

Mojave-Southern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council  
2016 Tri-RAC Breakout Session Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, March 24, 2016  
Nugget Casino Resort, Reno, Nevada

**Resource Advisory Council members present and category represented:**

Susan Agee	Grazing/Ranching	Category 1
Stephanie Garcia-Vause (RAC vice-Chair)	Transportation/Rights-of-Way	Category 1
Jason Higgins (RAC Chair)	Energy/Mineral Development	Category 1
Tara Kilpatrick	Wild Horse and Burro	Category 2
George Phillips	Archaeology/Historic	Category 2
Elise McAllister	Dispersed Recreation	Category 2
John Zablocki	Environment/Wildlife	Category 2
Annette George	Native American	Category 3

**Resource Advisory Council members absent and category represented:**

Douglas Baker	Transportation/Rights-of-Way	Category 1
Daryl Folks	Permitted Recreation	Category 1
John Hiatt	Environment	Category 2
John Lee	Elected Official	Category 3
Paul Mathews	Public at Large	Category 3
Stanley Smith	Academic/UNLV	Category 3

**Bureau of Land Management (BLM) representatives present:**

Mindy Seal	BLM Ely Associate District Manager
Tim Coward	BLM Tonopah Field Manager
Chris Hanefeld	BLM Ely District Public Affairs Specialist

**Public:**

None

A copy of each attachment is listed in the text of or at the end of these minutes and is also on file with the official copy of the minutes in the Ely District Office of the BLM. Persons desiring to review said minutes should contact Chris Hanefeld, public affairs specialist, at (775) 289-1842.

- 10 a.m. Jason Higgins, Mojave-Southern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council (RAC) chairperson, called the meeting to order and conducted introductions. It was noted that due to the timing of the Tri-RAC the members listed on page one of these minutes were not able to attend and that all information from the Tri-RAC and Mojave-Southern Great Basin RAC would be forwarded to them.
- 10:10 a.m. The RAC reviewed travel process and other housekeeping-type items.
- 10:15 a.m. The RAC discussed its role and responsibilities as an advisory committee to the Bureau of Land Management.

- 10:30 a.m. The RAC elected a chairperson and vice-chairperson. Stephanie Garcia-Vause nominated Jason Higgins for chairperson. Susan Agee seconded the nomination. The vote to approve was unanimous. Susan Agee nominated Stephanie Garcia-Vause for Vice-Chairperson. The nomination was seconded by Elise McAllister. The vote to approve was unanimous.
- 10:40 a.m. The RAC decided to continue the Planning and Recreation subcommittees and, following a brief discussion, established the Basin and Range National Monument Resource Management Plan (BARNM RMP) Subcommittee to advise and make recommendations to the BLM, through the Mojave-Southern Great Basin RAC, on land-use planning for the Basin and Range National Monument.
- 11:05 a.m. The RAC unanimously selected Susan Agee to serve as Chairperson and Annette George to serve as Vice-Chairperson of the newly-established BARNM RMP Subcommittee.
- The RAC unanimously decided that Stephanie Garcia-Vause should continue to serve as Chairperson, and that John Zablocki be appointed Vice-Chairperson, of the Planning Subcommittee.
- The RAC unanimously decided that Elise McAllister should continue to serve as Recreation Subcommittee Chairperson and that Daryl Folks should serve as Vice-Chairperson.
- The RAC briefly discussed the need to participate in/serve on statewide subcommittees, if possible.
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch
- 1 p.m. Reconvene. Following discussion, the RAC agreed to meet three times in fiscal year 2016: May 19, in Henderson; Aug. 9-10, in Caliente; and Sept. 22, in Pahrump. The RAC established agenda items for each meeting:
- May 19 items will include, but not be limited to, a tour and discussion of the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area, an update on Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act nominations and a presentation by the Outside Las Vegas Foundation.
  - August 9-10 discussion items will include, but not be limited to, an update on a management plan and preliminary environmental assessment for the Ash Springs Recreation Site; the status of the Lincoln County Partners Non-motorized Multipurpose Trails Project, and tour and discussion of the Basin and Range National Monument Resource Management Plan, and Greater Sage-Grouse.

- September 22 discussion items will include, but not be limited to, target shooting on public lands with a possible tour of Bella Vista, and wild horse issues, as well as a review of 2016 and look forward to 2017.

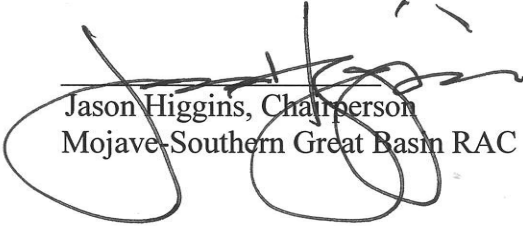
The RAC determined, as best as possible, dates for subcommittee meetings. Subcommittee meetings will be conducted the evening of May 18, in Henderson; and all day June 30, location to be determined. Agenda items are as follows:

- Planning Subcommittee: renewable energy, transmission lines, water development in Apex, and the BLM's role in economic development. The subcommittee will also research the need for a statewide subcommittee to address water issues and return to the full RAC in time to determine if the item should be brought to the Tri-RAC.
- Recreation Subcommittee: recreation and resource management planning, special recreation permits, and education and outreach.
- BARNM RMP Subcommittee: participate in the land-use planning process.

2 p.m. Higgins adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED BY:

Date: 19 May 2016

  
Jason Higgins, Chairperson  
Mojave-Southern Great Basin RAC

- Minutes provided by Stephanie Garcia-Vause, RAC Vice-Chairperson -

Attachments: None