U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

CALIFORNIA DESERT DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL

RENEWAL CHARTER

1. **ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S OFFICIAL DESIGNATION:** California Desert District Advisory Council (Council).

2. **AUTHORITY:** The Council is a statutory advisory committee established under section 309 and section 601(g)(1) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1739). In addition, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is subject to standards and procedures for the creation, operation, and termination of BLM resource advisory councils found at 43 C.F.R. subpart 1784. The Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA)(16 U.S.C. 6803(d)(l)(D)) authorizes the Council to make recommendations on BLM and U.S. Forest Service (FS) recreation fee proposals. The Council is operated pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended (5 U.S.C. Ch. 10), and the Federal Advisory Committee regulations (FACA Final Rule) found at 41 C.F.R. Part 102-3.

3. **OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES:** The Council will furnish advice and recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) through the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) on the planning and management of the public land resources located within BLM's California Desert District and implementation of the comprehensive, long-range plan for management, use, development, and protection of the public lands within the California Desert Conservation Area.

4. **DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES:** The Council may, upon the request of the DFO, develop recommendations for the BLM with respect to the land use planning, classification, retention, management, and disposal of the public lands within the area for which the Council is established and such other matters as may be referred to it by the DFO, including, but not limited to the following:

    1. Upon the request of the DFO, develop recommendations regarding implementation of the BLM's long-range plan for the California Desert Conservation Area with respect to the land use planning, classification, retention, management, and disposal of the public lands within the area for which the advisory council is established, and such other matters as may be referred to it by the DFO.

    2. The Council may make recommendations to the BLM through the DFO regarding a standard amenity recreation fee or an expanded amenity recreation fee when the recommendations related to public concerns in the State or region covered by the Council regarding the implementation of a standard amenity recreation fee, an expanded amenity recreation fee, or the establishment of a specific recreation fee site; the elimination of a standard amenity recreation fee or an expanded amenity

recreation fee; or the expansion or limitation of the recreation fee program. The Council may make these recommendations to the BLM and the FS through the DFO with the concurrence of the FS when amenity recreation fees are at issue.

3. Provide recommendations for implementation of Secretary's Order 3347, Conservation Stewardship and Outdoor Recreation; Secretary's Order 3356, Hunting, Fishing, Recreational Shooting, and Wildlife Conservation Opportunities and Coordination with States, Tribes, and Territories; and Secretary's Order 3435, Implementation of the Expanding Public Lands Outdoor Recreation Experiences Act. Recommendations will include but are not limited to policies and programs that increase outdoor recreation opportunities for all Americans, with a focus on engaging youth, veterans, minorities, and other communities that traditionally have low participation in outdoor recreation; expand access for hunting and fishing on BLM land in a manner that respects the rights and privacy of the owners of non-public lands; increase energy, transmission, infrastructure, or other relevant projects while avoiding or minimizing potential negative impacts on wildlife; create greater collaboration with States, Tribes, and/or Territories; and expanding outdoor recreation on public lands and waters, supporting rural economies and communities while enhancing the American quality of life.

4. Provide recommendations for implementation of Secretary's Order 3421, Achieving Prosperity through Deregulation, and Executive Order 14192, Unleashing Prosperity through Deregulation. Recommendations will include but are not limited to ensuring that the BLM is focused on cutting all red tape to unleash America's economic prosperity, further national security, and achieve the highest possible quality of life for each United States citizen.

5. Provide recommendations for implementation of Secretary's Order 3418 and Executive Order 14154, both titled Unleashing American Energy. Recommendations will include but are not limited to advancing innovation to improve energy and critical minerals identification, permitting, leasing, development, production, transportation, refining, distribution, exporting, and generation capacity of the United States to provide a reliable, diversified, growing, and affordable supply of energy for our Nation.

6. Provide recommendations for implementation of Secretary's Order 3431 and Executive Order 14253, both titled Restoring Truth and Sanity to American History. Recommendations will include but are not limited to review of public monuments, memorials, statues, markers, or similar properties within the BLM's jurisdiction to restore Federal sites dedicated to history, including parks and museums, to solemn and uplifting public monuments that remind Americans of our extraordinary heritage, consistent progress toward becoming a more perfect Union, and unmatched record of advancing liberty, prosperity, and human flourishing.

7. Provide recommendations for implementation of Secretary's Order 3372, Reducing Wildfire Risks on Department of the Interior Land Through Active Wildfire Management, and Executive Order 14308, Empowering Commonsense Wildfire Prevention and Response. Recommendations will include but are not limited to

identifying methods that empower State and local leaders by streamlining Federal wildfire capabilities to improve their effectiveness and promoting common sense, technology-enabled local strategies for land management and wildfire response and mitigation; better protect people, communities, wildlife habitat, and watersheds by actively managing lands to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire; promote the sustainable recovery of damaged lands; and ensure that the American people receive the maximum benefits from new and existing regulatory mechanisms designed to reduce the impacts of catastrophic wildfire.

8. Provide recommendations on Executive Order 14225, Immediate Expansion of American Timber Production, regarding expansion of authorities to improve timber production and sound forest management; and reduce unnecessarily lengthy processes and associated costs related to administrative approvals for timber production, forest management, and wildfire risk reduction treatments.

All current and future Executive Orders, Secretary's Orders, and Secretarial Memos that pertain to the work of the Council should be included for discussion and recommendation as they are released.

5. **AGENCY OR FEDERAL OFFICER RECEIVING THE COUNCIL'S ADVICE/ RECOMMENDATIONS:** The Council provides advice to the Secretary through the DFO.

6. **SUPPORT:** Administrative support and funding for activities of the Council will be provided by the office of the DFO.

7. **ESTIMATED ANNUAL OPERATING COSTS AND STAFF YEARS:** The annual operating costs associated with supporting the Council's activities are estimated to be $8,500, including all direct and indirect expenses and .10 Federal staff years. Estimated payments to Federal staff: $8,000 and publication of Federal Register notices: $500.

8. **DESIGNATED FEDERAL OFFICER**: The DFO is designated by the California State Director and is a full-time Federal employee appointed in accordance with Agency procedures. The DFO must:

   (a) Ensure the Council activities comply with the FACA, FACA Final Rule, Agency administrative procedures, and any other applicable laws and regulations;

   (b) Approve or call all meetings of the Council or subcommittee;

   (c) Approve the agenda;

   (d) Attend all Council and subcommittee meetings for their duration;

   (e) Fulfill the requirements under section 1009 of the FACA, Advisory Committee Procedures;

(f) Adjourn any meeting when the DFO determines it to be in the public interest;

(g) Chair any meeting when so directed by the Secretary;

(h) Maintain information on Council activities and provide such information to the public, as applicable; and

(i) Ensure Council members and subcommittee members, as applicable, receive the appropriate training (e.g., FACA overview, ethics training) for efficient operation and compliance with the FACA and FACA Final Rule.

In addition, the DFO should ensure a public facing website is created and maintained for the Council.

9. **ESTIMATED NUMBER AND FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS:** The Council will meet at least once a year with such meetings being called by the Secretary.

10. **DURATION:** The duration of the Council is continuing, subject to the Termination section below.

11. **TERMINATION:** The Council will become inactive 2 years from the date the charter is filed, unless, prior to that date, it is renewed in accordance with the provisions of section 1013 of the FACA. The Council will not meet or take any action without a valid current charter.

12. **MEMBERSHIP AND DESIGNATION:**

1. Council members appointed by the Secretary will represent the following three interest groups:

GROUP 1 - PERSONS WHO:

(a) hold Federal grazing permits or leases within the area for which the Council is organized;

(b) represent interests associated with transportation or rights-of-way;

(c) represent developed outdoor recreation, off-highway vehicle users, or commercial recreation activities, including, for example, commercial/charter or recreational fishing;

(d) represent the commercial timber industry; or

(e) represent energy and mineral development.

GROUP 2 - PERSONS REPRESENTING:

(a) nationally or regionally recognized environmental organizations;

(b) dispersed recreational activities, including, for example, hunting and shooting sports;

(c) archaeological and historical interests; or

(d) nationally or regionally recognized wild horse and burro interest groups.

GROUP 3 - PERSONS WHO:

(a) hold State, county, or local elected office;

(b) are employed by a State agency responsible for the management of natural resources, land, or water, including, for example, state/local fire associations;

(c) represent Indian Tribes within or adjacent to the area for which the Council is organized;

(d) are employed as academicians in natural resource management or the natural sciences; or

(e) represent the affected public at large, including, for example, sportsmen and sportswomen communities and veterans.

2. The Council will be comprised of 15 members distributed in a balanced fashion among the three interest groups.

3. Members will be appointed to the Council to serve 3-year terms.

4. A quorum is achieved when at least three of the five members of each of the three interest groups are present.

13. **ETHICS RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS**: No Council or subcommittee member will participate in any Council or subcommittee deliberations or votes relating to a specific party matter before the Department or its bureaus and offices including a lease, license, permit, contract, grant, claim, agreement, or litigation in which the member or the entity the member represents has a direct financial interest.

As provided in 43 C.F.R. 1784.2-2, members of the Council will be required to disclose their direct or indirect interest in leases, licenses, permits, contracts, or claims that involve lands or resources administered by BLM, or in any litigation related thereto. For the purpose of this paragraph, indirect interest includes holdings of a spouse or dependent child.

14. **SUBCOMMITTEES:** Subject to the DFO's approval, subcommittees may be formed for the purposes of compiling information or conducting research. However, such subcommittees must act only under the direction of the DFO and must report their recommendations to the full Council for consideration. Subcommittees must not provide advice or work products directly to the Agency. Subcommittees will meet as necessary to accomplish their assignments, subject to the approval of the DFO and the availability of resources.

15. **RECORDKEEPING**: Detailed records must be kept of the Council, and formally and informally established subcommittees. All records must be made available to the public subject to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and must be handled in accordance with General Records Schedule 6.2 and other approved Agency records disposition schedules.

16. **FILING DATE:** November 17, 2026

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