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

CALIFORNIA DESERT DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCIL

CHARTER

1. **OFFICIAL DESIGNATION:** California Desert District Advisory Council (Council)

2. **AUTHORITY:** The Council is a statutory advisory committee established under Section 309 and Sec. 601 (g)(1) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), as amended (43 U.S.C. 1739); and all other applicable provisions of law. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is subject to standards and procedures for the creation, operation, and termination of BLM resource advisory committees. Refer to the 1995 amended BLM regulations (43 CFR 1784) for specific regulations regarding: avoidance of conflict of interest (1784.2-2); calls for nominations (1784.6-1(e)); notice of meetings (1784.4-2); open meetings (1784.4-3); records (1784.5-3); and course of instruction for members (1784.6-1(f)). The Council is established in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

3. **OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES:** The Council will serve in an advisory capacity concerning the (a) planning and management of the public land resources within the BLM California Desert District, and (b) implementation of the comprehensive, long-range plan of the management, use, development, and protection of the public lands within the California Desert Conservation Area.

4. **DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES:** Council duties and responsibilities are generally to gather and analyze information, conduct studies and field examinations, hear public testimony, ascertain facts, and in an advisory capacity only, develop recommendations for the District Manager concerning use, classification, retention, disposal, or other aspects of public land planning and management in the public interest, including recommendations regarding implementation of the long-range plan for the California Desert Conservation Area.

5. **OFFICIAL TO WHOM THE COUNCIL REPORTS:** The Council reports to the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) through the Designated Federal Officer (DFO).

6. **SUPPORT:** Administrative support and funding for activities of the Council will be provided by the Bureau of Land Management, Office of the California Desert District Manager .

7. **ESTIMATED OPERATION COSTS:** The annual operating costs associated with supporting the Council's activities are estimated to be 130,811, including all direct and indirect expenses and 1.2 Federal staff years.

8. **DESIGNATED FEDERAL OFFICER:** The DFO is the California Desert District Manager who is a full time Federal employee appointed in accordance with agency procedures. The DFO will approve or call all the Council and subcommitte's meetings, prepare and approve all meeting agendas, attend all Council and subcommittee meetings, adjourn any meeting when the DFO determines adjournment to be in the public interest, and chair meetings when directed to do so by the official to whom the Council reports..

9. **ESTIMATED NUMBER AND FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS:** The Council will meet approximately two to four times annually, and at such other times as designated by the DFO.

10. **DURATION:** Continuing.

11. **TERMINATION:** The Council's charter will expire 2 years from the date this charter is filed, unless, prior to that date, it is renewed in accordance with the provisions of Section 14(a)(2) of the FACA. The Council will not meet or take any official action without a valid current charter.

12. **MEMBERSHIP and DESIGNATION:**

    a. Council members, appointed by the Secretary, will be representantive of the following interest groups:

        i. environmental protection groups or organizations;

        ii. recreation groups or organizations;

        iii. renewable resources groups or organizations;

        iv. non-renewable resources groups or organizations;

        v. transportation/rights-of-way (or occupancy issues) groups or organizations;

        vi. wildlife groups or organizations;

        vii. the renewable energy industry; and

        viii. the public-at-large.

    b. The Council will be composed of 15 members distributed in a balanced fashion among the interest groups.

13. **ETHICS RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS**: No Council or subcommittee member shall participate in any specific party matter including a lease, license, permit, contract, claim, agreement, or related litigation with the Department in which the member has a direct financial interest. As provided in 43 CFR 1784.2-2, members of the Council shall be required to disclose their direct or indirect interest in leases, licenses, permits, contracts, or claims that involve lands or resources administered by the BLM, or in any litigation related thereto.

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 Council for consideration. Subcommittees must not provide advice or work products directly to the agency. The Council Chair, with the approval of the DFO, will appoint subcommittee members. Subcommittees will meet as necessary to accomplish their assignments, subject to the approval of the DFO and the availability of resources.

15. **RECORDKEEPING**: The Records of the Council, formally and informally subcommittees of the Council, shall be handled in accordance with General Records Schedule 26, Item 2 or other approved agency records disposition schedule. These records shall be available for public inspection and copying, subject to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552.

Ken Salazar

Secretary of the Interior

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