

## Summary of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

<b>Committee Name:</b>	California Desert District Advisory Council (DAC)
<b>Designated Federal Officer:</b>	Shelly Lynch BLM California Desert District Manager
<b>Chair:</b>	Randy Banis
<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	Saturday, August 26, 2023
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	Ridgecrest, CA with virtual option via Zoom
<b>Summary of Meeting:</b> <i>(Summarize the meeting, how many members in attendance, topics discussed, any input from members of the public, etc.)</i>	Seven DAC Members were present in person: Randy Banis, Richard Holliday, Nathan Francis, Robert Robinson, Hans Haas, Jennifer Henning and Paul Martin. Chairperson Randy Banis facilitated the meeting. Approximately 17 members of the public attended the Saturday meeting and 13 attended virtually. The DAC received presentations on the Ridgecrest’s Field Office’s Durability Agreement, Wild Horse and Burro program, as well as the Sentential Landscape proposal from U.S. Marine Corps, and District, field office, and fire and fuels overviews. There was active participation during the public comment period with eight public comments (six in-person and two virtually) on concerns over the proposed Chuckwalla National Monument in regards to mining, news on upcoming Desert Tortoise Committee volunteer events; support for increased tribal accessibility; thanks and appreciation to the BLM and DAC members; appreciation for in-person meetings; thanks to BLM for informing the public about BLM restoration work since Hurricane Hillary, upcoming National Public Lands Day events; implementation of recent OHV grants; and the Monument Advisory Committee’s scoping recommendations for Mojave Trails National Monument planning process.
<b>Recommendations:</b> <i>(List any recommendations that resulted from the meeting.)</i>	The DAC recommended the Monument Advisory Committee’s report and recommendations for Mojave Trails Management Plan be sent into record for scoping. The DAC currently does not have quorum.
<b>Decisions:</b> <i>(Include decisions to create subcommittees, dates for next meeting, topics for agenda, etc.)</i>	The DAC expressed interest in several topics for future meetings. The next DAC meeting is on December 9, with a field tour on December 8.
<b>Comments:</b> <i>(Use this field to add any additional comments or to explain why there were no decisions or recommendations made at the meeting.)</i>	The DAC does not have quorum, so no official recommendations to the BLM were made.
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