

22 MS. WENSTROM: With that, they had a lot of
23 concerns, you heard it again today, whether there was a
24 wider range of visitor supply there. I probably hadn't
25 thought too much about that and actually a lot of

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1 concerns from Pinyon that they don't want us to develop
2 in a way that would bring more people into their
3 community. They wanted concerns away from that. That
4 took me by surprise. Most of the rest were things we
5 anticipated.

6 MS. DUNNING: Right. We did have kind of a
7 question, "You have a Visitor Center down the hill, why
8 don't you keep it there?" kind of thing.

9 MS. WENSTROM: Pretty loud and clear.

10 MS. DUNNING: A concern for increased visitors,
11 and if we are going to promote to that area, if there
12 was increased visitor use, how are we going to police
13 it?

14 MS. WATLING: I just want to commend the two of
15 you on a group that can be volatile and you handled it
16 so well.

17 MS. DUNNING: Thank you. We will add that
18 comment to the comment list.

19 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Other comments, questions?
20 Terry.

21 MS. HENDERSON: Just briefly in reviewing the
22 comment pages here, I would also commend you. In
23 reviewing it, I can remember sitting there and hearing
24 these comments of the ones that I attended and assuming
25 you folks attended other ones, as you look through, "Oh,

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1 yeah, I remember that one." So I think it's a good
2 synopsis there.

3 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Bob?

4 MR. BROCKMAN: Also good job. This way the
5 comments have been organized I think will lead us easily
6 to the next step of developing alternatives because you
7 can begin to compare the tasks. Well done, and make
8 sure you get your mug.

9 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: That was going to be my
10 comment.

11 Other comments, questions? Buford?

12 MR. CRITES: Saw a couple of comments on the
13 Aventure Pass and just in thinking about the Federal
14 Register Notice and what we have to do to change the
15 comments, let's say as a result of decision-making and
16 the process and so on and so forth, there was a decision
17 not to use the Aventure Pass on the Forest Service side
18 of those lands within the monument, which I imagine
19 brings in relatively close to zero in terms of the
20 Aventure Pass.

21 MS. WENSTROM: That doesn't require a Federal
22 Register Notice.

23 MR. CRITES: Where does that decision get made
24 for the Forest Service as part of the National Forest
25 and not be part of the program -- not saying it should

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1 be at this point, but whose decision is it?

2 MS. WENSTROM: That decision, I expect there's
3 some internal activity going on within the Forest
4 Service to look at the recreation fees programs
5 throughout. I expect that Forest supervisors will be
6 able to recommend that, and I think the final decisions
7 will go back to our Washington office. I don't expect
8 if we were to pull it out that that would be difficult.

9 The interesting thing to note, most of the
10 comments about fees, there were quite a few people
11 asking could we charge them everywhere and could we
12 charge more so as to raise money for the monument. That
13 surprised me but we heard that several times. So I
14 don't know where it would take us, but we do know that
15 it's a consistency issue that we want to look at.

16 MR. CRITES: That's the issue.

17 MS. WENSTROM: And you're actually correct, the
18 parking -- I don't think it will affect the Forest
19 Service revenue too much.

20 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Terry?

21 MS. HENDERSON: To follow up on that
22 conversation, do you suspect that some of the desire for
23 -- at least interested in charging fees or something of
24 that nature might go to a perceived-better control, move
25 those in and how often, and it would encourage fewer

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1 people?

2 MS. WENSTROM: I don't want to speak for what
3 someone's desire is. It's not something we're generally
4 finding in the survey results we have taken. If it was,
5 I don't want to chase a big rabbit here. What we found
6 was the fee actually in terms of having a better handle
7 and providing better information and having contact with
8 visitors and solving problems, but particularly in our
9 heavily-used areas that it's increased patrols that we
10 are seeing. It's not really discouraging use, it's
11 protection, that it is discouraging for some of the
12 folks who don't want to see law enforcement. It's
13 changed the clientele, not necessarily the numbers.

14 We found the closer we get, the more we see
15 reductions in crime and those kind of things, but I
16 don't know if people have made that connection. I think
17 people see the budget and all the time we tell them, "We
18 can't, we can't, we can't," and they are looking for
19 ways to do and there are many that don't want -- that
20 would take all day.

21 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Other questions, comments?
22 Do you think that this is or has given you a planning
23 handle, if you will, on what we're going to do with this
24 monument?

25 MS. DUNNING: Yeah. This is really important

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1 stuff. We can't plan in a box, can't sit and decide
2 what the citizens' issues are, so this serves as the
3 beginning point, as do the Advisory Committee meeting
4 hearing, you are representing citizens and I would hope
5 this would serve as a jumping-off point for each of your
6 working groups, to address this in your working groups
7 and say how can the Access and Recreation Group help
8 kind of fine-tune those comments, how can that group
9 help provide information to us about what questions are
10 being raised.

11 I think that's a really important thing to use
12 as a tool for us to help frame the way we're going and
13 also your group to frame what comments are out there.

14 MS. WENSTROM: I think the other thing that did
15 really well for us, all this overlap of planning layers
16 and activities is very difficult for us to understand,
17 let alone the public. I thought that went fairly well,
18 given the difficulty of that, and I think it helped set
19 the stage for not having the scope keep bouncing with
20 everything in the world, kind of making what we have
21 here doable. I think that was fairly successful and
22 people seemed to accept that layering better than I
23 thought they would. I think the framework is there and
24 it was pretty usable.

25 MS. DUNNING: And it did give us an opportunity

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1 to prep the public for things to come; namely, what Jim
2 Kenna is going to talk about next, the BLM's plan, and
3 the HCP -- gave us an opportunity to prepare the public
4 with what's coming down the path, their extreme interest
5 in trails, that there are other opportunities out there
6 to become engaged in and we hope they will follow
7 through with that.

8 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Any comments at this time?

9 MS. GEORGE: Actually, Connell has a mug and
10 Ruth, it's in the trunk, so you have to stay until we
11 have our last --

12 MS. DUNNING: I forgot to put Ruth on the
13 agenda.

14 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Ladies, thank you very much.

15 MS. DUNNING: Okay. The next part of the
16 presentation is my name and Elena Misquez's name are on
17 the agenda, but Jim Kenna will actually be providing
18 that summary of the BLM, USDA Plan Amendment and how it
19 relates to the multi-species plan.

20 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: So is it the update on the
21 multi-species plan and the plan amendment?

22 MR. KENNA: Yes. I offer my apologies at the
23 outset. You probably would have gotten first team Elena
24 Misquez today had it not been that the fact we ground
25 her into dust to try to get this plan amendment out, so

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1 you get second string, and you'll just have to put up
2 with that.

3 What I'm going to do is give you a variation of
4 what I did when I went back to Washington DC to get the
5 go-ahead with the plan amendment. It's intended to be a
6 quick, hard hitting summary of the plan amendment and
7 what's in it. One of the things I needed to emphasize
8 back East is some of the things you might be very aware
9 of but at least it gives you a sense of what we talked
10 about internally in terms of going ahead and publishing
11 the draft for public review.

12 The land ownership, the nature of the plan area
13 given a little bit of context and setting up with what's
14 going on with this particular plan amendment, the
15 schedule, talking about some of the partnerships which
16 many of you are quite aware of, but it was important for
17 us back in Washington DC to explain how this plan
18 amendment was developed, and how it's different from
19 many of the plan amendments they might see.

20 I'll talk about public participation over time
21 that brought us to this point and then a quick review
22 and I'll try to emphasize those issues and decisions
23 that might have related to this monument.

24 The first thing is to put this map up and
25 explain where they might typically see a BLM plan where

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1 we'd only be planning for the tan lands on the map.
2 This isn't going to work in this valley and planning
3 area because doing this by itself and independently, you
4 end up with a lot of decisions that don't hook up with
5 its neighbor. It was very necessary for us, and I think
6 we took the right step in 1996 when we looked to do a
7 joint process with the Coachella Valley Association of
8 Governments, and the jurisdictions in the valley and to
9 try and figure out decisions for the entire valley that
10 made sense across those jurisdictions and ownerships.

11 In explaining this to them, the first
12 assumption was that one color meant one jurisdiction. I
13 was able to highlight that that isn't necessarily true,
14 even though the blue lands are all State lands, some of
15 those lands are State Parks, some are Wildlife
16 Conservation Board lands, the stuff that Dee talked
17 about. Some of them, even within Fish and Game, are
18 different classifications of lands with different people
19 in charge, as you heard from Dee earlier this morning.
20 Similarly, if you look at the tribal lands, there are
21 five different tribes represented by one color. So that
22 was an interesting eye opener.

23 To try and put things in perspective, I drew up
24 some things about the total county acreage, over a
25 quarter of the county is being covered by this plan and

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1 talked a little bit about population, population of the
2 county as a whole. The Coachella Valley population is
3 318 million -- wow, that's big -- 318,000, and what some
4 of the projections have been for that, nearly doubling
5 in the next 20 years, and emphasizing some of the
6 important decisions that BLM has to make in the planning
7 process, the need to solving the problems out in front
8 of us, not just behind us.

9 Also tried to get across the idea -- the
10 difference between the species covered by the planning
11 process and the species that are actually listed at the
12 moment. The idea there being that if we're always just
13 waiting for the listing, they were perpetually in this
14 loop with lawsuits and project-by-project discussions
15 about how we're going to solve problems.

16 The other thing that was important to get
17 across was that in California we have a similar law that
18 gives us opportunities to have the plan cover natural
19 communities, which is the counterpart on the state level
20 to the Endangered Species Act. This was what we were
21 trying to accomplish with this plan. We had federal
22 coverage and state coverage of both for sensitive
23 species. A little bit on ownerships to give them some
24 idea of complexity and relative acreage of different
25 pieces, but also looking at the valley as a whole, this

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1 was a gross approximation of where things might end up.
2 That if there are 300,000-plus in conservation at this
3 point and we're looking at a reserve system of around
4 500,000 acres, that really the issues revolve around 50
5 to 100,000 acres on the valley floor for the most part.

6 The next thing was to try and take this to what
7 does the BLM say here, what is it the BLM plan amendment
8 really does. First thing is to look at the percentage
9 of total acreage, it's about a quarter of the entire
10 acreage within the planning area. We actually expanded
11 it out just slightly. You'll see this in the documents
12 that slop over into San Bernardino county, and a little
13 bit that is on the south end as well, make sure that
14 they understand we're in an urban interface area, that
15 the decisions that we're talking about making not only
16 relate to the population in the valley but are greatly
17 affected by other areas in Southern California.

18 An example might be at Windy Point, which is
19 part of the monument. The primary user constituency for
20 that area has come out of Orange County rather than
21 local. A little bit of history about the agreement and
22 who the counterpart lead on the CEQA side of the process
23 is, and the number of special designations that BLM
24 already have in the valley. Between the National
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1 Monument acreage for BLM, the five areas of critical
2 environmental concern are Whitewater, Big Morongo,
3 Fringe-toed Lizard Preserve, Dos Palmas, and a piece of
4 Chuckwalla Bench that comes into the planning area,
5 between those and the National Monument and the
6 wilderness areas that do exist, there's already
7 250,000-plus acres of BLM land that are under special
8 protective designation.

9 Then the next thing to help folks understand --
10 I won't dwell on this -- the number of planning overlaps
11 you were working with in putting this together. We have
12 a BLM overlap which is the NECO plan to the east, also
13 what the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians are
14 providing is a similar plan. There are state planning
15 efforts going on at the top of the tram. The Forest
16 Service plan amendments that cover four national
17 forests, and all of the general plan amendments that
18 apply with the local jurisdictions within the county, to
19 make sure that they understand that all of those are
20 there, and then you lay over the top of that the
21 National Monument plan.

22 Time frames and schedules: Key point here is
23 to emphasize that we are on a very aggressive schedule,
24 although there have been other interpretations from the
25 standpoint of BLM, we really have to finish this plan

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1 amendment by the end of this calendar year. Official
2 publication date we are looking at is June 7th, the web
3 publication -- I actually went in and looked at it last
4 night and it should be up and available at the BLM
5 website right now. So go in and look at text and maps,
6 the opportunity is available and I believe some of the
7 documents here are available as well.

8 The other thing I tried to convey back East was
9 to help them understand the level of partnership that
10 goes on in this valley, and to do that I talked a little
11 bit of history. We have the Sikes Act plan that looks
12 at some of the wildlife issues in the National Monument
13 in the 1980s. In the mid-eighties, the Fringe-toed
14 Lizard Preserve issues were dealt with, and that was
15 again a group of people coming together to come to a
16 common management approach to address the issues.

17 The National Scenic Area came along in 1990 and
18 once again in 2000, we had the National Monument. All
19 of those literally were grass-root efforts that were
20 grown from the ground up. They all required
21 multi-agency, multi-jurisdictional problem-solving.
22 This administration in particular is putting quite a bit
23 of emphasis on what the Secretary calls the four Cs; the
24 communication, coordination, collaboration and for the
25 purposes of conservation. What I was trying to get

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1 across, there's a fifth "C" and that is the California
2 -- specifically the Coachella Valley of California,
3 we've been doing this for a while here in this valley,
4 and we've actually produced some results.

5 I also tried to talk a little bit about the
6 partnerships that were already in place. This isn't
7 just about getting to a plan decision for us, it's about
8 being able to do implementation things on the ground,
9 and that we have some of the mechanisms to make that
10 happen already in place. The agreements with the Agua
11 Caliente, the Advisory and Management Committee that
12 bring together folks like yourselves, the Friends groups
13 that work together with us on a variety of projects, and
14 we have a history of working on multi-jurisdictional
15 acquisition projects.

16 What I try to do with this slide is what are
17 the shared objectives that we have in the community,
18 what are we trying to accomplish, what has everybody
19 bought into. The idea is that we can do coordinative
20 conservation and planning, and we can come to decisions
21 together, that we can then turn that around and turn it
22 into management action on the ground. We are all trying
23 to get the coverage and agreement that is implied in
24 section 10A and section 7 consultations with the
25 wildlife agencies.

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1 From a public standpoint, we're trying to
2 deliver certainty, increased certainty, both from a
3 conservation standpoint so we know certain conservation
4 outcomes will happen and from a development standpoint
5 so that communities will have a way of knowing how to
6 direct the growth to accommodate the population figures
7 that you saw on a previous slide.

8 With the long term -- you asked the question,
9 how would you know it if you saw it? The answer is
10 hopefully we're going to avoid some of the problems that
11 have plagued certain things that have been going on in
12 the valley, like penalties, costs, delays. The way to
13 get at that is laying out a shared landscape vision.
14 We're all in this together, designing for the quality of
15 life and the future of Coachella Valley.

16 Public participation is a little bit different
17 than the public federal process in buying into the joint
18 process in 1996. This is also something that I needed
19 to explain, that we have multiple forums and everything
20 is pretty open, things circulate in drafts, through the
21 policy of the Advisory Committee that we have things we
22 participated in with CVAG. We have staff meetings, that
23 we have BLM to City Council, BLM to tribal council
24 meetings, there's a plethora of forums going on, not
25 just for a short time but have been going on for years

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1 and years. It's not like we're arriving at this draft
2 plan through some mystery or some guessing as to what
3 other people think. We've all been talking to each
4 other for a long time and the ideas that are embodied in
5 the alternatives have been kicked around for a long
6 time.

7 What you see there in terms of the NECO
8 process, we looked mostly at the relationship with the
9 BLM process because that was the audience, and what
10 kinds of things we could do to make that hold together.
11 In terms of major issues and decisions, what I'll
12 emphasize here is a piece of what I did back East,
13 mostly because I think these are the most relevant to
14 the monument.

15 One is the land tenure issues that revolve
16 around the reserve assembly, some of the mining areas
17 that address long-term standing routes and supply for
18 construction and road maintenance primarily in the
19 Coachella Valley. Some of the route designation and
20 off-highway vehicle issues, much of that -- although we
21 don't have a lot to talk about on BLM lands in the
22 valley, much of that is being driven by air quality
23 issues and concerns, the trails management issue that
24 we've heard a lot about already, and then talking a
25 little bit about permitted uses.

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1 What you see here is a map that lays out the
2 route issues in the Coachella Valley. By comparison,
3 one of the things I try and do is talk a little bit
4 about what decisions need to be made in this plan
5 relative to our plan which is the next one over to the
6 East. The NECO plan, which is the area to the East, we
7 had 5000-plus miles of road to make decisions about, and
8 in this plan we are dealing with well less than 200
9 miles. And some of those, the decision is pretty
10 obvious, we're not going to close public land portions
11 of Ramon Road, for example. So in addition, some of
12 those areas, the routes are already closed. An example
13 of that is the area around the percolation pond in the
14 area of Palm Springs.

15 This is a map of the trails and what I did with
16 that was to just try and get the basic concepts across
17 that we've been working on through the process,
18 including the special management on certain trails like
19 Boo Hoff Trail or the Art Smith Trail, including the
20 idea of peripheral trails to try and make sure that
21 we're providing opportunities for anyone that might be
22 displaced and the seasonal nature of the things, that
23 most of which we are talking about is tied either to a
24 lambing issue or a sheep/water issue.

25 Another thing that is interesting is some of

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1 the reactions to some of the photos. Those aren't areas
2 that they usually see affiliated with BLM's
3 decision-making, and the development in the upper right
4 of the photo helps them understand the kind of
5 population growth and pressures that are affecting
6 public lands in this area.

7 This map shows the sand and gravel resource
8 areas, that's a State designation. Basically those
9 areas are the areas that have the resources to supply
10 basic community needs such as road maintenance,
11 driveways and building houses and that sort of thing.
12 The areas in dark color are areas that are already under
13 contract and are currently mined. The areas that we
14 have will meet a demand for a considerable period yet to
15 come, and if you overlay with that the conservation
16 areas, we have excess capacity double what we have
17 already under contract.

18 I think what we were trying to do is take a
19 look at what this valley is facing now, the kinds of
20 issues that I happen to be dealing with now over in Los
21 Angeles county where they do not have adequate supply
22 for basic road maintenance and construction purposes. I
23 guess the answer is I think what we've already got
24 planned should address that issue.

25 As far as the role for this particular group, I

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1 would like to encourage you to, one, take some time to
2 review the draft plan, particularly in its relationship
3 to the National Monument and the Monument plan that
4 might -- that comes right on its heels. We are looking
5 at some public meetings in July which we certainly like
6 to invite you to, we don't have all the venues or dates
7 yet, but that will come shortly.

8 Probably more important is perhaps part of
9 those is to ask you to think about making a formal
10 response as a Committee or a formal recommendation
11 toward the end of the 90-day comment period or right at
12 the end of the 90-day comment period specific to
13 monument issues.

14 With that, I probably said more than enough,
15 although I did promise I'd delay as long as I could.

16 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Probably still early, but
17 comments, questions?

18 MR. KENNA: I got more than this back East.

19 MS. HENDERSON: But we understand.

20 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: They understood what you
21 said. No, I'm kidding. I guess, does this modification
22 in any way take into consideration the monument and the
23 potential planning of that?

24 MR. KENNA: Yes. Obviously, because we are so
25 immersed as an agency in both, we couldn't help but be

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1 cognizant of the National Monument plan as well as we
2 were doing this. Our intention given the purpose of
3 doing the original CVAG plan was to address the multiple
4 species issues with the intent of ending up at the end
5 of that process with the attendance section 10-A and
6 section 7 consultations and permits completed.

7 So in relationship to the Monument plan, I
8 guess my hope is that we will have at the end of this
9 planning process adequately addressed the multiple
10 species issues such that we wouldn't need to revisit
11 those issues in the Monument plan, that we will be able
12 to just pull forward. The opportunity to tweak them is
13 certainly there in the Monument planning process, but
14 the processes will be very integrated because they are
15 so closely connected in time.

16 And because I know where Connell sits, we will
17 be talking on a very, very regular basis. And more than
18 hopefully, when we get the plan amendment decision out,
19 my expectation would be that these issues will be
20 totally compatible with the planning direction for the
21 National Monument and will be resolved in a way that
22 will work for the monument.

23 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: What is the tenth city?

24 MR. KENNA: You know, I don't know. I know of
25 nine, we've had that 10 in some of the literature. That

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1 may be just a glitch.

2 MR. CRITES: I suspect you're counting Blythe.

3 MR. KENNA: Yes, because of the CVAG. It's the
4 10 CVAG cities, but Blythe is not part of it.

5 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: As you say, this certainly
6 doesn't extend to Blythe.

7 MR. KENNA: See, you asked the question and
8 nobody asked back East, and fortunately so because I had
9 the answer wrong.

10 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Any other questions,
11 comments?

12 MS. GEORGE: Can you explain to the Committee
13 the difference with the Trails management plan and this
14 plan?

15 MR. KENNA: Very good point. I should have
16 done that probably in the presentation better.

17 MS. GEORGE: Just so they know.

18 MR. KENNA: The plan amendment has in it or
19 will make, what BLM would call as the land use plan or
20 resource management plan level decision that established
21 the long-term, big-picture, management direction.
22 Within that, it will have a Bighorn sheep recovery
23 strategy for Bighorn sheep peninsula ranges, and an
24 element of that strategy will be the management of
25 trails. I'm going to take one more run to get to this

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1 point to make sure this is clear because this could be
2 confusing.

3 The Bighorn sheep strategy which is part of the
4 land use plan decision that we're making in this plan
5 amendment will have components that will include all the
6 things that we think would be necessary that BLM might
7 have a role in that might be related to sheep recovery.
8 That will include other permitted uses that might not be
9 trail-related, whether they were for like a land use
10 purpose like a communication site or road or something
11 like that, whether they were a research permit, whether
12 or not it was a reintroduction proposal, whether or not
13 it was a water habitat restoration action. All of those
14 things will be in the overall sheep recovery strategy.

15 Where it gets to trails, the decision at this
16 level of planning will be, what is the mechanism for
17 addressing the trails management portion of the recovery
18 strategy? The answer for that is the interagency trails
19 management plan that we have been developing through the
20 multiple species plan, that we will participate in that
21 as one of the many jurisdictions.

22 For BLM, that will be what we call an activity
23 level plan decision so it will fit up underneath the
24 larger plan. The difference in that type of decision is
25 that we have the opportunity in an activity level plan

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1 to make some adjustments and changes and make it much
2 more adaptive than we do if we were to make that
3 decision at a plan amendment level.

4 Hopefully, that's a little clearer than mud,
5 but the idea is that we will have the trails portion in
6 an activity plan, it will be referred to in the larger
7 plan, but we will always have to have a Trails
8 management program, but some of the details in that
9 program will be in the Trails plan and that will be a
10 little bit more adaptive and flexible.

11 MS. GEORGE: And that plan, the activity plan
12 is going to precede the Monument plan; is that right?

13 MR. KENNA: Yes. I would anticipate, and this
14 really probably goes to another scheduled question that
15 Bill might actually be even better equipped to answer
16 than I am, but the idea there is, and I believe this is
17 true. To do effective trails management in the National
18 Monument area, we need to start thinking of it as a
19 system irrespective of ownership. Each of us will have
20 a jurisdictional piece of that, but we will all have to
21 as was discussed here about the sheep ambassadors and
22 how much they talked to the game wardens, that I think
23 we're going to have to get better and better and better
24 in talking to each other a lot more. But the idea is --
25 I'm not sure where I started with this thing.

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1 MS. GEORGE: Which one of those goes into which
2 tier, the schedule of planning?

3 MR. KENNA: This plan, the Trails plan itself,
4 I think has to be completed with the multiple species
5 plan to really be effective.

6 MS. GEORGE: Then the Monument plan becomes the
7 operations plan because those decisions come with
8 respect to the tier to other plans?

9 MR. KENNA: Right. A number of operational
10 issues, some of which were discussed at scoping
11 meetings: Should there be fees on the trails? Should
12 there be common signing? There are a lot of things and
13 what kinds of things, what public safety services should
14 be provided there, a lot of things in these scoping
15 meetings that should very appropriately be covered in
16 the Monument plan, and those services in terms of how
17 they are delivered to the public, hopefully, we can be
18 pretty seamless about that.

19 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Any questions? Terry?

20 MS. HENDERSON: I have a question and then kind
21 of an editorial comment with a question attached. The
22 first question, somewhere along the line, it's my
23 understanding we were going to get a map similar to that
24 with the trails on it made. Has that been done yet?

25 MR. KENNA: You know, I don't know, to be

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1 honest. I've just got back into town. Tell you what,
2 we probably can get you an answer to that question in
3 the next week, maybe even just get you the map.

4 MS. GEORGE: That would be better.

5 MR. KENNA: I don't know the status of that, to
6 be honest.

7 MS. HENDERSON: Then the kind of editorial
8 question, if I could, there were a lot of us who were
9 involved -- maybe not all of us from the very beginning,
10 but significantly involved as the monument legislation
11 was drafted. There was a note that Ed was there, and
12 just numerous folks here in the room, Bill was there.
13 There was a great deal of effort put into that to secure
14 certain end rights for certain groups, if you will.

15 A lot of it was the recreational activity, and
16 it does state in the legislation that the Management
17 plan requires by section, blah, blah, blah, shall
18 enclose provisions to continue to authorize the
19 recreational use of the National Monument including such
20 recreational uses as hiking, camping, mountain biking,
21 sightseeing, horseback riding which was a real
22 significant key part for a lot of players involved. But
23 it goes on to say as long as such recreational use is
24 consistent with this act and other applicable law. And
25 I believe, and this is where the question comes in -- I

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1 believe that the adoption of these other plans, the
2 Trails management plan, the multi-species habitat plan
3 and your amendment, this is going to be according to
4 your schedule adopted and put in place and become the
5 other applicable law.

6 So if, in fact, we want that kind of input in
7 the Monument plan, we need to do it in your plan because
8 if we don't get it in your plan, we're not going to get
9 it in the Monument plan because that becomes the other
10 applicable law.

11 MR. KENNA: Okay. I'm with you -- I got it all
12 the way with you up to the point of the discussion.
13 One, I believe we can deliver exactly what's called for
14 in the monument legislation. I know the Trails working
15 group has heard this almost as a mantra from me from the
16 get-go. That our intent is to provide reasonable
17 opportunities for recreation and recovery of the Bighorn
18 sheep. I believe that's doable. We have taken a good
19 run at getting there. I think it will be fine-tuned
20 further through the comment period, as it should be.

21 Second point, the other applicable law part,
22 certainly in referencing with the legislation references
23 is laws made by Congress, and I don't get to make those.
24 What I'm sure -- actually, I know what the intent there
25 was. The intent was to make sure that it wasn't

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1 sidestepping things like the Wilderness Act, the
2 Endangered Species Act, or any other -- National
3 Preservation Act, Antiquities Act -- any of those others
4 that might have some application would continue to be
5 applied. Again, I believe we can do that and we've
6 taken a good stab at what we think that looks like.

7 The last point that you made is do we have to
8 get the management of the monument as it relates to the
9 species issues resolved in the plan amendment? The
10 short answer to that is yes, but there's a caveat. The
11 caveat is that in the National Monument plan, the
12 legislation requires us to do a resource management
13 plan, and the Monument plan in the last analysis will
14 have a freestanding plan or document that you will be
15 able to say, "This is the Monument plan."

16 So what I was talking about is that I
17 anticipate if we can resolve these issues that have been
18 in place since 1996 relative to species and -- well,
19 certainly since the listing of Peninsula Bighorn sheep,
20 if we can get to a resolution that all of the
21 jurisdictions and communities can live with and are
22 prepared to implement with the idea that there might be
23 that flexibility I talked about in the Trails management
24 portion, for example, then I have a hard time thinking
25 about this group or any other will in the course of 12

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1 months want to disturb that consensus. I don't know
2 that we'll have that much or enough information that
3 quickly.

4 So, yes, I think it's really important for this
5 group to weigh in on the plan amendment. I think there
6 are some issues here that are very, very important to
7 the future of the monument, but it's not an absolute
8 end-all. If there's something that we really felt in
9 the Monument plan that absolutely needed to get tweaked,
10 we would be at the right level of planning to do that in
11 the Monument plan, if needed.

12 MS. HENDERSON: I appreciate your comments. I
13 would hope also that in 12 months, this group wouldn't
14 have a different opinion than what is being formulated.
15 Basically, we're made up of the same groups anyway. My
16 overriding concern was the understanding of the
17 significant input that we can have now is in the
18 development of these other plans, and we should not sit
19 back and say, "Well, these other groups are doing that
20 and we'll do ours," because they somehow are all one and
21 the same.

22 MR. KENNA: I would very, very, very much
23 welcome, as I suggested, a formal recommendation from
24 this Committee relative to the plan amendment that we
25 just talked about. I think it's very significant to the

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1 future of the monument and you should weigh in.

2 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Bill?

3 MR. HAVERT: What is the timeline for your
4 section 7 consultation to integrate with the timeline
5 with the city?

6 MR. KENNA: We've had discussions at the
7 regional level, and I've been given assurances that they
8 will meet that timeline with the section 7.

9 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Buford?

10 MR. CRITES: When are you looking for this body
11 to recommend?

12 MR. KENNA: The ideal timing for this body to
13 recommend would be -- I don't remember the meeting
14 schedule offhand, but September.

15 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: August.

16 MR. KENNA: August. I like August.

17 MR. CRITES: So, before the public comments
18 period is over?

19 MR. KENNA: Well, the reason I say that is if
20 you remember the schedule slide, earlier is better than
21 later from our standpoint. It's not that this group is
22 bound to a public comment period, but it's helpful for
23 us to have that comment in August.

24 MS. HENDERSON: And would we have to schedule
25 this part as our agenda for our office meeting with all

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1 of us coming back prepared, bring our comments back?

2 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: That's correct. Other
3 comments? Danella?

4 MS. GEORGE: Jim, just for clarity to make sure
5 everybody is clear, when we have the comments back,
6 we're preparing it for both the plan amendment and also
7 for the Trails management plan effort, together or
8 separate, or how do you want that handled?

9 MR. KENNA: I think it's really their option.
10 You could assemble it in any number of ways. I think
11 it's helpful for us if the comments were separated in
12 some fashion, whether they are in the same submittal or
13 two different submittals, we can work with it either
14 way. How you want to do is really your option, too. If
15 I can be bold to suggest how I've seen it done by the
16 Advisory Committee, I'll be happy to do that.

17 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: How about it?

18 MR. KENNA: Typically, what I have seen done is
19 to create a small working group designed to create a
20 written draft that will be circulated, and when it will
21 come back into the formal group would be at an open
22 meeting like this. You might conceivably have two
23 different groups, if you wish, one that focused
24 specifically on the Trails plan, one that focused on the
25 overall plans including the sheep strategy and other

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1 things that affect the monument, or you could combine
2 them. But I would suggest a subgroup with a task that
3 would evaporate once the task was completed, and they
4 would prepare a written draft for this group to talk
5 about.

6 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: I was going to suggest that
7 each one of the work groups take it out and then the
8 head of each work group would become that subcommittee
9 to draft a response. Would that work?

10 MS. HENDERSON: Then the work group would go
11 off their schedule to work on this instead of what they
12 were working on?

13 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Well, I think it can be
14 integrated into what they are working on. Just a quick
15 review through there, it would touch on all work groups,
16 and each work group before August will do their
17 meetings, and then the head of each one's work groups
18 would be that ad hoc Committee and they would have to
19 agree amongst themselves, get together probably in July
20 to draft something to be presented to this Committee.
21 Would that work? Anyone have a problem with that?
22 Jeff?

23 MR. MORGAN: I think that may be one way to go
24 about this, but I think a totally separate work group
25 for all members of this Committee who are supposed to

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1 work on this -- you know, have that opportunity. It's
2 just another way you can do it. I think we should have
3 a separate work group for these issues that Jim is
4 talking about.

5 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Buford?

6 MR. CRITES: Yes. I don't think that's a good
7 alternative. Everybody in this whole group will have a
8 chance to take a whack at whatever is done, whatever is
9 proposed, and you have to have another group to do part
10 of what various groups are doing, makes it seem too much
11 like the group we're trying to represent which is the
12 government.

13 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Jeff, I'm not suggesting it
14 be limited in any way, shape or form. None of these
15 work groups are limited. So when each one of these work
16 groups meets, each of us would have the opportunity to
17 go to those work groups and when the work group heads
18 meet as the ad hoc committee, certainly everybody would
19 be able to get in that. I'm trying to keep it from
20 being redundant and try to fold this within what we're
21 already doing.

22 Any other comments on that? Then I would ask
23 each of the work group heads to calendar this question
24 on both the draft of the amendment and the Trails
25 management plan, and I would like all the groups to take

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1 a look at both of them. And then if you would like, I
2 could chair the ad hoc committee and call a meeting, or
3 you guys can do it yourselves.

4 Okay. I'll go ahead then and figure it out,
5 I'll get together with the ad hoc heads -- excuse me --
6 the work group heads and figure something out for
7 probably the 20th of July, somewhere around there. That
8 will give us some time to work on it.

9 Yes, Gary?

10 MR. WATTS: If an individual had some input
11 that he or she felt wasn't covered by the work groups,
12 would there be a mechanism to get that input to you as
13 the chair of the ad hoc committee?

14 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Either to me as the chair or
15 come to that ad hoc committee meeting and present it
16 yourself, either way. Everyone will be informed of that
17 meeting.

18 MS. GEORGE: Work group meeting.

19 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: That's what I said.

20 MS. GEORGE: You said, "Ad hoc."

21 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Sorry.

22 MS. HENDERSON: And at our meeting in August,
23 too?

24 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: In our meeting in August, the
25 results of the ad hoc committee will be presented to

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1 this -- ad hoc work group will be presented to this
2 Committee.

3 MS. HENDERSON: But we will be able to make
4 comments?

5 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Oh, yes, it will not be a
6 complete presentation, it will just simply be a draft
7 that everybody can rub up against. This will give us
8 the opportunity to come out with a product at that
9 August meeting which is important at this time.

10 MR. CRITES: What happens when pieces of this
11 planning effort that you're recommending, recommending
12 alternatives and so on, what happens when those are not
13 acceptable to the Fish and Game and Fish and Wildlife
14 folks? Who ultimately can say, "We're going to do it
15 anyhow," or, "We can't do it because you won't agree,"
16 or whatever?

17 MR. KENNA: Let me answer that two ways. One,
18 I don't anticipate that to be the case, simply because
19 of what we have done in terms of coordinating
20 development with the wildlife agencies. There maybe
21 some rub issues, I understand that.

22 Let me answer the second part. What we and the
23 federal government will need or must have is a section 7
24 biological opinion. So in the last analysis, what
25 happens is we submit the plan for opinion and the

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1 service has the obligation to deliver that opinion.
2 There are different possibilities in what that opinion
3 could say. It could say, well, at first in the first
4 instance, there either is or is not a jeopardy to one or
5 more of the species that is submitted for coverage. If
6 they were to say that they were in jeopardy, then we
7 have a problem. Again, I don't anticipate that.

8 The second thing or second tier of the things
9 that happens is that there are terms and conditions that
10 come with those opinions which could affect the detail
11 of some of the decisions, but again, remember, we in
12 this case are not getting a project level opinion, we
13 will be getting a land use plan level opinion. And it
14 will be or should be considerably less detail and more
15 programmatic, much more similar or very similar to what
16 we get as programmatic opinions on land use that is
17 very, very broad.

18 For example, you're familiar with some of the
19 issues that revolved around the biological opinion for
20 grazing that covers the entire California desert, that
21 is very programmatic. It doesn't speak to the
22 individual conditions on individual grazing allotments.
23 In the same sense, I expect this opinion to be very
24 programmatic in nature rather than very specific. On
25 the Trails plan itself, that could be a different

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1 opinion, and that could be rather detailed.

2 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Bob?

3 MR. BROCKMAN: Following up on that question, I
4 think we've all been there when we thought we've had a
5 firm grasp or we thought the wildlife agencies had a
6 complete understanding agreement only to find them slip
7 out at the last moment. So I think our underscoring
8 there is to do our homework and do the best we can to
9 try and make sure it doesn't happen.

10 MR. KENNA: What I was trying to say in short
11 form, I believe we have done our homework at least for
12 the point of the short process we're in. I've had
13 personal meetings at the time with Nancy Gilberth, she
14 spoke for Carlsbad and went over what we were doing in
15 detail with her, including allowing for edits that were
16 submitted by the service. So I believe, anyway, that we
17 have -- for the draft point of the process, we have done
18 everything that we can do.

19 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Buford?

20 MR. CRITES: I wish you well. I think our
21 multi-species plan experiences has shown that those
22 agreements tend to disappear remarkably easily. Aside
23 from that, assuming that all happens, then this whole
24 document then becomes at least potentially subject to
25 litigation?

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1 MR. KENNA: Boy, you asked another complicated
2 question. There are two tiers to this, just like there
3 are two parts to the planning process. One part is
4 appealable and one part is subject to litigation. And
5 -- I guess I take that back -- anything is subject to
6 litigation, it's a question of whether or not they
7 followed the administrative process or not. An activity
8 plan decision, which will be the trails portion, is
9 subject to appeal first, whether the courts would hear
10 anything absent any kind of an administrative process,
11 it's specifically designed for that type or level of
12 decision is, I think, questionable. Does that make
13 sense?

14 MR. CRITES: So there's an administrative
15 appeal first?

16 MR. KENNA: Yes.

17 MR. CRITES: And that could be followed by
18 attempts at litigation?

19 MR. KENNA: It could. And the administrative
20 appeal process has parts to that as well.

21 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Bill?

22 MR. HAVERT: A practical question. In terms of
23 the working group trying to review and provide input on
24 the plan amendment, do you think all the information we
25 need is in the executive summary, or are we going to

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1 need an actual plan amendment and EIS is going to get
2 out all the information they can or are those all
3 available?

4 MR. KENNA: If I was doing it, I would read the
5 executive summary first, and if there were areas I
6 wanted to get detail on, I would go to the larger
7 document which is available on the web at this point.
8 But the official answer, I guess, is that the full
9 document is the full document. So it probably behooves
10 everyone to take a look at the full document. I would
11 recommend that.

12 MR. HAVERT: In addition to this one, are there
13 enough hard copies floating around out there?

14 MR. KENNA: The official release date on this
15 plan, you're getting the early-bird special here, the
16 blue-light special, the official release date on the
17 plan is the 7th.

18 MS. DUNNING: I was going to say, Elena has
19 requested to get each of your addresses from me and she
20 plans on mailing you each a printed version on June 7th.
21 As Jim was going to conclude, you're on her list to get
22 the big version, so if you don't want it, let us know,
23 but it's also available on the internet.

24 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Is there anyone that would
25 not want to receive that full plan, save them some

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1 money?

2 Rob?

3 MR. PARKINS: I will go for it.

4 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Anyone else? A lot of
5 gluttons for punishment. I think your question as to
6 whether this would be adopted without process, remember
7 this is a gentleman that convinced them that we are 10
8 cities.

9 Terry?

10 MS. HENDERSON: Yes. I have a follow-up
11 question on basically what is being discussed here. The
12 only thing that you said there that really concerned me
13 was on the section 7 opinion, and one that said what
14 your agency would be getting which will be based
15 somewhat differently on a project permit --

16 MR. KENNA: Uh-huh.

17 MS. HENDERSON: -- where that concerns me is
18 the multi-species habitat plan, as I understand it, is
19 being developed along with the Building Industry
20 Association Committee sitting in on that, and somehow at
21 the end of the process that industry is coming out with
22 some level of confidence that they know where their
23 future is. Well, if they have to get their permit based
24 on the multi-species habitat plan and the direction that
25 that has given, and yet it's a different level of your

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1 section 7 --

2 MR. KENNA: I see where you're going.

3 MS. HENDERSON: Yeah.

4 MR. KENNA: I think the answer to that is the
5 types of uses that are within the scope of what we
6 approve on public lands are in many ways fundamentally
7 different than building industry projects.

8 MS. HENDERSON: Right.

9 MR. KENNA: So I believe this is where the Fish
10 and Wildlife Service is going as well, is that they will
11 have enough information from BLM so that they know what
12 assumptions they are making relative to the conservation
13 of species on the public lands portions to turn around,
14 combine that with the information from the local
15 jurisdictions and those general plan amendments, and say
16 we can issue a 10-A permit which covers these species,
17 which in turn, I believe, will deliver the certainty
18 that the building industry is looking for. That's the
19 design that I see.

20 MS. HENDERSON: Just to connect the dots?

21 MR. KENNA: Right, different dots.

22 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Other comments, questions?

23 Thank you, Jim, you've done more than enough.

24 Okay. Now we come to the heavily anticipated
25 Committee Work Group Discussion. Prior to that,

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1 Danella, you wanted to have a discussion?

2 MS. GEORGE: Right. I wanted to ask that -- we
3 set up a process to collect information from work groups
4 so we can get copies, like if you've done an analysis
5 paper or research paper, that you come up at the end of
6 the meeting so that we have that for our records.
7 Connell, will that meet some of your needs?

8 MS. DUNNING: Yeah.

9 MS. GEORGE: We want to be able to have that
10 information to share through our web page.

11 MS. DUNNING: Yeah. A few people have raised
12 concerns that now we have had the working groups
13 meeting, what next -- kind of. And some questions about
14 what kind of process, how to get information back,
15 whether or not -- because there's a lot of
16 brainstorming, good ideas that are happening at these
17 meetings, but if I'm not there or an agency person is
18 not there to kind of be documenting what is happening
19 there, we're not getting that input we need for the
20 plan.

21 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: I think that's our purpose --

22 MS. DUNNING: Okay.

23 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: -- because, otherwise, we
24 might get ourselves into difficulty concerning the
25 imparting of information. The way I understood the work

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1 groups is their product is to be imparted at this
2 meeting only?

3 MS. DUNNING: Yeah, maybe to help clarify that,
4 a process would be to write down, clarify what happens,
5 bring it to this meeting and present it, "This is what
6 happened," if that's something that people would like to
7 do. That way we would see something.

8 For example, in addition to that, there are now
9 some questions about, "We've gotten together, we've
10 talked about these ideas, what next?" So it's our job
11 as agencies and what we need in a plan to provide the
12 framework and kind of the balance of how we've got
13 together, this is where we need to go. The scoping
14 report kind of helps to do that in a way, the kind of
15 questions that we need to start addressing.

16 For example, the Acquisitions group, if you
17 were to meet again, then we could get a copy of the map
18 that was presented at the first meeting, and right now,
19 I think it was presented and we have on what was
20 court-reported, what was said, but we don't have
21 something -- something wasn't presented to the group to
22 kind of look at for kind of prioritizing acquisitions.
23 Just, for example, if there could be some other method
24 of getting information to us outside of once you come
25 back to this forum, then if there could be something --

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1 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: I would suggest, under the
2 laws as we understand them, that everything has to be
3 imparted through this avenue right here. I don't want
4 anything coming from the work groups directly to the
5 staff.

6 MS. DUNNING: Oh, no, no, not at all.

7 MS. GEORGE: No.

8 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: This is really the only way
9 we can sunshine the entire process to make sure that the
10 work groups are going to report to this Committee what
11 they have discussed, and if there is a product that they
12 wish to present to this Committee, it will be presented
13 to this Committee at this time, and that product will be
14 received by this Committee, commented on by this
15 Committee, given flesh by this Committee, which is truly
16 the only official outlet. And then staff can take it
17 and do with it what they will, but please, work groups,
18 don't give anything to staff out of your work group
19 sessions. Everything comes through this Committee.

20 MS. GEORGE: We're still new and this is just
21 the third meeting, but as the work groups start working
22 on gathering information, doing research, presentation,
23 drafting any kind of position papers, that they do start
24 thinking about bringing them --

25 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: They will not draft any

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1 position papers.

2 MS. GEORGE: To the Committee? No position
3 documents. That is something the work group could do --
4 if that's something they were doing, whatever they do,
5 they bring it to the Committee, that we start having
6 some tracks so we can keep that on an administrative
7 record, and the work done after it's reviewed and
8 brought to the Advisory Committee, to help with the
9 Monument plan.

10 The other thing is the issue of reaching out to
11 the public, letting the public know about the work group
12 meetings, maybe getting a schedule, a pre-meeting
13 schedule, and then we can upload that onto our website.
14 Again, Connell is working with our computer guy at the
15 State office so that the public does has access to when
16 the public meetings are held.

17 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: No, that would be preferable,
18 if the work groups could schedule their meetings out
19 front a little more, understanding it's tough, they get
20 close together sometimes, but as much as you can to get
21 that to Connell so that can be put on the web and also
22 to all the rest of the membership of the Committee.

23 MS. GEORGE: In the next 60 days, give it to
24 Connell.

25 MS. DUNNING: Also, if you have questions or

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1 maybe people aren't coming or maybe you don't really see
2 a direction to the work group, maybe things are
3 fizzling, I would urge you to give me a call or Danella
4 and say, "This is our working group, and we don't feel
5 like we have a purpose," then we can help provide
6 suggestions.

7 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Connell, you keep mixing the
8 staff with the work group, and you can't do that. You
9 can't have the work groups coming to the staff, that's a
10 big no-no, because then that makes it the
11 official-Committee-level-type thing.

12 MS. GEORGE: The Designated Federal Official
13 cannot direct or tell the Committee within the work
14 groups what to do.

15 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Right.

16 MS. GEORGE: If those work groups need some
17 staff support, if they need somebody to answer questions
18 or provide technical assistance, we can do that. We're
19 there, the staff.

20 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: That's fine. She was talking
21 guidance, that fine line there that we have to operate
22 in, and we don't want in any way to jeopardize this
23 Committee's activities or decisions by stepping over
24 that line. So, please, if a work group feels that they
25 are flailing about, let me know and I will -- that's

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1 what the Committee chair is for, and then I can go to
2 Danella and maybe chat about things like that and maybe
3 work in that direction. Let's just try and keep that
4 fine line open.

5 Barbara, you're fidgeting there.

6 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: You made a comment that
7 the task force or work group should not draft --

8 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: A position paper.

9 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: A report?

10 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: A report to this Committee,
11 fine and good, recommendations to this Committee, fine
12 and good, but not a position paper -- two words. That's
13 taking a position that the work group hasn't the ability
14 to do.

15 MS. DUNNING: Okay. To clarify, if you're in a
16 working group and you need a little bit of direction,
17 ask Ed, not us?

18 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Right, and I will make it
19 happen.

20 MS. GEORGE: What we're trying to do here, I
21 guess what we're asking, that we see work groups when we
22 began this Committee, the scheduled meetings and the
23 work group that we're about to enter into would report
24 out, are an avenue to recognize, identify issues,
25 concerns, opportunities, for the Monument plan.

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1 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Correct. Just as long as it
2 comes through this procedure.

3 MS. DUNNING: Just wanted to clarify that.

4 MS. GEORGE: Also, that's the end of the agenda
5 for Connell, and she will be away until the end of July
6 on detail in Oregon learning about how they plan up in
7 the northwest for Forest Service and BLM. Thank you
8 for a good job.

9 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Indeed, and more important,
10 she gets a mug.

11 MS. GEORGE: She will get a mug.

12 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Okay. If that finishes your
13 discussion, let's go to the Committee Work Group
14 Discussion. First report is from Bill.

15 MR. HAVERT: We talked about two things at the
16 working group meeting. One is questions raised by Jeff
17 regarding land ownership in the San Jacinto Mountains
18 relevant to the possibility of the trail alignment up
19 through Snow Creek to Chino Canyon, looked at the
20 ownership there and identified where there were some
21 areas that there were gaps in public ownership which
22 would make a trail alignment along public lands at least
23 at this point feasible.

24 We also looked at the issue of access, legal
25 public access to Martinez Canyon. There is a road that

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1 begins at Cherry Avenue that stems to the wilderness
2 area in Martinez Canyon. To get into Martinez Canyon
3 from the nearest paved road which, is either Avenue 66
4 or Highway 86, at this point involves crossing a number
5 of parcels of private lands, and there isn't really a
6 legal access at this point. There has been some
7 acquisitions in that area that have added to the amount
8 of that alignment that's in public ownership, but they
9 still have significant gaps there as well.

10 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Bill, these considerations
11 for trails in those areas, have you run it by Frank's
12 work group?

13 MR. HAVERT: I have not, no.

14 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Wouldn't that be wise? What
15 I'm getting at --

16 MR. HAVERT: I agree. We were looking simply
17 from the standpoint of the land issues out there. Maybe
18 it's more appropriate for Jeff to take that assignment.

19 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: I guess where you're going is
20 the consideration or recommendation that part of the
21 plan being priority, for one for lack of a better
22 description, acquisition of certain lands to complete
23 trail access. If that's the case, then I would suggest
24 that Frank's working group should be kind of parallel
25 there so they can say, "Well, yes, that's a good idea,"

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1 or, "We kind of think we want to go this way." So when
2 we have the Committee here, the work groups are coming
3 as a united front, if you will, with their
4 recommendations.

5 MR. HAVERT: Actually, again I would suggest
6 that Jeff take that to Frank's working group and discuss
7 it with them.

8 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Jeff?

9 MR. MORGAN: Well, I'm a member of Bill's
10 Acquisitions group and also Frank, and if we have a
11 meeting and hope to have with the Trails Access work
12 group, this would have been what we talked about. We
13 did not have the meeting because I don't know where
14 Frank is. It's become a difficult thing to move along
15 immediately as it is in the plan.

16 At an earlier meeting at the Trails Access
17 group, we discussed trail heads, where and what, and
18 part of what Bill has talked about was mentioned at that
19 time. So it is kind of flowing together, but not as
20 quickly as the MAC wanted to or can be expected to.

21 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: I'll give Frank a call and
22 see if there's a problem, whatever. Do you have to say
23 something, Buford?

24 MR. CRITES: Frank is in Mexico right now. The
25 reason that there wasn't a second meeting and I have to

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1 agree personally with Frank, there's no reason for
2 another meeting until we have something to look at.
3 Now, we finally have a BLM proposal to look at and react
4 to, and if this general Committee wants to know what you
5 people think about access, it's right here in the
6 scoping meetings. Those are the issues, you hear from
7 one group or hear it from the next, but generically
8 there they are. Don't lock us out, maximum access,
9 biological protection, et cetera, et cetera. I think
10 now there's actually a proposal to react to and think
11 that can happen now. Otherwise, we have CVAG working on
12 proposals, BLM working on proposals, the city is working
13 on what they want with other organizations, now we have
14 something.

15 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Would you, Bill, say that
16 what would have been a recommendation to Frank's work
17 group to consider matches up with what now is before us?

18 MR. HAVERT: I'm not sure I follow what is
19 before us.

20 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Buford is saying we have this
21 trail, to do the draft for the trails, are those two
22 circumstances within this document, and if so, then
23 we're to go ahead, or are they not? Is this in addition
24 to that?

25 MR. HAVERT: Maybe Jeff can answer. I don't

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1 believe that the Snow Creek/Chino Canyon concept is in
2 the Trails plan there.

3 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: In my estimation this would
4 be an important issue to come before the Trails group,
5 because that would be an addendum to add that on, and
6 then the Lands group would add to their comments, too.
7 That it is realistic.

8 Jeff?

9 MR. MORGAN: The idea of the trails came from
10 -- the original idea was to build a new trail head in
11 Snow Creek before you get to where trail crosses the
12 road. From that trail head, you could use Pacific Crest
13 trail, there are no other trails in that area. The
14 cities, the people who want trails they can use
15 year-round and all of what have been described as
16 peripheral or perimeter trails, so that the trail from
17 that trail head going across to Windy Point and over
18 into the canyon would be an ideal place that wouldn't
19 affect Bighorn sheep. It's within the National Monument
20 and it is mostly public land.

21 But we did discover where we would have that
22 routing trail, we could cross a section of private land.
23 This is where we were with that, it is a need for a
24 trail to be used year-round and are not closed because
25 of the Bighorn sheep or whatever problem Pacific Crest

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1 access has. This is where it came from and that is
2 where it went, the Lands Acquisition Committee to find
3 out just what we were dealing with.

4 As for going further, the city of Palm Springs
5 had a vague plan to extend the North Lykken Trail across
6 Chino Canyon and around Tahquitz Canyon so these two
7 things could come together and could have a little
8 Caliente trail with no Bighorn sheep closures, with very
9 easy access close to the road and close to where people
10 live which is Palm Springs. That's where it came from,
11 and hopefully, in the future it will be developed.

12 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Buford, do you know if Frank
13 has another meeting scheduled?

14 MR. CRITES: No. His suggestion was once we
15 have had this meeting and discussions that have happened
16 here, that he was hoping that the chair of the Committee
17 would be kind of enough to be in telephonic
18 communication with him, and then he would then go
19 forward and schedule a meeting.

20 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: I'll make a note to give him
21 a call. And then Jeff you can present that from one
22 work group to the other work groups or something.
23 Comments over here on Bill's report? And perhaps in
24 regard to staff comments, maybe we can get a map next
25 time to outline this type of thinking so we can -- and

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1 if you do have that map, then we would consider it and
2 present it today and give it to the staff. Do you have
3 that, Bill?

4 MR. HAVERT: We have the map that was presented
5 at the last meeting here. I don't have it with me --

6 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: So it has been presented to
7 this Committee?

8 MR. HAVERT: Yes, at the last meeting.

9 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Okay. If you can get that to
10 Connell so we can get that. Bob?

11 MR. BROCKMAN: Our last planning work group
12 meeting had eight people in attendance and we discussed
13 a number of wide-ranging subjects. One was the public
14 participation process for the Monument plan which has
15 been summarized in the report given today, so we were
16 just getting an advance on that.

17 We talked about the role of the planning work
18 group as it might be played for future public workshops
19 for the Monument plan. Discussion there was, does the
20 Committee want to use the planning work group as the
21 venue for future public workshops, or does the Committee
22 want to have future public workshops in front of the
23 Committee as a whole? It's a question I put before the
24 Committee today because we were willing to take on that
25 function later in the September, October, November time

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1 frame. We don't need to decide it today, but it is a
2 question that needs to be closed.

3 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Comments? Would we care to
4 utilize the work group as the hearing process for
5 getting public input with regards to the plan?

6 MS. HENDERSON: I'm not sure I even understand
7 the question if, in fact, most public comments,
8 including all the comments from here, has to be with us
9 here and not in groups, I would presume that the public
10 hearing process would have to be held by this body.

11 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Any comments? Bill?

12 MR. HAVERT: For clarification, we're talking
13 about the monument -- the management plan, the
14 workshops, you're not talking about the USDA plan
15 amendment?

16 MR. BROCKMAN: Correct. Connell, was that the
17 next set of public input that you referred to?

18 MS. DUNNING: Yeah. We are going to have
19 public workshops where we invite all interested parties
20 who maybe were not part of the public scoping process,
21 maybe they were, but just to come and sit in one area
22 and talk about the alternative process and see how we
23 take these comments and move them to the next step, just
24 putting them into creating new alternatives.

25 You can either have those completely outside of

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1 the scope of the advisory group or we could have them
2 be, you know, the planning subgroup could sponsor that,
3 and the other planning working group could sponsor such
4 a workshop where there are also Advisory Committee
5 members there. The working group is kind of what we do
6 anyway, it's just to get around and we're not providing
7 recommendations, it's just a working format. The
8 question was raised as to whether or not the meeting of
9 the planning working group could provide that forum.

10 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: The anticipated product would
11 be something like that.

12 MS. DUNNING: Ultimately, the next product is
13 part of the draft plan, so those workshops would
14 hopefully create the alternatives for specific proposals
15 having to do with interpretation, for example. We would
16 draft a range of alternatives for addressing the
17 comments raised for interpretation, for signage, for
18 road safety, for all of the different things.

19 Now, the next step is let's propose some
20 action, and having the public involved in that process
21 increases public ownership of the plan, increases the
22 public's understanding of the plan. So we hope to have
23 those workshops available for the public to kind of help
24 us move onto the next level.

25 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: The product of those

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1 workshops, we get the workshops and we get suggestions,
2 that sort of thing. Would that generate a product like
3 this that would come to this Committee for
4 recommendation?

5 MS. DUNNING: Well, it would generate the
6 alternatives, the basis of the plan.

7 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: I understand generate, but
8 what would be done with the generation? You can have
9 the workshops and you can have all the suggestions and
10 everything like that, but what happens to those
11 suggestions?

12 MS. DUNNING: It would be the draft management
13 plan.

14 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Well, it couldn't be with our
15 work groups, then, because that would be coming out with
16 a product that would bypass this Committee. So it would
17 have to be done in your offices --

18 MS. DUNNING: That's providing a framework to
19 help us get those alternatives, it would be -- that
20 would be where the process would start. It wouldn't end
21 there.

22 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: What I'm trying to say, the
23 way I hear you saying it, is what comes out of those
24 little workshops and that sort of thing would not come
25 to this Committee for their input.

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1 MS. GEORGE: Oh, yes.

2 MR. BROCKMAN: I think the clarification is,
3 what comes out of those workshops will not go to the
4 planning work group as a recommendation. The planning
5 work group just serves as a forum for getting the public
6 input so that the draft plan can be prepared in its
7 alternative forms for consideration by the Committee.

8 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: That's the magic word, for
9 consideration by the Committee is fine. If it's going
10 just from this workshop to the staff to put into the
11 plan, then I would be a little nervous. Then it would
12 just probably be best that you guys go ahead and do your
13 workshops as you did here, and do the numbers. I think
14 our work group should specifically be entirely a conduit
15 to this Committee.

16 MR. BROCKMAN: I think that the conduit can
17 work better if we have an understanding of the type of
18 input that's coming out of the next series of workshops.
19 I think that was just the thought behind it.

20 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: That's great, as long as
21 whatever comes out of those workshops comes to this
22 Committee and then goes to the staff, and then our work
23 groups are behind them, that's what it's meant to be.
24 But if it goes from the work group directly to the staff
25 to do their numbers, then I would be nervous about it.

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1 MS. GEORGE: I would suggest that if the work
2 group comes to the open houses, we'll put together the
3 ads and be there, the work group can be there and
4 participate and help with questions and meet the public.
5 Part of it is to keep building this plan, we want to
6 have it very community involved, local community
7 involvement. I think we missed some opportunities with
8 a community that lives here during the wintertime, we
9 kind of missed that getting the message out about the
10 Monument plan, getting out the message to the Federal
11 Register Notice, how long it took us to get a Federal
12 Register Notice and set up those kind of scoping
13 meetings.

14 So it's another chance to work with our local
15 constituents who live here year-round, those who winter
16 here, explain what the idea is, explain the planning
17 process. I think it's a good idea to have, like, some
18 of the members who would like the planning working group
19 come help be facilitators to meet with the public. Is
20 that all right, Connell?

21 MS. DUNNING: Yeah.

22 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: And that will be a BLM
23 function, not a Committee function.

24 MS. DUNNING: And Forest Service.

25 MR. BROCKMAN: Yes, that's certainly almost the

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1 same thing, doing it in slightly a different focus, but
2 that way works fine.

3 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Okay.

4 MR. BROCKMAN: We did discuss some issue areas
5 to kind of whet our appetites for some of the ideas
6 maybe coming forward, a wide range of things, Dunn Road
7 fees, funding mechanism, visitor center stations,
8 interface also with the trails work group, reaching, of
9 course, no conclusions, but just discussing those as
10 issue areas as we were asked to do.

11 What we wanted to do or had decided at the end
12 of our last meeting to review for our next meeting was
13 to develop a matrix. I think the need for that has been
14 underscored by our discussions today, all the plans that
15 are going around. I think we all need to have an
16 understanding of what each plan has to say about certain
17 issues, in particular, knowing that we're trying to
18 achieve consistency on all the plans. We want to really
19 focus on areas where there are conflicts and certain
20 subject areas between the plans. To that end, staff is
21 preparing a questionnaire to send out to the various
22 agencies to enable them to fill in the blanks of that
23 matrix to see if there are any inconsistencies.

24 In light of the earlier discussion we had here
25 about the review of the documents coming from BLM, I

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1 think what we have is really the BLM amendment and the
2 Trails plan are going to force us into getting to some
3 of these plan alternatives very quickly because of our
4 need to provide ultimately a Committee response to BLM
5 by our August 1st meeting.

6 So I will be talking with staff about how we
7 can merge those two processes together so we can get to
8 where we want to be by our August 1st meeting. That's
9 pretty much my report.

10 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Comments from staff on that?
11 Danella, any problem with what's been requested to
12 Connell?

13 MS. GEORGE: Yeah, I guess. I don't know what
14 you're asking for, Bob.

15 MR. BROCKMAN: Knowing that Connell isn't going
16 to be here for most of the next two months, and also
17 knowing that we're looking for each work group to take a
18 look at the plan amendment and the Trails plan, there
19 probably is going to be you or Elena or somebody in the
20 staff who are going to be working with.

21 MS. GEORGE: From what I understood from the
22 process, your Committee and work group were going to get
23 together, review documents, come up with comments to
24 bring back to the Advisory Committee in August. The
25 only thing we can do is if you have specific questions

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1 on recreation or something, we can have Foote or
2 somebody from recreation, but we can't write for you
3 what your comments and opinions are.

4 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: No, what he was looking for
5 was a matrix questionnaire --

6 MS. GEORGE: Oh, yeah, that is Connell's.

7 MS. DUNNING: I'd like to clarify. I will have
8 the same e-mail address while I'm gone and I will still
9 be coordinating this effort, and as I will send out the
10 questionnaire, it's also going to be presented at
11 several meetings coming up, the June 11th interagency
12 work group meeting.

13 And because I have the same e-mail address, and
14 I like working at home at night, I can compile those
15 comments as they come in, and I can badger people via
16 e-mail to make sure they are doing that work. So I
17 don't anticipate there being a problem.

18 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: The matrix is my question
19 because with Connell leaving --

20 MS. DUNNING: I don't have all the answers, so
21 we need to get those from other people who will be
22 working on that and I will be coordinating that.

23 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: So there will be no problem
24 there?

25 MS. DUNNING: No.

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1 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Because it's central to what
2 Bob wants to do.

3 MR. BROCKMAN: The matrix is what we had
4 planned before we got this additional assignment coming
5 out of today's meeting, so that's still going to proceed
6 as we discussed.

7 MS. GEORGE: With respect to the matrix, we're
8 going to have the interagency work group, Connell will
9 e-mail that matrix to me and all the members that are
10 staff specialists in the interagency work, the
11 archaeologists, those sort of folks, and we'll encourage
12 them and ask the supervisors to encourage them to fill
13 in the matrix. Then we'll get that matrix back to the
14 planning work groups. That's the step.

15 MS. DUNNING: Right. Over the next month,
16 people will be responding to those questions.

17 MS. GEORGE: I thought -- I didn't realize you
18 were asking about the matrix. Matrix, we can get that
19 to you by the end of June, hopefully sooner.

20 MS. DUNNING: Maybe early July.

21 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: The matrix becomes much more
22 important in my mind now because this stuff that he's
23 got to do here, I heard him say, I agree a hundred
24 percent, it's hard to respond to these documents if he
25 doesn't know how they might --

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1 MS. DUNNING: Right, but you're going to have
2 comments that don't need that matrix. I mean just
3 reading those in terms of the scope of the monument and
4 your vision for the monument, please respond to those
5 now, don't wait for this matrix. The matrix will
6 provide some inconsistencies that may not have been
7 brought forward, but your comments are really important
8 despite that we are going to be creating this. That
9 will form one part of it, the BLM part of it.

10 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Right. Any questions of Bob
11 on his report? Al?

12 MR. MUTH: I guess I can't follow complex
13 arguments either. Would it be possible to have half a
14 dozen claritive sentences to clarify what will happen,
15 what is the relationship between the development of
16 alternative workshops, the planning subcommittee, and
17 how that comes back to the Chair for our next meeting?
18 It got a little murky in there.

19 MR. BROCKMAN: I don't think so. It's going to
20 take more than six.

21 MR. MUTH: I'll take 10.

22 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Do you want me to handle it?

23 MR. MUTH: Yeah, just keep it simple.

24 MR. BROCKMAN: The planning work group, it's
25 the same problem we're having. I'm sure the public is

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1 wondering what this is about. We are having the same
2 difficulty because there are so many concurrent
3 assignment efforts going on, that we need to see where
4 there are consistencies and inconsistencies in all of
5 those planning efforts.

6 It was that reason that this matrix idea was
7 born, let's put it on one piece of paper, if we can, the
8 category of issue on one side and the plan description
9 on the other and see where they match or don't. That is
10 a process that I think needs to occur independently of
11 the workshops, but in leading up to the workshops, we
12 want to begin to get the plan toward a list of
13 alternatives or an alternative planning process because
14 I believe that's how a Monument plan is ultimately going
15 to be shaped.

16 And the matrix can help do that, just as the
17 list that came out of the scoping report can help
18 identify where there are some alternatives that can be
19 developed. The alternatives are either going to go into
20 those workshops or come out of those workshops. I'm not
21 sure myself at this point. Do you want to further
22 clarify?

23 MS. DUNNING: Okay. The workshops are a part
24 of the process. It's the next step in the timeline of
25 the process. We have the scoping meeting, the

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1 workshops, it's our way of keeping the public involved.
2 The matrix is a tool to help us in that workshop or to
3 help us along in planning. Whatever ends up being --
4 whatever kind of answers we get, the questionnaire might
5 help us answer some of those tricky questions in the
6 workshop when we're trying to define alternatives. It's
7 just a tool, whereas the workshops is something that
8 will happen. The matrix is just a tool that may help us
9 get there. Does that help? Anyone else?

10 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Any comments, questions on
11 Bob's report? Barbara?

12 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: The Cultural working group
13 met April 17th and May 22nd. Our next ones are
14 scheduled June 26th and July 24th at 1:30 p.m. at Agua
15 Caliente Tribal Administration Plaza at 650 East
16 Tahquitz Canyon Way, Palm Springs. I do have some
17 information to pass out, it's just topics of discussion.
18 Would that be appropriate to pass out to the Committee
19 at this time?

20 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Yes.

21 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: Just want to make sure I'm
22 not doing something I'm not supposed to, basically these
23 are just topics that we had discussed during these
24 meetings. We first discussed about the tribal --
25 actually the Committee is Bary Freet, myself, Rob

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1 Parkins and Ruth Watling. We also have the same problem
2 that all the other committees have of not very much
3 public participation.

4 Also, we are trying to get how do we involve
5 the tribes in this process? They handle a lot of issues
6 dealing with the cultural areas and any natural
7 resources and stuff. The first thing we talked about is
8 talking to the Tribal Life of Sovereign Indian Nations.
9 What that is is a group formed by the local tribes
10 consisting of 14 tribes within our district from the San
11 Jacinto tribe all the way to the tribe on the river.

12 It takes into consideration the
13 Torres-Martinez, Cabazon, 29 Palms, Santa Rosa, Ramona,
14 Cahuilla, Cuchango, Agua Caliente, Morongo, and San
15 Miguel. I think that's all of us. It takes in
16 consideration the tribes that would be affected by the
17 monument, especially since they are not in the monument,
18 but what happens and what was brought out in our
19 meetings with some of the tribes was that they may not
20 be within the monument, but our cultural areas are.
21 You're right on our back doors, and how are we going to
22 be able to protect those areas and what are you going to
23 do to make sure that the public doesn't have access to
24 them? How do we make sure that if there is access,
25 where they have access?

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1 This actually just tells you a little bit about
2 some of the areas we talked about of how we try to
3 protect tribal traditional use areas, maybe by monument
4 passes, how do we inventory the cultural sites, and who
5 has access to that information. As Wanda said earlier,
6 how do we access that information and who does have
7 access to that information, and how does the trails
8 impact the cultural areas? How do we make sure that
9 those trails that are there or may be formed do not
10 impact cultural areas? And ensuring interpretation and
11 educational programs, maybe educate the public to make
12 them aware that there are sensitive areas, not just
13 cultural, but natural environmental-used areas that need
14 to be watched and taken care of, too.

15 And we can talk about maybe getting the public
16 involved by having them as volunteers in learning and
17 maybe teaching others to do it, maybe having a mock
18 village site in an area that's not sensitive. So they
19 don't want to go the areas that are burial sites, they
20 can actually see it and go to a mock one like out at
21 Vista Point where they can overlook an area, but not
22 actually go into it. Those are some of the comments
23 we're still trying to get more public input and tribal
24 input.

25 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Questions? Comments?

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1 Barbara where -- what do you see as your next meeting?
2 What's going to happen at the next meeting, are you
3 going to fill out some of these questions?

4 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: Yes. We have all had
5 problems. There's different plans, BLM plan, there's
6 Fish and Wildlife, Agua Caliente plan. There's
7 different plans that may talk about the cultural areas
8 and how they may protect, so we're trying to make sure
9 that they all come together so that one is not
10 complicating the other.

11 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: And you will, of course, be
12 looking at the two drafts?

13 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: Right. That's probably
14 what we will be looking at first before we do that.

15 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Comments, questions? And the
16 Trails group did not meet since our last meeting, Jeff?

17 MR. MORGAN: No.

18 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Since Buford wasn't here, he
19 was out running around. That's right, you still have to
20 get a report from your activities.

21 MR. CRITES: Banning was lovely, always is this
22 time of the year.

23 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: That completes the reports of
24 the work groups. We still have about 27 minutes before
25 our public hearing -- excuse me -- public comments. Do

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1 we have any subjects of interest before we go onto
2 summarizing the meeting and next meeting needs from the
3 Committee?

4 MS. GEORGE: We have an informational field
5 trip on the 25th. Who can make that? Jeff is going.
6 Bob?

7 MR. BROCKMAN: I had to change -- the City
8 Council changed their meeting date to the 25th.

9 MS. GEORGE: What time do they meet?

10 MS. BROCKMAN: 1:00 o'clock. If I can go in
11 the morning and get off half way?

12 MS. GEORGE: Buford, can you make that field
13 trip?

14 MR. CRITES: Unfortunately, I'm in Banning.

15 MS. GEORGE: Barbara?

16 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: That's the tribal council
17 meeting.

18 MS. GEORGE: I know Terry can't. Jeff, Rob,
19 Ruth, Gary, Larry, so we've got five people and Bob
20 Lyman wanted to go, so that's six. Meet at the Visitors
21 Center 8:30, the parking lot. Is there anything
22 specifically you folks want to see?

23 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Anything specific?

24 MR. MUTH: The inside of an auditorium.

25 MS. GEORGE: What we will probably do is,

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1 Forest Service -- one thing is fires. It is fire season
2 and if crews are gone, fire staff won't be able to go
3 with us. I've asked Norm Walker to join us to look at
4 boundary, figure out the boundary, and where the Santa
5 Rosa tribe road that takes off -- I can't really think
6 -- I guess, Idyllwild Ranger District. What do you guys
7 want to see?

8 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: We had talked about driving
9 down Dunn Road and taking a look at that area.

10 MS. GEORGE: We will have a sheep ambassador
11 with us, then, to see part of Dunn Road. Anything else?
12 There's the discovery center.

13 MR. CRITES: Danella, that time of year is an
14 excellent time of the year to take people to the apex,
15 if you will, of the National Monument part of the Santa
16 Rosa.

17 MS. GEORGE: It's about an hour and a half
18 drive.

19 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: 30 minutes.

20 MS. GEORGE: That one I'm going to have to ask
21 Forest Service to make sure we have vehicles and the
22 right drivers.

23 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: The right type of
24 vehicles, too.

25 MR. CRITES: You can't drive up there, you

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1 shouldn't be allowed --

2 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: Well, when you're with us
3 driving --

4 MR. CRITES: I've actually been up the road, it
5 was very good --

6 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Have you really? Have you
7 been up it?

8 MR. CRITES: Yeah. They have to go up to do
9 the concrete work up the top on some of the
10 communications facilities, the fuel bunkers and stuff.
11 They have tidied it up to where they can drive concrete
12 trucks up and down, so they have made it very
13 comfortable.

14 MS. GEORGE: We have fire issues, Dunn Road,
15 Santa Rosa, mountain apex.

16 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Bill, are you going?

17 MR. HAVERT: No, I'm not sure yet.

18 MS. GEORGE: Jeff, didn't you want to show
19 trail stuff on the Dunn Road?

20 MR. MORGAN: Yes. When we go down the Dunn
21 Road, I was going to indicate where the ideal sites
22 would be for the trail heads in that area, where the two
23 trails start, and you can get a feel for them. And
24 also, in Garner Valley, if you want to, where the
25 different posts, trail heads are.

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1 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: You need to get in touch with
2 Bary Freet and Frank.

3 MS. GEORGE: I think Bary said he could. I'm
4 going to go ahead and pass this piece of paper around
5 starting with Bill. If you're going to go on the trip
6 sign your name; if not, pass it on.

7 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: We'll take a five-minute
8 stretch break here.

9 (Recess)

10 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Okay. The paper for going on
11 the tour is coming around. I have a written comment
12 from the audience, but it involves Buford. We're
13 killing another 10 minutes. Anybody have a subject to
14 bring up?

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Where are you going on
16 your sightseeing tour?

17 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Going to start at the Visitor
18 Center, head up Highway 74, drop down to Dunn Road,
19 maybe to Santa Rosa Mountains, then up into Idyllwild.
20 Am I correct?

21 MS. GEORGE: Yes.

22 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Santa Rosa, I heard up to the
23 peak and Santa Rosa -- Dunn Road up to Santa Rosa --

24 MS. GEORGE: Yes, and then Idyllwild.

25 MR. CRITES: Mr. Chairman, while in Idyllwild,

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1 one issue that Frank Bogert's working group passed on
2 for recommendation is that the Forest Service would like
3 to be looking at some lands adjacent to their existing
4 land for extension and to provide a National Visitor
5 Center for a significant amount of people in the park
6 and trail area. So while you're up there, the group
7 might just avail to seeing the land in question. I
8 think a visit we recently had is, I think, very likely
9 that will happen and for the Forest Service to
10 experience and for visitors in that area.

11 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: And that's the reason for
12 going to Idyllwild. That was brought up in our last
13 meeting, but certain people didn't attend. No comments?
14 Do we have a comment in? A written comment, "Need
15 microphone in next meeting. Visitor could only hear
16 Buford." It's right here.

17 MR. CRITES: So in Parks and Recreation, it's a
18 complaint.

19 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: I see that certain people
20 enunciate carefully and others differently.

21 MR. CRITES: Staff will work on that issue.

22 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Okay. Eight minutes and
23 counting -- seven minutes and counting.

24 MR. CRITES: Jeff wants to say something.

25 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Hey, Jeff.

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1 MR. MORGAN: About a month or six weeks ago, I
2 went to the State Park meeting regarding what the plans
3 were for the tram and at the State Park meeting, Rob was
4 there and Gary was there, and they were discussing
5 developing the bottom of the tramway road as suggested
6 at Highway 111 as a Visitor Center for State Park and
7 for tram users. And the idea being that they would have
8 a parking lot and visitor center down on the highway,
9 and instead of driving up the tramway road, they would
10 have buses coordinating with the tram departures. That
11 seemed like a fairly good idea.

12 At that time there was some discussion
13 privately among primarily people in the audience that if
14 the State Park is building a Visitor Center there and
15 the tramway is building a Visitor Center there, there
16 should also be a portal for the National Monument. And
17 maybe this Committee might want to look into maybe
18 joining them in this venture, us having kind of an
19 all-in-one-place entry to the monument and where they
20 could get their information, up the tram further down
21 the valley, and they would be prepared for most visitor
22 centers from the north and not from the south and east.

23 It would be the first place where many, many,
24 many visitors would stop, so if the information is
25 available there in some form or being part of a

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1 development, it would be something that I believe would
2 enhance peoples' visitation to the area and also help
3 them know the rules and regulations to help with what's
4 going on.

5 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Rob?

6 MR. PARKINS: Yes.

7 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Maybe you can give us a
8 little bit on your ideas that you have for that period.

9 MR. PARKINS: It's pretty well what Jeff
10 outlines. Gary and I talked about -- let me back up.
11 When that company bought the gas station, which is the
12 site that they are thinking of trying to make as a
13 primary visitor center, we were just talking outside
14 while I was watching them smoke about the prospect of
15 getting the National Monument sign there as well and
16 working together on that. So we will be setting a date
17 to do that.

18 We still have to get the properties to agree,
19 the authority essentially wanted them to build a parking
20 lot, take the responsibility for the whole front-end
21 costs, have something in the lease arrangement where the
22 authority eventually owns the parking lot. We still
23 have to buy the buses, a few little things we have to
24 move along first before it becomes reality. At least
25 from a

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1 conceptual prospective, we want to get together and talk
2 about it.

3 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Comments? Gary?

4 MR. WATTS: Yeah, I agree with what Jeffrey and
5 Rob said, that the State Park Commission expressed --
6 you know, State Parks is appointed by the governor to
7 approve general plans, and this Mount San Jacinto plan
8 was approved, so we do have an approved general plan for
9 the park now, but there are several sub plans that need
10 to take place.

11 And part of that has to deal with the sub
12 planning for the north valley area which generated this
13 discussion regarding movement into a visitor center at
14 the bottom. So certainly from State Park's perspective,
15 we thought it was a marvelous opportunity with our
16 involvement with the monument, we thought it was a great
17 collaborative opportunity as well.

18 Considering that Prop 40 just passed, and
19 there's money for development of projects, it's just a
20 great time to try to put something together to see if
21 that would serve the entire region in a better way.

22 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Terry?

23 MS. HENDERSON: I was discussing earlier, also,
24 that in the city of La Quinta, we are creating our own
25 cove oasis at the top of the slope along with -- we know

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1 Rancho Mirage just recently dedicated a new park site as
2 to their cove area, Cathedral City has access, Palm
3 Springs and various parks, Lake Cahuilla.

4 We were discussing that the visitors in Palm
5 Desert, there's going to be a kiosk, being kind of an
6 information booth, that it would behoove the monument to
7 encourage a duplication of that in each city's main
8 entrance, if you will, or in the case of Palm Springs,
9 they would have two or three different places where it
10 might be. I certainly agree with the comment by Jeff
11 earlier, but I would also encourage each city or agency
12 or entity that has access to the monument specifically.

13 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: I suppose, Rob, this would
14 also be an information center for the big tunnel?

15 MR. PARKINS: Probably not.

16 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: Not if we have anything to
17 do with it.

18 MR. PARKINS: I'd like to refer back to the
19 earlier presentation about the Chino Canyon and what it
20 means to the Agua Calientes, so probably not.

21 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Do I have a wave down here?

22 MR. CRITES: Just a quick addition to your tour
23 list. Perhaps we could avail on our colleagues and
24 Forest Service, it was the 25th of June?

25 MS. GEORGE: Yes, sir.

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1 MR. CRITES: To take and stake one or two spots
2 on that little chunk of Highway 74, that is from the
3 Santa Rosa Mountain Road to the west as to where they
4 are thinking about putting an entrance to the monument
5 sign. So if the Committee is up there, at least give it
6 a yeah or an option 1 or option 2, the best kind of
7 thing like that, because knowing that it takes time and
8 at least on our respective sites, there's not much land
9 in there that meets this requirement to do it --

10 MS. GEORGE: I think -- I think that's very
11 doable. Without talking to Laurie, I'm not sure what
12 she's thinking, if there's problems I'm not aware of,
13 but I will ask her.

14 MR. CRITES: There's less than probably maybe a
15 quarter mile or not, maybe a shade over a quarter of a
16 mile between the start of the monument and the Santa
17 Rosa Mountain Road --

18 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: I will interrupt this
19 scintillating conversation and announce it's time for
20 3:30 for public comments. I have two persons who wish
21 to speak.

22 Dale Hodges.

23 MR. HODGES: Dale Hodges, H-o-d-g-e-s. My name
24 is Dale Hodges, I'm an international trade analyst with
25 the Moria Canyon Institute, Seattle, Washington,

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1 currently co-editor of the Port Observer, a monthly
2 magazine analyzing public/private partnerships along the
3 coast between Washington and San Diego. I was on the
4 Hospitality and District's Committee that helped Via Len
5 introduce bicycles as a user group back in the day here
6 along the goat trails, might have been 10 years ago now.

7 I come before you with another reminder, in
8 listening to -- I'm a little bit behind the curve here,
9 but in listening to the presentations around the
10 gentleman who was trying to avoid penalties, and he was
11 going to avoid those on a case-by-case basis on a
12 conservation development and also pointed out some sand
13 and gravel pit -- excuse me, I have a little dental
14 problem here today.

15 In any case, in the context of a public/private
16 partnership, anything that this body might embrace in
17 the future in respect to the next several generations,
18 we are in a dire situation internationally. The
19 agreement you want to make with a public/private
20 partnership here are very much subject to international
21 trade law, the point being that an international
22 corporation can come and take over the sand and gravel
23 pit. In the context of these global trade rules,
24 environmental issues are considered a barrier to trade.

25 I've come here to advise you of that, and I was

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1 at the last meeting suggesting, and this is my solution
2 for that, that it's within your powers you can minimize
3 the mechanization that is allowable within the monument
4 boundaries. You can help support, if you will, how much
5 appeal the monument might have for international
6 corporation that is only interested in extracting the
7 resources of the monument, only interested in exploiting
8 for capital gain. You can take any number of forums,
9 the tribunal that decides these cases is very, very
10 powerful.

11 I encourage you to consider minimizing the
12 allowable mechanizations within the boundaries of the
13 monument, that may well include somehow an agreement
14 with a private sector that might be interested in
15 building things such as golf courses. I suggested a
16 tonnage limit last time I was here that might help
17 minimize the profitability -- I'm missing a word --
18 appealing, something that would make it appealing like
19 Zurich, Switzerland that would try and exploit the
20 resources of this monument.

21 The other thing I had extreme exception to was
22 what was said about mailing out inquiries to advising
23 the indigenous of these meetings to the local people who
24 have been here for generations. The gentleman here last
25 time was explicitly stating it's hard to pay attention

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1 to mailing, radio, television. Their ultimate respect
2 is a personal invitation to these meetings. I suggest
3 if this Committee is really interested in having
4 indigenous input, that they take the time to meet with
5 these folks and invite them face-to-face, as the
6 gentleman suggested, and pointed out that's best for
7 them, and I do believe they deserve that respect. Thank
8 you.

9 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Thank you for your time.
10 Gayle Cady.

11 MS. CADY: My name is Gayle Cady, C-a-d-y.

12 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Who do you represent?

13 MS. CADY: I'm representing folks like myself
14 who enjoy riding trails like myself. I'm here to
15 request on behalf of the folks of Vista Santa Rosa as
16 well as other equestrian people that like to ride the
17 mountains to ask that the Monument Committee endorse our
18 feelings with regards to the plight of the Bighorn
19 sheep. I have been collecting numerous advertisements,
20 bulletins and information about the Bighorn sheep that's
21 been in the paper recently.

22 One of the things that really caught my eye was
23 an article on April 5, 2001. It's a picture of Mary
24 Bono and Jim DeForge and the Miranda Project director,
25 Jeff Struthers, on the front. "The developers are

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1 paying more than \$1.5 million for sheep recovery and
2 research efforts, money they are required to pay in
3 exchange for gaining approval to expand their
4 development. Although he wishes the Miranda were never
5 built or will never be built because it sits on the
6 same" -- I'm sorry -- "it sits on some of the best
7 Bighorn habitat in the valley. Bighorn Institute
8 Executive Director Jim DeForge said he appreciates the
9 development efforts to be good neighbors to the sheep."

10 I'm sorry, folks, but I take issue with that.
11 My personal feeling is that the people who are enjoying
12 the recreational mountain as recreational is as long as
13 you've got enough money, you can go anywhere you want.
14 Those of us who occasionally enjoy nature and the
15 beautiful ambience that it is are being prohibited from
16 doing so. It would appear in this valley,
17 unfortunately, unless you have a little white ball
18 between your ears, you're invisible. That's how the
19 occasional recreational user is beginning to feel.

20 There's never been to my knowledge anything
21 said about how many equestrian horseback riders have
22 scared the sheep in the last five years, 10 years, 15,
23 20 years. There's no research that I know of. All we
24 know is that we shouldn't be on the trail during lambing
25 season, that's all that's ever said.

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1 We have another issue in this valley, another
2 issue in the mountains. The reason the sheep come from
3 the upper mountains into the valley is that they are
4 hungry and thirsty. A lot are dying because there's no
5 restriction to the foliage, plants, fertilizer and the
6 bug spray on the foliage in the country club. People
7 also put things in the ponds to avoid bacteria, et
8 cetera. These are things that kill wild animals
9 including the sheep. The programs the Forest Service
10 discussed today indicated a \$70,000 budget, that was my
11 understanding.

12 MS. GEORGE: It was California Fish and
13 Wildlife.

14 MS. CADY: They have lots and lots and lots of
15 places to maintain and take care of. To me as an
16 occasional recreational user in the mountains, it would
17 seem only logical that the public in general doesn't
18 have a prayer with regards to Forestry because they
19 don't have a budget. I'm on the board with the Trails
20 Commission, and I can tell you that allocation of funds
21 for trails is not a priority. It is to Gayle Cady. It
22 is to the -- a lot of folks, it is to the Trails
23 Commission. It is to a lot of communities, it is to
24 Vista Santa Rosa. This is why I'm asking on behalf of
25 all of us who do enjoy the mountains, as a recreation

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1 not as full time, so please endorse the occasional
2 recreational user, especially in the east valley.

3 At the present time there is so much going on,
4 several things in particular. You have the polo
5 grounds, the annual desert show circuit where they have
6 Olympic-level jumping competitions. You have Lake
7 Cahuilla recreational area, they are approximately seven
8 miles apart.

9 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Wrap it up, please.

10 MS. CADY: You also have 620 acres just south
11 of

12 Lake Cahuilla going in with Coachella Valley Park and
13 Receptions, they are going to put hiking and riding
14 trails. This is an awesome family recreational project
15 to keep the kids off the streets and get family
16 participation. Please help us. Thank you.

17 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Those are the only two names
18 I had on the list for comments. Anyone else wish to
19 make a comment? We have 17 minutes remaining on the
20 process. In the meantime we'll have discussions.

21 MR. MUTH: Just a point of clarification
22 regarding the monument. I think since the validity of
23 existing claims is small, they have been withdrawn; is
24 that correct, Jim?

25 MR. KENNA: That is correct.

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1 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Any other comments?

2 MS. GEORGE: On the \$70,000 from California
3 Department of Department Fish and Game, the lady who
4 spoke, Dee Sudduth, that it was \$70,000, she's with the
5 California Department of Fish and Game, that was to
6 manage the ecological reserves, which I think she had
7 over 500,000 acres --

8 MS. CADY: Oh, I thought she was with the
9 Forestry. Okay.

10 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Other comments? We had a
11 spirited discussion going on prior to this section.
12 Perhaps Buford would like to pick up where he left off,
13 finish with your portal sign, and there's been
14 arrangements with the State. I understand Forestry is
15 going to provide the tour of the State; is that correct?

16 MR. CRITES: Something like that.

17 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: There was some comments made
18 to me concerning the various work groups and what they
19 may or may not be doing. Perhaps they don't want to
20 make certain recommendations. It's important, I think,
21 that the work groups work together and perhaps the
22 Trails group would decide what is important, the trails
23 -- I see a priority of trails, the Lands group would
24 say, "Okay, that's fine and dandy, but if we're going to
25 do that, we need to purchase some lands within that

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1 area."

2 It goes to your group also, Barbara, that you
3 might take exception to certain trail recommendations,
4 that's fine, that's what your group is for. The work
5 groups should not be restrained in any manner as to
6 their recommendations and where they go with their
7 discussions. Although we call them the Trails group,
8 the Lands group, the Cultural group, there's no
9 limitation. Reach out and look at what the other work
10 groups are doing and recording and make a report
11 accordingly, agree or disagree. But make it here so
12 that everyone hears it, including the public, and we can
13 get a feel for what the ultimate suggestions or
14 recommendations will be, which it has to come from this
15 group, not the work group. Just to make sure the
16 working groups understand there are limitations, so go
17 for it, that is, much, much, much information.

18 Yes, ma'am?

19 MS. GEORGE: I would like to share, too, with
20 the Committee when we met this week, Terry's suggestion
21 for figuring out an event to celebrate the second
22 anniversary. She brought up the idea on Saturday having
23 their own event in recognition of the monument and then
24 we'll figure out some interpretive things at the Visitor
25 Center, and then have the Friends dinner, and I want to

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1 make sure it's not the same night as dinners in the
2 Canyon. Those from local jurisdictions, maybe you can
3 think of events in your community to have on that day.

4 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: I think the dinner in the
5 canyon, I believe it's the first Saturday in October.

6 MS. GEORGE: Yeah.

7 MS. GONZALES-LYONS: I only know that because
8 it's my daughter's birthday.

9 MS. GEORGE: It will not be in conflict, that's
10 good news.

11 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Well, I think since the top
12 of the tram is a typical part of the Monument Committee
13 features up there, that it would be nice if Rob and Gary
14 got together and took this group up the top of the tram
15 and walked them around and showed them what's up there.

16 MR. PARKINS: Gary, I think that would be nice.

17 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: Perhaps you might like to
18 figure out when you'd like to do it and see if we can
19 get some folks up there. Just a group to go up, take a
20 look around. Rob is always coming up with new ideas.
21 Jeffrey?

22 MR. MORGAN: Maybe someone could organize a
23 work group meeting, two problems solved at the same
24 time.

25 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: That's a possibility.

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1 Buford?

2 MR. CRITES: I know that the trip that
3 Congresswoman Bono went on with the assistance of folks
4 at State Parks and Tram Authority and especially Forest
5 Service and BLM last summer was, I think, a remarkably
6 positive experience for her in terms of literally
7 looking at the National Monument from looking on top as
8 they look at the top all the way along to Highway 74.

9 I think at least some point a stretch of that
10 for people who have not seen it in that area is a really
11 neat day or experience, that's the part of the monument
12 that most of us probably rarely see and perhaps next
13 winter do all kinds of little expeditions again for
14 members of this organization to walk up to the rock
15 house to the Martinez Canyon, look at the eastern end of
16 the monument, probably a part that most people up here
17 have never seen.

18 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: We have nine minutes to kill,
19 folks.

20 (Recess)

21 CHAIRMAN KIBBEY: With no other persons wishing
22 to state anything further to this Committee, we are
23 adjourned.

24 (Meeting was adjourned at 4:00 o'clock)

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