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7 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Okay. We're a  
8 little late getting started, but sometimes folks don't  
9 anticipate the distance that they have to travel.

10 Okay. Well, with that, I will call the  
11 meeting to order, and thank you all for joining us  
12 today. We'll do roll call officially, and then if  
13 anybody would like to espouse somewhat more about who  
14 they are and why they are, we would certainly like to  
15 hear from you.

16 MR. FOOTE: Okay. I will call roll of  
17 the six currently appointed members to the Monument  
18 Advisory Committee. Representing the City of Palm  
19 Springs, Sharon Apfelbaum.

20 MS. APFELBAUM: Here.

21 MR. FOOTE: Representing the City of  
22 Cathedral City, Paul Marchand, absent. Representing  
23 the City of La Quinta, Terry Henderson.

24 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Here.

25 MR. FOOTE: Representing the Coachella

1 Conservancy, Bill Havert, absent. Representing the  
2 County of Riverside, Bob Lyman.

3 MR. LYMAN: Here.

4 MR. FOOTE: Representing the Sierra  
5 Club, Jerry Morgan.

6 MR. MORGAN: Here.

7 MR. FOOTE: We have four of the six  
8 members present. The currently vacant primary  
9 positions are the City of Rancho Mirage.

10 MR. BROCKMAN: Here, I guess.

11 MR. FOOTE: Bob is the currently nominee  
12 not appointed. City of Palm Desert, Indian Wells,  
13 Pinyon Council. Ruth Watling is with us, the current  
14 nominee the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians and  
15 a regional college or university. And there are also  
16 15 alternate positions that are currently vacant.

17 Also I want to recognize our guests here  
18 today: Jim Abbott, the Associate State Director for  
19 California BLM; Tom -- I always have trouble with your  
20 name -- Tom Pogacnik, Deputy State Director for  
21 Natural Resources; and Jack Hamby, the Associate  
22 District Manager for the California Desert District;  
23 and Lauri Rosenthal, of course, on our Board of  
24 Directors, the District Ranger for the San Jacinto  
25 District of the San Bernardino National Forest; and

1 John Kalisch, Field Manager for the South Coast Field  
2 Office. I think we've covered everyone.

3 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Thank you.  
4 Gentlemen, would you like to add anything, ladies and  
5 gentlemen, from your division, or are they on here  
6 listed separately for some kind of input from them?

7 MR. FOOTE: No, they're not.

8 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Now is your  
9 chance.

10 MR. ABBOTT: I just a few remarks. Our  
11 California State Director, Mike Pool, is currently in  
12 Washington, D.C. He's been asked to serve as the  
13 Acting Director for the Bureau of Land Management  
14 while the administration and Secretary Salazar try to  
15 finalize their decisions related to nominees for the  
16 Assistant Secretary For Lands and Minerals and the  
17 director of the bureau, and so that's a good  
18 opportunity for all of us. And I can happily report  
19 he thinks it's a good opportunity for him.

20 And so he's helping the new administration  
21 get a better feel for the issues that western states  
22 largely face in terms of current economic times that  
23 we're in, push for the development of renewable  
24 energy, the local partnerships that are prevalent here  
25 in the Coachella Valley throughout the state upon

1 which BLM relies so heavily upon in terms of what  
2 we're doing.

3           And so he's back there for an indeterminate  
4 amount of time and will continue to watch to see what  
5 the administration does in terms of moving forward  
6 with the rest of its political appointments. Until  
7 then I'm kind of doing my best to steer this large  
8 California ship in his absence, and so it's a pleasure  
9 for me to be down here doing multiple things this  
10 week, including spending a little time with you all  
11 this afternoon, as well as sitting in tomorrow with  
12 California Energy Commission and California Department  
13 of Fish and Games to their scoping listening session  
14 that they're holding here on renewable energy and then  
15 participating later in the southern part of the state  
16 with the California Diversity Council on its renewable  
17 energy and spring tour down there. So I'm pleased to  
18 be able to spend a little time as a part of my trip  
19 south with all of you this afternoon.

20           CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Thank you.  
21 Anybody have any inquires? I do. On all of the  
22 renewable energy and the initiatives and the efforts  
23 and the plans -- there are just so many things out  
24 there -- how many of them that get to you come with a  
25 negative instead of a positive?

1 MR. ABBOTT: Terry, a negative in terms  
2 of --

3 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: In terms of  
4 being able to finally get to the point where they  
5 could be regulated enough and be permissible on the  
6 BLM lands.

7 MR. ABBOTT: Well, it's an evolving  
8 process. How is that? There's been a lot of -- I  
9 think many people have seen figures and maps showing  
10 where we have applications of interest from industry,  
11 and really the expression of interest is a way in  
12 which they can identify places where they believe  
13 solar resources exist that have some potential to be  
14 developed. You can do that on a desktop overlaying  
15 the land status with a solar therm map that the  
16 Department of Energy has put out.

17 Then there is that arduous task of looking  
18 at that piece of ground, looking at your technology  
19 and trying to ascertain, could I really make that work  
20 here? Do I have potential buyers, the cost-benefit  
21 ratio? That part of the process right now is what's  
22 going with on with all these applicants, so they've  
23 staked out a lot of interest in turf. Now they're  
24 looking to see where they might best develop.

25 Part of -- I'm not sure if you're familiar

1 with the initiative that California is involved with,  
2 Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative. It goes by  
3 the name of RETI. It's in Phase 2. It's California  
4 Energy Commission, Public Utility Commission, all  
5 sorts of stakeholders, including the utility  
6 individuals who would be buying the power from  
7 renewables. They're looking to do an analysis  
8 statewide of where our best renewable energy zones are  
9 for development. So sometime here in the end of  
10 March, early April their Phase 2 will be completed.  
11 They will at that point in time prioritize renewable  
12 energy transmission zones and the transmission that  
13 would be required in terms of pulling the power from  
14 those zones.

15 And so a lot of these applications that are  
16 scattered across the desert are kind of on hold  
17 waiting to see what the California Strategic Plan is  
18 going to look like, because that's where both  
19 California Department of Fish and Game, California  
20 Department of -- I'm sorry -- the California Energy  
21 Commission, Public Utility Commission will all be  
22 focusing their attention because they believe that  
23 those are the geographic areas, the best renewable  
24 energy potential, the best potential economically to  
25 get transmission in and out of those zones. So that

1 was a very long answer to a very short question.

2 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: You did a very  
3 fine job. It sounds to me like that every project has  
4 a potential to be negative, but it also sounds like  
5 there's enough folks out there that are working to try  
6 and see how to make something possible and then, of  
7 course, economically possible and, I assume,  
8 environmentally.

9 MR. ABBOTT: Right. And the initiative  
10 that California is doing is perhaps -- it's out in  
11 front of what the rest of the nation is doing. The  
12 western governors are doing a similar west-wide look  
13 at trying to identify renewable energy zones for all  
14 states. They're doing it with a little less intense  
15 magnifying glass than what California is doing because  
16 California has had a year head start on this process  
17 and they've had all of the stakeholders at the table  
18 for a year bringing all sorts of data to a mapping  
19 process to help them identify and refine where these  
20 zones might best be drawn.

21 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Okay. Thank  
22 you. Anybody else?

23 MR. LYMAN: Madam chair, just to inform,  
24 the Riverside County is just processing a 200-acre  
25 solar farm outside of Blythe, and it will be going to

1 the Board of Supervisors this month.

2 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: How many  
3 solar -- I was going to go say, how many windmills is  
4 that? But I guess solar isn't windmills.

5 MR. LYMAN: It would be the equivalent  
6 of about ten of the large windmills. It's 200 acres  
7 of solar.

8 MR. MORGAN: Of interest, a private  
9 party or corporation disclosed the old Rice Airport,  
10 about 6,000 acres which would not involve BLM lands.  
11 It will be private, and it has power lines running  
12 right through it for connection to the grid, so I  
13 haven't seen any application.

14 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Where would the  
15 application be to, Jeff?

16 MR. MORGAN: I don't know where they  
17 would go first. They would probably go to the County.  
18 I think right now there is a racetrack proposed out  
19 there, so --

20 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: A little  
21 competition for land use here. Would you like to  
22 introduce yourself?

23 MR. KRUEPER: Hi, everybody. My name is  
24 Ron Krueper. I represent California State Parks. I  
25 just recently took a position that Gary Watts was

1 involved with. He's since retired, and so I have now  
2 moved into his place, and so this is the first  
3 opportunity I've heard of the Monument Advisory  
4 Committee. I mean, I've heard of it in the past but  
5 definitely wanted to come today. And I've been in  
6 contact with Jim previously about future involvement  
7 here.

8 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Okay. Great.  
9 Thank you for joining us. Okay. The next item on the  
10 agenda is the approval of the Monument Advisory  
11 Committee minutes from September the 15th.

12 MR. MORGAN: Motion to approve.

13 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Motion made by  
14 Jeff to -- I drew a blank on your last name -- Jeff  
15 Morgan to approve the minutes from the September 15th  
16 meeting. Is there a second?

17 MR. LYMAN: I'll second.

18 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: We do not have a  
19 quorum, but we're going to vote by committee.  
20 Somewhere along the line that was legal. But all of  
21 those in favor, aye?

22 (Voice vote taken.)

23 MR. MORGAN: We would have had a quorum  
24 if the Public Lands Omnibus Bill had passed, but it's  
25 still in the Senate.

1                   CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Under the old  
2 rules we didn't have a quorum, and under our rules, we  
3 do.

4                   The next item on the agenda, it's an  
5 interesting item. It's the purpose and the need for  
6 the MAC and a report of the work group meeting of  
7 March 10th, 2009. And as chair, I did appoint a work  
8 group, and it comprised of Jeff Morgan, myself, Buford  
9 Crites, who was a member of this committee from the  
10 inception until a year ago?

11                  MR. FOOTE: Until December.

12                  CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Until December.  
13 And Bill Havert and Al Muth. And we did communicate  
14 with other members via e-mail and solicited comments,  
15 and you heard back from three, I believe?

16                  MR. FOOTE: From Bill Havert, who wasn't  
17 present at the March 10th meeting, Paul Marchand, and  
18 representing the Tribe but not speaking for this  
19 Council was Margaret Park of the Agua Caliente Band of  
20 Cahuilla Indians.

21                  CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: We certainly had  
22 a lively discussion and a serious one because we, of  
23 course, think the MAC has been extremely important,  
24 and it's certainly had a mission to fulfill. And so  
25 that was the kind of discussion that we had. I can

1 give you a report and what the consensus vote was.

2 Before I do, I might ask Jeff if he would  
3 like to, being as you were at the meeting, so that you  
4 don't feel I'm slanting anything -- if you might like  
5 the opportunity to report from your perspective.

6 MR. MORGAN: Do you want me to go first?

7 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Well, I didn't  
8 think you would be very pleased if I went first.

9 MR. MORGAN: Is now the time for this?

10 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Please.

11 MR. MORGAN: I attended the meeting. I  
12 think it was March 10th, as reported by Terry. A few  
13 things came about at the meeting that may be relevant,  
14 may not be relevant. Bill Havert, who didn't attend  
15 the meeting, passed the message on via an e-mail that  
16 he was no longer interested in the MAC, so I take that  
17 as a de facto resignation at this time. He indicated  
18 he wasn't going to attend any of the meetings.

19 Another thing of note that I came up with  
20 after going through the paperwork, which I believe is  
21 duplicated in this agenda package, is that the reason  
22 the number of members of the Monument Advisory  
23 Committee are no longer attending is because they have  
24 not been appointed.

25 We have, I think, 15 members, and we only

1 have six appointed right now. So we have nine  
2 awaiting appointment, which three I don't think apply,  
3 but the others have. And I think if you count  
4 alternates, we have about 15 members that have all  
5 been nominated that have gone through the process, and  
6 they just stop dead when they got to the end of the  
7 line in Washington.

8 And just through natural shrinkage, by  
9 nominating new appointees you're going to get less and  
10 less people on the Advisory Committee. So you're  
11 going to get less and less attendance, and it's going  
12 to have less and less relevance because there's just  
13 not the people to do it. Bob showed up. He's  
14 awaiting appointment, you know. So it's kind of  
15 fading away by itself. Unless it gets resuscitated,  
16 it's going to have less and less relevance to what we  
17 can accomplish or not accomplish.

18 I personally believe that the Advisory  
19 Committee forms a useful function. It forms an  
20 interaction between the members, members of the public  
21 and the agencies, you know, Forest Service, BLM and  
22 also between different members of the Advisory  
23 Committee between themselves, because I certainly  
24 wouldn't talk to Terry Henderson.

25 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: He doesn't talk

1 to me now.

2 MR. MORGAN: Well, I don't live in the  
3 city of La Quinta, and I don't attend any of the same  
4 committees she does regarding, you know, CVAG, which  
5 is the Coachella Valley Association of Governments.  
6 So it does provide an interactive area for discussion  
7 and for interaction alone, networking -- call it what  
8 you want -- for all the different entities. And it  
9 also provides a very good public forum where, if  
10 something needs to be introduced to the public that  
11 hasn't been introduced, as a starting point it can  
12 then be reported, distributed, circulated, whatever..

13 So I personally would like to see the  
14 Monument Advisory Committee continue maybe in some  
15 amended form or even or in its present form, actually,  
16 possibly in an amended form if that becomes the way  
17 things go. But without the appointments from  
18 Washington, the thing is just dying a slow death.

19 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: And if I could  
20 remark to that, because those are very good remarks,  
21 and I know you've given this a lot of thought. And I  
22 certainly have a lot invested of your time, too, for  
23 the last nine years or eight years or ten years or  
24 however long we've been on it.

25 And while the current problems and the

1 numbers that we have now certainly can be directly  
2 related to the bureaucratic nonsense that we have to  
3 go through for appointments and the delays, the  
4 difficulties have come about and maybe the challenges  
5 that we face in the formation of the MAC itself have  
6 been longer going on than just this current round of  
7 appointments.

8           We've been fighting appointments now for  
9 three or four years, and we'll get one and maybe not  
10 another, and then the next year somebody else's term  
11 is up. And so it's not like -- if all of the  
12 appointments were made tomorrow, I think we have  
13 enough members going off that we start the whole  
14 process over again. So it's ongoing.

15           And in order to try to keep the MAC going  
16 and have the kind of discussions that prove  
17 beneficial, we went from meeting monthly to meeting  
18 every other month, I think? Or did we just go right  
19 to quarterly?

20           MR. FOOTE: I believe, quarterly.

21           CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: We tried that  
22 for several years. And then a year and a half ago we  
23 went to twice a year. And then there was a discussion  
24 already today that, gees, it seems like it's been a  
25 year since I've seen you, and you know, do we go to a

1 meeting once a year? And the applicants that have put  
2 their names in, several will withdrawal before that  
3 process is over just out of sheer frustration, and  
4 their commitment to do something kind of disappears.  
5 It's like, how long did it take, Sharon, for your  
6 appointment?

7 MS. APFELBAUM: Three years.

8 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Three years.

9 And you know, congratulations for being here.

10 MS. APFELBAUM: My first meeting.

11 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: And my term is  
12 up next year, and I will not be reapplying again  
13 because my life is going in some different directions.

14 So the other members have given it a lot of  
15 thought too, and when we look at the charter and look  
16 at the legislation, we were bound with creating the  
17 working plan for it. We've done that and spent about  
18 four years doing that or longer and continue to work  
19 with the CVA on the Mountains, their CVCC, Coachella  
20 Mountains Con- -- what is it? I'm on it.

21 MR. FOOTE: Conservation Commission.

22 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Conservation  
23 Commission, and they created a trails plan, which I  
24 appointed you to that trails group. We have Desert --  
25 help me with the names, Jim.

1 MR. FOOTE: Friends of the Desert  
2 Mountains.

3 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Friends of the  
4 Desert Mountains, the Conservancy. I know there's  
5 more out there. And we're a close-knit community, so  
6 we all feel at some point we could pick up a phone and  
7 reach an agency if we have concerns, or we can --  
8 people prefer even going more to their local agency,  
9 which I think CVAG has created that sense for the  
10 community, that -- bring us your problem, and we'll  
11 solve it, or we will sure have a committee that will  
12 work on it.

13 And I'm not sure that after the plan was  
14 adopted, we've never had a public -- I mean, if we get  
15 one or two, that's a lot of public. So I think the  
16 consensus of the e-mails and the group that was there  
17 was that it was time, perhaps, to look at some  
18 alternatives. And I think, Jim, you have looked into  
19 that possibility. Can you report on that.

20 MR. FOOTE: Yes. There are various ways  
21 for the agencies to solicit input without falling  
22 under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, and those  
23 could be things like town-hall-style meetings, where  
24 we innovate the public and we solicit comments on an  
25 individual basis. We don't seek a consensus or a

1 group report; we simply ask people for a range of  
2 input from individuals. We can do that.

3 One other option, too, is there is an  
4 advisory council that would have jurisdiction here,  
5 and that would be the California Desert District  
6 Advisory Council. We are within the California Desert  
7 Conservation Area. That is one option if there is a  
8 demand to take something through a chartered advisory  
9 council. That's one option.

10 But again, as Terry expressed, there are  
11 various ways for us to solicit input. This group has  
12 been very useful certainly in development of the  
13 Management Plan. From that time on, of course, as  
14 Terry recognizes, our action items have been fewer.

15 One option certainly could be regularly  
16 established meetings that are not chartered under  
17 Federal Advisory Committee Act just to update people  
18 on where we are, for people to provide comment and  
19 input. It just would not be through this type of  
20 forum.

21 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: And I think  
22 there was also some discussion on the financial impact  
23 this has to, perhaps the BLM's budget or whoever's  
24 budget. And when you look at what Jim goes through to  
25 prepare for these meetings, the court reporter, and --

1 I mean, it's endless, just you know, dealing with, if  
2 a little issue comes up, then the big issue is, how do  
3 I communicate that to every member so everybody knows?  
4 So a little issue creates a lot of work and just  
5 trying to keep everybody informed of everything.

6           Anyway, that's where the discussion was on  
7 the 10th. You understand where Jeff is coming from,  
8 and it's on our agenda for further discussion today.  
9 We have not had this discussion with Mary yet. I  
10 caution all of you about going out and, you know,  
11 letting her in any way be broadsided. Her office has  
12 been notified that there is a discussion going on.  
13 But beyond that, it's not been an in-depth  
14 conversation. So let's have a group discussion here  
15 today and see where we might go.

16           Do I have somebody who wants to jump out  
17 there first?

18           MR. BROCKMAN: Well, I have several  
19 questions. You've answered some of them. Given that  
20 we don't have a quorum and presumably the renewal of  
21 the charter requires an action of this body, if we  
22 never get a quorum, we can never renew the charter,  
23 and if the charter isn't renewed, we automatically are  
24 terminated; is that correct?

25           MR. FOOTE: I'm ruminating on the

1 requirement for a quorum to vote on the charter.  
2 Certainly we could -- we seek the recommendation of  
3 the Advisory Committee in moving charter renewal  
4 forward.

5 MR. BROCKMAN: You have it on the agenda  
6 as an action item.

7 MR. FOOTE: Correct. And I would seek  
8 that. Of course we don't have a form for a response  
9 today. The quorum does -- I mean -- pardon me. The  
10 charter does expire in December. We know how long the  
11 process can take. Therefore some action within the  
12 next couple of months will be necessary to begin that  
13 process. Our next Monument Advisory Committee meeting  
14 isn't until September, too late if we're wanting to  
15 renew that charter before it expires..

16 MR. BROCKMAN: So we're already at the  
17 catch-22 point right here today.

18 MR. FOOTE: Yes, correct.

19 MR. BROCKMAN: And if no action is  
20 taken, we are automatically terminated?

21 MR. FOOTE: The group cannot function  
22 without a charter, cannot meet without a charter.

23 MR. BROCKMAN: So that's kind of the  
24 train that's coming down the tracks unless we do  
25 something to derail that.

1                   Do you foresee any changes, given new  
2 administration in Washington and potential different  
3 and new funding sources, for activities which might  
4 step up the involvement of this committee by virtue of  
5 some decisions that the BLM needs to be making about  
6 programs in the Monument?

7                   MR. FOOTE: I would say typically those  
8 kind of decisions need to occur fairly expeditiously,  
9 and to postpone that for six months --

10                  MR. BROCKMAN: My question is, do you  
11 see any change coming down from Washington that might  
12 warrant a continuation of this committee, either  
13 budgetary or programmatic?

14                  CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Keeping in mind  
15 that we're only advisory, anyway.

16                  MR. BROCKMAN: Keeping that in mind,  
17 yes.

18                  MR. FOOTE: It's fair to say that as  
19 with the past administration, the current  
20 administration does value public input and through  
21 committees such as this. If you're asking whether or  
22 not we can move forward with decisions based on  
23 whatever monies might come our way, I think it's clear  
24 that we have --

25                  MR. BROCKMAN: You've been in

1   bureaucracy for too long.  You're dodging my  
2   questions.

3                   CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON:  He's trying not  
4   to hurt anybody's -- just simply say no, you don't.

5                   MR. FOOTE:  As I mentioned before, there  
6   are many avenues of input we can seek.  If we need  
7   public input, we have ways to seek that.  It does not  
8   necessarily have to come through the advisory  
9   committee, so we can move forward.

10                  MR. BROCKMAN:  I won't ask it anymore.

11                  MS. ROSENTHAL:  Can you give an example  
12   maybe?

13                  MR. BROCKMAN:  Is there a new program  
14   that any of you foresee that might apply to the  
15   Monument that would maybe accelerate the activity of  
16   the local office, such that the local office might  
17   want more advice or input from this committee along  
18   the lines of whatever new activities are coming down?

19                  MR. MORGAN:  Maybe I can help you a  
20   little bit on that one.  If you read the budget for  
21   '09, which was just signed last week, funded for BLM  
22   and particularly for National Landscape Conservation  
23   System is increased.  In the proposals which are being  
24   put together for fiscal ten, there are also large  
25   increases planned also.  If the Omnibus Public Lands

1 Bill passes, which it should do in the next two weeks,  
2 it's just going a different route from last week, when  
3 it didn't pass.

4 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: So they're  
5 resubmitting it.

6 MR. MORGAN: It's already in there this  
7 afternoon. It's got a different name. I think it's  
8 H-242 or something like this. And it goes to the  
9 House later this week. It has to go through three  
10 votes in the Senate, and it's done one already, maybe  
11 two by now. So that will also increase funding.

12 And it will also put the National Landscape  
13 Conservation System, which runs the National Monument,  
14 and BLM as a permanent fixture in the budget. In  
15 other words it will be like a separate than regular  
16 BLM general funds which go through the state office,  
17 it will -- the National Landscape Conservation System  
18 will have its own office, which will have its own  
19 funding, which will then probably still come through  
20 the State, obviously will come down to, I guess, the  
21 local, you know monument programs.

22 MR. BROCKMAN: So is it your opinion,  
23 then, that yes, there is a potential for more activity  
24 and more need for the committee's advice?

25 MR. MORGAN: I believe there will be,

1 yes, as things move forward.

2 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Did you have  
3 anything else?

4 MR. BROCKMAN: I have one other  
5 question. Then we'll let Bob. What has been the  
6 experience of other national monuments with regard to  
7 the continuation of a Monument Advisory Committee once  
8 the plan has been established and implementation is  
9 underway? Have they disbanded their advisory  
10 committees?

11 MR. FOOTE: I don't know. Jim, do you  
12 have any information on that, at least in California?

13 MR. ABBOTT: Well, the only other  
14 California Monument Advisory Committee we have is  
15 Carrizo, and they're still working on their plan. I'm  
16 not aware that anyone has disbanded of the other  
17 advisory committees that have been established. I  
18 think some of the Monument or other commercial  
19 management areas that don't have one kind of ending up  
20 being the bureaucracy that you deal with in terms of  
21 appointments.

22 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: And that is an  
23 issue I was going to ask you. How many other Monument  
24 committees have appointments approved by both  
25 secretaries, Secretary of Agriculture and Secretary of

1 Interior?

2 MR. ABBOTT: Having both agencies make  
3 makes this almost unique. I think there may only be  
4 one or two other that have multiple-agency or  
5 department requirements.

6 MR. BROCKMAN: Is that the primary  
7 reason for this slow down?

8 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: No.

9 MR. MORGAN: Well, let me just comment  
10 on that. I don't think having to be approved by the  
11 Department of Agriculture after it's been approved by  
12 Interior slows it down. I think it's an automatic.

13 As far as advisory committees, the ones I  
14 know about particularly are the ones in Arizona, and  
15 in those cases the BLM actually developed the  
16 management plan prior to the formation of the advisory  
17 committees and then presented the plan to the advisory  
18 committee saying, "Look. This is what we've done.  
19 It's a good deal." And then now they are how -- can I  
20 put it? -- implementing it by, sort of, the advisory  
21 committees. So one doesn't necessarily come before  
22 the other.

23 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Yeah.

24 MR. MORGAN: I mean, it depends on the  
25 local, I guess, field office or district, BLM

1 procedures that they have in place, whatever they are.

2 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Well, as I  
3 understand it, though, that this Monument is the only  
4 one that was created by legislation.

5 MR. FOOTE: It was the first. Have  
6 there been additional?

7 MR. MORGAN: No, not since then.

8 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: So in a lot of  
9 ways, it is very unique, and it has -- the legislation  
10 is really what guides us more so than the traditional  
11 workings of other MAC's and how they function. I mean  
12 MAC's under the -- what do you call it?

13 MR. BROCKMAN: FACA.

14 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Under FACA there  
15 is already guidelines for MAC's.. We have FACA to deal  
16 with and the legislation. We have both that kind of  
17 guide us.

18 MR. MORGAN: And just a comment on that.  
19 I think it's under recommendation of this body that we  
20 just -- that we expanded the boundaries of the  
21 Monument to the south and to the west.

22 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Well, but it was  
23 only -- we were just signing on that with a lot of  
24 other groups. That would have moved forward without  
25 us, Jeff.

1 MR. MORGAN: I don't know. There wasn't  
2 that many other people involved in it. There was only  
3 a few people.

4 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Well, Mountain  
5 Conservancy was involved in that.

6 MR. MORGAN: No, I don't think they  
7 were, not the Coachella Mountains Conservancy.  
8 Friends of the Desert Mountains was involved to an  
9 extent. Another thing we achieved very recently was  
10 the publication of a trails map with the National  
11 Monument. That wouldn't have happened without this  
12 body working together and appointing people to --

13 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Maybe, maybe  
14 not. There's a lot of trails groups out there meeting  
15 now, and they're meeting now under CVAG, so I think  
16 that --

17 MR. MORGAN: They wouldn't have produced  
18 a map of the National Monument trails. They might  
19 have produced CVAG trails. They might have produced,  
20 you know, local liking club trails, guides and maps.  
21 They might have done this, as they have already.

22 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: You and I could  
23 go all afternoon.

24 MR. LYMAN: I have a question, and maybe  
25 I've missed something. It doesn't sound like we can

1 stop the committee disbanding.

2 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: By virtue of the  
3 regulation to have a quorum, like -- these  
4 conversations tend to be --

5 MR. MORGAN: Not necessarily.

6 MS. WATLING: Then I'm going to have a  
7 say.

8 MR. LYMAN: I'm just saying --

9 MR. BROCKMAN: I have the same thought.  
10 I don't know if it's possible.

11 MR. LYMAN: We can put the horse on the  
12 table, beat it some more, but it may already be dead.

13 MR. MORGAN: Let me say one other thing,  
14 and then I'll be quiet. If the Omnibus Public Lands  
15 Bill passes, there is something in there that says  
16 that a quorum is --

17 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Yeah. It  
18 changes our quorum.

19 MR. MORGAN: -- two-thirds of the  
20 appointed members instead of two-thirds of the total  
21 of possible appointees. Right now we have six  
22 members. Today with four present, we would have had a  
23 quorum.

24 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Yes, we  
25 understand that, Jeff, but it's --

1 MR. MORGAN: But that will occur.

2 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: But last  
3 Thursday, from the last I heard, that failed.

4 MR. MORGAN: Yes, but it will not fail  
5 before the end of this month. It will go through, the  
6 way it's being done. So by the end of the month it  
7 will be possible.

8 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Could we have  
9 you in Washington to feed back to us exactly what's  
10 going to happen there?

11 MR. MORGAN: I go there on a regular  
12 basis.

13 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: I know you do.  
14 Okay. Ruth?

15 MS. WATLING: I think this body has been  
16 really functional even though sometimes we don't have  
17 an action in place. But there's a different political  
18 climate in Washington, and I think we ought to at  
19 least hang through as long as possible and see if that  
20 gives us more to move on. But I think this is a  
21 really strong body of people and we shouldn't jump off  
22 the boat yet.

23 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Okay. If  
24 anybody not get a chance to -- Sharon, we haven't  
25 heard from you.

1 MS. APFELBAUM: Well, since this is my  
2 first meeting and I've been involved in all the  
3 bureaucracy you've been talking about and I'm kind of  
4 sympathetic to that, it seems that we've done our job,  
5 and if we were really good citizens, we would call our  
6 P.R. person, if we had one, and say, "Please make a  
7 press release that we've done our job, and here we're  
8 signing off, and we're saving this much money,"  
9 blah-blah blah. "Look at us. Look what we've done.  
10 We're good citizens."

11 But I think you've got a very good point,  
12 Ruth, about the transition and the change, and maybe  
13 the segway should be different once we see what's  
14 going on. Maybe this isn't the time. With the  
15 Omnibus Bill that probably will pass, that could put  
16 us on a steady footing for a while. Maybe this is not  
17 the time to disband.

18 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Okay. Yes?

19 MR. BROCKMAN: I like this train of  
20 thought because it's giving us, perhaps, an approach  
21 that we can take. If the Omnibus Bill passes, where  
22 does that leave us with the appointments? They're on  
23 separate tracks, I assume.

24 MR. MORGAN: Completely separate.

25 MR. BROCKMAN: Okay. So is there a

1 possibility that over the next two or three months,  
2 some of these appointments might come through?

3 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Sure.

4 MR. FOOTE: We have two possibilities  
5 here, I think, to address some of these concerns.  
6 One, we could get the appointments. The other is that  
7 I can call another meeting of the MAC prior --

8 MR. BROCKMAN: That's where I'm going.

9 MR. FOOTE: -- prior to September to  
10 address the charter issue. I can do that. And maybe  
11 we'll give it a little time to see where we stand on  
12 the appointments and on the legislation to assure  
13 that, when we do convene a meeting -- and that will be  
14 well before the September meeting -- we have great  
15 success or probability of convening a quorum.

16 MR. BROCKMAN: I think that's the way to  
17 go here because I think this is too important one way  
18 or the other to bring any finality to it today. I  
19 came in with a really open mind on this issue wanting  
20 to hear what everyone else has to say, and I've heard  
21 good points on both sides.

22 Given that we don't have great  
23 representation here today, including some people who  
24 haven't had their appointments yet, I think it's  
25 premature to make any concluding decisions. And if

1 there's an opportunity to derail this train that's  
2 coming down by virtue of more appointments, the  
3 Omnibus Bill passing and a special meeting being held,  
4 I think that's the way we ought to go. It would also  
5 allow some of the representatives to get back with  
6 their cities or organizations and talk it around and  
7 see what some other ideas might be.

8 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: I'm not sure I  
9 understood anything at all about that last comment  
10 because cities don't make appointments, as you well  
11 know.

12 MR. BROCKMAN: I know that. But even  
13 though I'm not responsible to the city government of  
14 City of Rancho Mirage, I am representing the city of  
15 Rancho Mirage.

16 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Yes, you are.

17 MR. BROCKMAN: Or was until my  
18 appointment ran out, and I would feel it would be a  
19 little bit unfair and maybe irresponsible to just make  
20 a decision on behalf of that city without at least  
21 thinking it over in terms of how that might affect the  
22 people that I am here to represent.

23 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: And you will  
24 personally do what? One, I assume, talk to your city  
25 council?

1 MR. BROCKMAN: I will talk to my city  
2 council. I will talk to anyone else who I think might  
3 have an interest in this question.

4 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Okay. That I  
5 can understand. Okay. So to try to wrap it up so we  
6 can move on, what is the consensus for a delay in any  
7 decision?

8 MS. APFELBAUM: Do you need a motion?

9 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: No. I'm asking  
10 the question. We're not taking a motion. All of  
11 those that agree that the decision should be delayed.

12 MR. BROCKMAN: I would agree with it.

13 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Okay. And all  
14 those that don't.

15 (Vote taken by raising hands.)

16 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: So we have one,  
17 two, three, four five and -- well, I can't count you  
18 twice because I got you down here for the March 10th  
19 meeting. So five here, and Paul was kind of iffy,  
20 wasn't he?

21 MR. FOOTE: Uh-huh.

22 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: So five and a  
23 half. Five and a half, and then that would have  
24 been -- don't count me twice either.. So three,  
25 four -- four and a half. Does that sound right?

1 MR. FOOTE: Just to clarify for the  
2 record that we don't have a quorum, so this cannot be  
3 a recommendation, but it's a simple counting of who  
4 weighed in in what manner.

5 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Yeah. This just  
6 is to have the record show why we have put this on a  
7 delayed decision. Okay. Thank you very much.

8 MR. MORGAN: Just one more point. As  
9 for the appointments, I have have made some inquires  
10 today, a little lobbying, you might say as, to why  
11 they haven't been made. And I just made some inquires  
12 today to those people that I work with in Washington,  
13 D.C. as to why the appointments might not have been  
14 made and if they could be accelerated.

15 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Good. I hope it  
16 doesn't take them four months to get back to you.

17 MR. MORGAN: The people I work with will  
18 get back to me by tomorrow.

19 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Okay. They  
20 might not have an answer, but they will get back to  
21 you.. Okay. With that, we consumed an awful lot of  
22 time on that, ladies and gentlemen, but it was a good  
23 discussion, and I certainly thank you.

24 Now, my interest lies in the next action,  
25 which apparently we can't take without a quorum, but

1 we can move forward with the election of chairperson  
2 and vice chairperson by consensus.

3 MR. FOOTE: Correct. The bylaws  
4 accepted last March indicate that --

5 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Oh, a quorum  
6 present?

7 MR. FOOTE: No. Well, concurrence -- I  
8 mean -- pardon me while I find this. In terms of an  
9 election of chairperson or vice chairperson, a  
10 majority of committee members in attendance is deemed  
11 sufficient to elect a chairperson and vice chairperson  
12 when such election has been announced in advance of  
13 the meeting. Election of these officers will usually  
14 occur at the first meeting of the committee during the  
15 calendar year.

16 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Okay.

17 MR. FOOTE: And further, that those  
18 being nominated must be present or they have  
19 communicated their willingness to serve to the  
20 designated federal official in advance. So yes, you  
21 can select a chair.

22 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: A chairperson  
23 and a vice chairperson. And with that, I will open  
24 the nominations. And I'm going to sit here until I  
25 hear one.

1 MS. WATLING: Okay. I'll nominate Jeff.  
2 I don't know if I can do that yet because I'm not a  
3 member.

4 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: No, I don't  
5 think so.

6 MR. FOOTE: Or you may choose to delay.  
7 I had.

8 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: I'd like to  
9 nominate Bob. Okay. Bob has been nominated. Is  
10 there a second?

11 MR. FOOTE: The second should come from  
12 that side.

13 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Yeah, I know.  
14 Seeing no second, is there another nomination?

15 May I ask why there are no nominations?  
16 You haven't been appointed yet.

17 MR. BROCKMAN: No, I can't talk, no.

18 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Well, you can  
19 talk.

20 MR. BROCKMAN: I can't nominate.

21 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: And Ruth. Jeff?

22 MR. MORGAN: I didn't give this any  
23 thought because I thought that this would be postponed  
24 because of the discussion we had earlier and the  
25 ongoing discussion. I didn't know whether this thing

1 was going to be wound up or not wound up. So I  
2 suggest at this point, if you are willing to continue  
3 as chair until the next meeting, which I believe will  
4 be a special meeting, that we defer the nominations  
5 until that time.

6 MS. APFELBAUM: If that's a motion, I'll  
7 second it.

8 MR. MORGAN: And we have to ask if Terry  
9 is willing to continue until the next special meeting.

10 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Well, you should  
11 just say the next meeting, whether it's special or  
12 regularly scheduled.

13 MR. MORGAN: Next meeting.

14 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: The next  
15 scheduled meeting is September; right?

16 MR. FOOTE: Correct.

17 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: And we all know  
18 there may be a meeting before then. Okay, Jeff. All  
19 right. That item has been continued to the next  
20 meeting.

21 Next item, renewal of charter and bylaws,  
22 DFO.

23 MR. FOOTE: As we do not have a quorum,  
24 we will postpone that until such time as we have a  
25 quorum.

1                   CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Continued.  
2    Okay. Presentation, Mount San Jacinto State Park Long  
3    Valley Management Plan and Parkwide Interpretive  
4    Master Plan.

5                   MR. KRUEPER: Yes. Hello. I'm today  
6    Enrique Arroyo, who is our planner with California  
7    State Parks involved with Mt. San Jacinto State Park  
8    is absent today, so I came down. Basically I'm here  
9    today -- in your agenda handout -- thanks, Jim, for  
10   printing out our newsletter that we have. It's going  
11   to be announcing our Long Valley Management Plan  
12   kick-off here in the spring -- or April 24th and 25th  
13   of our upcoming year here in April.

14                  As you know, several years ago San Jacinto  
15   revised its general plan at the state park, and out of  
16   that plan it was recognized that a more precise  
17   management plan would be needed to be looked at for  
18   the use at the top of the Palm Springs Tramway just  
19   because with heavy population and visitation in that  
20   area.

21                  So the department has kicked off a  
22   management plan starting here with the scoping  
23   meetings for the public starting April 24th and  
24   April 25th, April 24th in the evening over here at  
25   Katherine Finchy Elementary School in Palm Springs,

1 and following that will be from seven to  
2 nine p.m.. a workshop-style setting for public input  
3 and then followed by a meeting that's going to be very  
4 similar.

5 It will be similar, up in Idyllwild on  
6 Saturday, April 25th from 11:00 to 1:00 p.m., and the  
7 main topics will be, of course, the Long Valley  
8 Management Plan, which will fall under CEQA review and  
9 CEQA processing.

10 But at the same time, while we have the  
11 public there providing input on that, we are also  
12 going to garner their input for the park  
13 interpretation and education for the entire state  
14 park. It doesn't follow under CEQA, but while we have  
15 this great quorum of people there, we'd like to get  
16 their idea of what they'd like to see in state park  
17 from the Idyllwild side clear over to the tram side in  
18 that area, and that will be a separate parallel plan  
19 that will be developed.

20 So I do have some extra copies of the  
21 newsletter today, and I don't know if everybody got  
22 them in their packet. But I just want to use this  
23 forum as away of announcing this and to, you know, get  
24 more public and agency participation. We would be  
25 welcoming your input.

1                   CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Thank you. How  
2 much local experience do you have, Enrique?

3                   MR. FOOTE: No. This is Ron.

4                   CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Oh, Ron. Okay,  
5 Ron.

6                   MR. KRUEPER: Did you need a copy?

7                   MS. APFELBAUM: She says it's in our  
8 packet.

9                   MR. KRUEPER: Everyone should have one  
10 in their agenda, then.

11                  CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: How long have  
12 you been down in this neck of the woods?

13                  MR. KRUEPER: I've been with State Parks  
14 for over 30 years, but I was involved mostly in the  
15 Inland Empire with Chino Hills State Park, and  
16 recently I've been two years out in the desert at  
17 Tehachapi overseeing Red Rock Canyon, Province  
18 Mountains, Silverwood Lake and recently promoted back  
19 here to the Inland Empire.

20                  CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Okay. Thank  
21 you. Any questions?

22                  MR. MORGAN: Whereabouts in Idyllwild?

23                  MR. KRUEPER: At the Idyllwild Nature  
24 Center.

25                  MR. MORGAN: Okay.

1 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: And Jeff, it is  
2 on the front of this.

3 MR. FOOTE: If you'd like to leave  
4 those, Ron, we can distribute them at the Visitor  
5 Center or other location.

6 MR. KRUEPER: Okay. I'll leave a half  
7 of them or so here.

8 MS. ROSENTHAL: Also I can distribute  
9 them up in Idyllwild, as well.

10 MR. KRUEPER: Okay. Great.

11 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Did I pass  
12 public comment? Yeah, I did.

13 MR. MORGAN: It isn't 4:00 yet.

14 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Well, I have  
15 4:00. Then going backwards, at 4:00 is the time set  
16 aside for public comment. Is there anybody here who  
17 wishes to make a public comment? I can't see who's  
18 over there.

19 MR.. FOOTE: That's Jack Hamby.

20 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Any public?  
21 Thank you very much. We'll move on.

22 And we've taken care of the next three  
23 agenda items, and we are now at item number whatever,  
24 presentation of Wildflower Celebration 2009.

25 MR. KALISH: And that's what I have

1 almost on the screen. So I may have to work on it a  
2 little bit to get the machine and the laptop to kind  
3 of do their little handshake. And if I can do this  
4 quickly, then we'll be on our road, but if not, maybe  
5 we can move on to the next and I'll just continue to  
6 play with it.

7 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: And we'll come  
8 back to you, sure. That's not a problem, John.

9 MR. KALISH: This worked perfectly in  
10 the office right before I left.

11 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Okay. Do you  
12 want to keep going now for a second or two?

13 MR. KALISH: No. I think -- let me  
14 just --

15 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: You want me to  
16 go on?

17 MR. KALISH: Yeah.

18 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Then we'll move  
19 on to reports and updates, Friends of the Desert  
20 Mountains. I suspect you were going to have Bill do  
21 that, or did you have something?

22 MR. FOOTE: No. I had something for  
23 that. The presentation John was to make on Wildflower  
24 Celebration -- will shortly -- was a great segway into  
25 the continuing support we received from the Friends of

1 the Desert Mountains. As John will show and you'll  
2 see in the presentation, they really took the lead and  
3 charge in doing our big annual event at the Visitor  
4 Center. John will have all the information on that,  
5 so I won't spoil that for him.

6 But the Friends continued to garner support  
7 and funding for the National Monument. As you recall  
8 from last year, Southern California Edison did supply  
9 a \$250,000 grant to Friends of the Desert Mountains.  
10 220,000 of that was specifically for the National  
11 Monument. The other 30,000 was for the North Valley  
12 Trails. This year they're putting together another  
13 grant application for Southern California Edison for  
14 continued support of the Monument probably in the  
15 amount of about 125,000 this year. So that's  
16 continuing.

17 On another note, they did publish what they  
18 call their Dirt Catalog, which is an opportunity for  
19 the public to make contributions to a variety of  
20 things, such as land acquisition. Of course, they're  
21 very instrumental throughout the Coachella Valley in  
22 acquiring land, including in the National Monument.  
23 But there are also some specific National Monument  
24 support items in here. If you haven't seen this,  
25 certainly Friends can get you a copy of it. It's a

1 pretty unique little brochure.

2 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: You're holding  
3 up a blank.

4 MR. FOOTE: It is white. It looks kind  
5 of blank, but it's not..

6 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: If you haven't  
7 seen it, it's great.

8 MR. FOOTE: It's got some catchy little  
9 drawings in here with some interesting text and  
10 amounts that people can contribute to support the  
11 programs of the Friends of the Desert Mountains.

12 While John is still working on that, I'll  
13 move to the next item, MAC appointments and  
14 nominations. As we've already discussed, we're still  
15 awaiting the nominations from the packages that left  
16 this office in July. We did put out a call for  
17 nominations to fill some other upcoming vacancies or  
18 expiration of terms. I have received no applications  
19 for those. So for that to continue, I'm going to have  
20 to republish in the Federal Register another call for  
21 nominations in the same positions.

22 What this means, come September, let's say  
23 we are successful in getting the nominations made that  
24 went in last year, then our options for quorum do  
25 exist that we would have eight primary members and one

1 alternate. So we would have the potential of having  
2 nine people in attendance. But of course, if the  
3 legislation passes, then that number becomes a  
4 majority of the appointed members.

5 So anyway, regardless, we're not going to  
6 be at full strength come the September meeting,  
7 anyway. At most we would have nine members in  
8 positions. That would be eight primaries and one  
9 alternate.

10 So I certainly encourage Monument Advisory  
11 Committee members, as I did in an e-mail I sent a  
12 announcing the call for nominations, to help us to  
13 recruit membership in terms of submitting nomination  
14 applications. And of course, those all require  
15 support of the organization that they're representing.

16 While John is still working on that, Trails  
17 Management Plan. You'll find in your packet an  
18 overview of the Trails Management Plan. Again this is  
19 the Trails Management Plan that is multijurisdictional  
20 in nature. It's an element of the Coachella Valley  
21 Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan.

22 The Trails Management Subcommittee under  
23 the Coachella Valley Conservation Commission has met  
24 twice. We do have another meeting this Wednesday, and  
25 that group is charged with making recommendations to

1 the CVCC on how to implement the Trails Management  
2 Plan.

3 Key components of that, and probably the  
4 most challenging, are the issue dealing with the  
5 prohibition of dogs on the large majority of trails,  
6 as well as the permit program which would be in place  
7 for 11 trails or trails segments.

8 You'll see in the overview here, it really  
9 looks at primary issues, which trails are open  
10 year-round, which are subject to the permit  
11 requirement, those that are closed during the summer  
12 months, of which there are only three, those closed to  
13 dog-walking and those closed to bicycles under the  
14 Trails Plan.

15 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: What does the  
16 black dot mean?

17 MR. FOOTE: In effect.

18 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Well, there  
19 aren't any shaded colors that aren't in effect that I  
20 can see.

21 MR. FOOTE: Well, essentially if you  
22 look under the heading and it says "Closed to  
23 dog-walking," every place you see a point, that's the  
24 trail where you have a prohibition. "Closed to  
25 bicycles," you can see there's a limited number, and

1 those are only in effect where the dot is.

2 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: All of the  
3 colored spaces are already colored, and they also have  
4 a dot.

5 MR. FOOTE: Yes, just redundancy. In  
6 case you were colorblind, we wanted to make sure that  
7 you saw the dot.

8 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: The dot could  
9 have meant something else. That's why I asked, what  
10 does the dot mean?

11 MR. FOOTE: Well, thank you. I'm glad I  
12 could clarify that.

13 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Thank you. You  
14 did a good job.

15 MR. FOOTE: Any questions on the Trails  
16 Management Plan, where we're at in the implementation?

17 One of the key things that we're going to  
18 be looking at, of course, is through the process  
19 giving the questions revolving around the effects of  
20 non-motorized recreation on peninsular bighorn sheep,  
21 the final plan does have in place a research element  
22 to get at that question: What are the effects of  
23 bighorn sheep on -- pardon me -- of recreation on  
24 bighorn sheep? That is anticipated to be at least a  
25 five-year research program. That, in terms of letting

1 the contract, developing the proposals, all that is  
2 yet to occur.

3 MR. BROCKMAN: Jim?

4 MR. FOOTE: Yes, Bob.

5 MR. BROCKMAN: For those trails that are  
6 subject to a permit requirement, what is the criteria  
7 being used for the issuance of permits?

8 MR. FOOTE: Permits will be self-issued  
9 at the trailhead with no limits on the number to be  
10 issued. This is primarily for tracking the human use  
11 on trails in a realtime comparison to, what are the  
12 affects on bighorn sheep? What are the sheep doing  
13 when the people are there?

14 MR. BROCKMAN: Okay.

15 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: So that means  
16 that there is some mechanism at the trailhead?

17 MR. FOOTE: Correct.

18 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: What is it?

19 MR. FOOTE: It would be similar to what  
20 people experience at the top of the tramway, where you  
21 go into the wilderness, a permit is required, you  
22 simply stop by the station, fill it out, put one copy  
23 in the box, take the other with you, something along  
24 that line.

25 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: It isn't out

1 yet?

2 MR. FOOTE: No. We haven't done those.  
3 Again that will be the purview of the Trails  
4 Management Subcommittee to address how best to do  
5 that. We'll start looking at that this Wednesday.

6 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Okay.

7 MR. FOOTE: Okay. How are you doing,  
8 John?

9 MR. KALISH: I'm not doing well.

10 MR. FOOTE: Still waiting? Okay.

11 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Well, bright  
12 yellow flowers and some red.

13 MR. KALISH: They were beautiful..

14 MR. MORGAN: Some blue ones.

15 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Maybe we can  
16 just visualize.

17 MR. FOOTE: If this goes on in a while,  
18 we may have to take the presentation to the Beer  
19 Hunter after.

20 Contract with the City of Palm Desert.

21 Once, again we are receiving --

22 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Is that for the  
23 Visitor Center?

24 MR. FOOTE: Yes. Well, it's a  
25 combination of things. The MOU we had with the City

1 of Palm Desert continued for five years and still had  
2 two years left on it; however, the city council had  
3 only approved funding for three years. So we took  
4 this opportunity to go back to the City to revise the  
5 MOU, and the City just within the past couple of  
6 months approved reissuance of that contract and  
7 funding to come to the BLM to support three things,  
8 largely.

9 One is law enforcement, BLM law enforcement  
10 efforts in the National Monument where it occurs  
11 within the City of Palm Desert. Typically that's at  
12 the multiple trailheads that the City manages that are  
13 not on BLM lands, but of course the BLM rangers also  
14 patrol those BLM lands that are within the city.

15 So this really allows those City law  
16 enforcement officers to focus their efforts elsewhere,  
17 and BLM can take over some of those responsibilities  
18 specifically as they relate to trails and trail use.  
19 Our law enforcement officer that's dedicated to the  
20 National Monument does get out on the trails, is, in  
21 particular, looking at dog issues initially and making  
22 a lot of good public contact.

23 Another element of that contract is for  
24 Monument Visitor Center support so they do provide  
25 funding to support the National Monument Visitor

1 Center.

2 And the last piece is, for several years  
3 the landscaping at the National Monument Visitor  
4 Center has been performed by a contractor from the  
5 City of Palm Desert. The previous agreement indicated  
6 that the Monument would be billed on an annual basis  
7 for that. However, we were fortunate that we never  
8 received a bill.

9 So this was the opportunity to daylight  
10 this to make sure nothing fell through the cracks, so  
11 it's been recognized in the MOU that they would  
12 continue to provide that landscaping without billing  
13 us and the City would just incur that cost. So that's  
14 going to continue. And that's the contract with the  
15 City of Palm Desert.

16 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Okay.

17 MR. FOOTE: Moving forward, Monument  
18 Assessment. You have a copy of the Monument  
19 Assessment that was done in 2006, two pieces to this,  
20 followed in your packet by the Monument Manager's  
21 Progress Report on the Management Assessment, which I  
22 did yesterday, just to give you a sense of where we  
23 are on that..

24 Monument Management Assessment occurred at  
25 about the five-year mark after designation. It was

1 really an opportunity to see where we've come and for  
2 the assessment team to make recommendations about how  
3 we might improve.

4           What I've done in the left-hand column of  
5 the attachment here, the recommendations to the  
6 assessment team, has just extracted all of those  
7 recommendations out of the assessment and then kind of  
8 graded it. Three columns: One, "The train has  
9 arrived or is pulling into the station;" the second  
10 one is, "Peloton is working together;" and the last  
11 one is, "Waiting for Godot." If you want further  
12 explanation for those, I can provide that.

13           CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Had a little  
14 whimsy going on there, did you?

15           MR. FOOTE: Well, it was a Sunday  
16 afternoon. What can I say?

17           CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Or is this  
18 government lingo we don't know about yet?

19           MR. FOOTE: No, it's not. You can  
20 Google "Peloton" and "Waiting for Godot," and you can  
21 find the relevance. Discover that for yourself, I  
22 guess.

23           There are several issues here or  
24 recommendations that are always going to be working or  
25 moving forward that we'll never actually reach to the

1 conclusion and say we're done. There's always going  
2 to be things in progress, so those you'll see marked  
3 in the middle column, as well as some that maybe where  
4 there is an end; we're not quite there yet, but there  
5 could be an end. Anyway, I won't go through all of  
6 this on a point-by-point basis. I think it's fair to  
7 say we've done pretty well.

8           One of the issues we've had has always  
9 been, up to this point, some staffing limitations, and  
10 I'll kind of point to the next document in here, the  
11 Shared Responsibilities Document. This is under our  
12 Service-First Agreement.

13           And on the third page you'll see the table  
14 of organization. In particular one of the issues that  
15 does constrain us to a certain degree is inability to  
16 fill a couple of positions so far.

17           One key for me is, since I came into the  
18 position a little more than three years ago out of the  
19 outdoor recreation position, I've had no replacement  
20 in that position, so I've continued the duties of the  
21 recreation planner, as well as the Monument manager  
22 and, as we expanded the table of the organization,  
23 also as the assistant monument manager, which is not  
24 filled.

25           We are soon to go out with an announcement

1 again for the outdoor recreation planner.  
2 Interestingly enough, our first announcement went out  
3 almost two years ago. It was in summer of 2007. We  
4 did not find a suitable candidate. We put out another  
5 announcement. We only garnered two applicants, and  
6 both withdrew before we even could interview them. So  
7 we've experienced some difficulties with filling the  
8 outdoor recreation planner position, and it really is  
9 a key position since so much of the focus in the  
10 National Monument is on recreation, and we don't have  
11 someone in the position to lead that.

12 So that's been, perhaps, when you go back  
13 to the assessment, where we maybe could have done  
14 better in some of these things. I think we will see  
15 much more success and forward movement when we can get  
16 the additional staff on board.

17 Any questions on that?

18 MR. MORGAN: So this position is funded  
19 but not filled?

20 MR. FOOTE: Correct.

21 MR. MORGAN: If someone wanted to start  
22 tomorrow, you could hire them?

23 MR. FOOTE: Yes. That would make my  
24 life much easier.

25 Continuing on with the -- oh, before I

1 do -- oh, Management Plan implementation. There's  
2 kind of two documents relative to this. It's really  
3 pertinent to the discussions we've been having today.  
4 And without going through the laundry list of all the  
5 actions in the plan, I thought it may be appropriate  
6 to give you a copy of what is the FY 2008 managers  
7 annual report with the caveat that, like so many  
8 things, I went into the office on a Sunday at 10:00,  
9 and I left Monday morning at 3:00 in the morning and  
10 generated the entire report in that timeframe.

11           Anyway, it's, I think, fairly indicative  
12 that we've done a lot of good stuff. We've got a lot  
13 of things going on. Our service-first relationship  
14 with Forest Service and BLM is working, I think,  
15 wonderfully. We have tremendous communication back  
16 and forth, great coordination. That continues to be a  
17 highlight. The efforts of all of our partners is  
18 something to be applauded. We continue to do well in  
19 that regard, and we're building additional  
20 partnerships ongoing.

21           One of the more recent ones that we're  
22 hoping to get going is the one with Outward-Bound  
23 Los Angeles, where we will be hopefully bringing some  
24 of the Coachella Valley youth, the at-risk youth who  
25 have not previously been connected with the National

1 Monument, into a program that will really create,  
2 hopefully, stewards out of these folks. We have a lot  
3 of hope for this.

4 The executive director of Outward-Bound  
5 L.A. was here last Friday. We've meet with him a  
6 couple of times out in his Pasadena office, so they  
7 are in the process of developing a program that should  
8 meet the needs of not only the Monument but really the  
9 Coachella Valley and the youth in the Coachella  
10 Valley, really an under-served population.

11 So I'll leave folks to read that on their  
12 own, as well. And I think John is ready.

13 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Just glancing  
14 through, you did a great job. I mean, the photos that  
15 you put in here are outstanding.

16 MR. FOOTE: Well, thank you.

17 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Was any of this  
18 boiler-plate?

19 MR. FOOTE: Only the format. The format  
20 was boiler-plate from an LCS, and then we just fill in  
21 various categories.

22 MS. APFELBAUM: Are they paying you  
23 extra for doing this extra work?

24 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: No.

25 MR. FOOTE: It's actually -- there's a

1 certain amount of this that is fun, actually,  
2 surprisingly, even on the weekends. There's some good  
3 stuff going on, and it's fun to deal with that. Some  
4 of the other things are maybe not so much fun, and I  
5 try to reserve those for my regular workdays.

6 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Okay. Are we  
7 ready?

8 MR. KALISH: I think we are. I  
9 apologize for the technical difficulty.. I think what  
10 Jim was saying is that we are really blessed by the  
11 partnerships that we have both in terms of working  
12 with the Forest Service but also one that we want to  
13 highlight today, and that's the work that we  
14 collaborate on and the overall partnership with  
15 Friends of the Desert Mountains. And I'm always  
16 astounded at the quality of the work that they do.

17 Of course, they're involved in numerous  
18 different programs all the way from land acquisition  
19 to environmental education, interpretation. And then  
20 one of the things that they really do best is put on  
21 celebrations.

22 And so in looking at the recent Spring  
23 Wildflower Festival just a couple of weekends ago, the  
24 overall event was organized and sponsored by the  
25 Friends of the Desert Mountains in collaboration with

1 the staffs of both the Friends and the Monument, the  
2 BLM and the Forest Service.

3 And if you look at the overall successes,  
4 about 1500 people attended, \$4300 in gross sales,  
5 numerous volunteers, vendors, exhibitors, 300 hikes.

6 And I will just close my mouth here, and  
7 we'll just kind of run down a slide show. So enjoy.

8 (Slideshow was presented.)

9 (Applause.)

10 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Very good.

11 MR. FOOTE: Thanks, John.

12 MR. KALISH: It's a celebration of what  
13 was a good event.

14 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Do we rent that  
15 space up there for events?

16 MR. FOOTE: We haven't yet.

17 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Do we have it in  
18 a policy to or not to?

19 MR. FOOTE: No. We are considering it.

20 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: And who is "we"?

21 MR. FOOTE: My collaboration with the  
22 Friends of the Desert Mountains.

23 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: What about this  
24 board?

25 MR. FOOTE: You may consider it, as

1 well.

2 MR. LYMAN: We need a quorum.

3 MS. WATLING: The group that played also  
4 plays at the Palm Desert Farmers Market on Wednesdays  
5 now every other week and works at the Reserve.

6 MS. APFELBAUM: What's his name?

7 MS. WATLING: Dave Headron. He was an  
8 employee at the Living Desert and now for Land  
9 Concepts and works at the Reserve. Good guy.

10 MS. APFELBAUM: Does he write his own  
11 music?

12 MS.. WATLING: Yeah. And he was on our  
13 board for a little while, but we had a fundraiser who  
14 thought everybody ought to contribute lots of money  
15 and --

16 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Okay. John,  
17 thank you very much for that. It looked like a  
18 delightful day. I had some out-of-town relatives I  
19 sent up there, and they very much enjoyed it.

20 MR. KALISH: It's getting better every  
21 year. I think that last year just in gross sales they  
22 sold a little over a thousand, but this year it's over  
23 4,000. So we're seeing more and different vendors and  
24 great art. And just to get a total of 300 people on a  
25 series of hikes up in the hills, that's really quite

1 an accomplishment. It was a good day.

2 MS. WATLING: And Borrego didn't seem to  
3 be doing much at all this year, so you had the full  
4 stage.

5 MR. KALISH: Oh, good to hear.

6 MR. KRUEPER: I might add, there's a  
7 poppy reserve out on Lancaster in the high desert that  
8 will be very good this year.

9 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Okay. Other  
10 Forest Service actions. Are you ready for us, or are  
11 we ready for you?

12 MS. ROSENTHAL: I'm ready either way.

13 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Okay.

14 MS. ROSENTHAL: Well, I've been pretty  
15 immersed in the Raymond Oyler trial. It's a very  
16 high-profile case right now. I just wanted to give  
17 you an update for those of you that aren't aware that  
18 the jury did find Raymond Oyler guilty two weeks ago.  
19 And I've been at the trial almost every day.

20 But what I wasn't aware of that is very  
21 important is that the jury right now is only being  
22 given two decisions. One is life without parole, and  
23 the other is the death penalty. So either way Raymond  
24 Oyler is going to be off the street for his lifetime.

25 As some of you know, his cousin said he

1 wanted to burn down the mountain, and that's the whole  
2 Monument, and so it's been very emotional for me..  
3 I've been spending a lot of time with the families,  
4 and it's been very graphic in the courtroom because  
5 the prosecutor is trying to make his case for the  
6 jury. And I apologize for having to leave a couple of  
7 times. It's because I'm still dealing with this on  
8 the phone.

9           So anyway, other things. Some of you  
10 attended the Santa Rosa Fuel Reduction Project field  
11 trip three or four months ago, and I wanted to thank  
12 those of you that attended and also let you know that  
13 we're probably going to be doing another scoping  
14 exercise, and you're all on the e-mail because we are  
15 changing it.

16           Without getting into all the regulations  
17 and stuff, there is two different ways of going with  
18 an environmental assessment. Because there is  
19 wilderness in there, we're changing it and going with  
20 the 215, and that's going to give people another  
21 opportunity for public comment on the Santa Rosa Fuel  
22 Reduction Project. I know that's very important. The  
23 whole Santa Rosa area is very important to many of  
24 you. So look for that in your e-mail.

25           I also want to let you know that, as far as

1 the economic recovery -- used to be called the  
2 stimulus; now it's called economic recovery -- in the  
3 Forest Service, all the forests were asked for  
4 different tiers, and the first tier that went out was,  
5 these are ones that are shovel ready right on the  
6 ground. And San Bernardino National Forest got  
7 several of them. One had to do with supervisor's  
8 office building, but the other one had to do with  
9 trail crews on all the districts. And so we had a  
10 trail crew of 12 people.

11 The California Conservation Corps started  
12 today. And so they will be doing work on the  
13 Monument, and BLM may also be getting a trail crew,  
14 and we might be able to get a second one. We're  
15 coordinating on this. But there's a lot of trails.  
16 There is hundreds of miles of trails on the Monument,  
17 and so I just want to let you all know that we have a  
18 trails crew for at least a year.

19 MR. MORGAN: At least a year?

20 MS. ROSENTHAL: At least a year. If  
21 they spike out -- you know, we have a certain amount  
22 of money, so if they spike out, that will be more  
23 costly, and so that might make it less time or, if  
24 they don't spike out as much, more time.

25 MS. WATLING: What is "spike out"?

1 MS. ROSENTHAL: I'm sorry. If they  
2 spend the night.

3 MS. WATLING: Okay.

4 MS. ROSENTHAL: But either way, this is  
5 great news, and that's just the first tier. So we'll  
6 see how things go. We submitted a big wish list, as  
7 I'm sure BLM did, as well.

8 Lastly the Sloan property. Some of you  
9 attended a field trip last year on the Sloan property,  
10 which is not actually on the Monument, but there's a  
11 trail from the Sloan property that goes to the Pacific  
12 Crest Trail, and people don't really care in the  
13 Monument. Out of the Monument they just want to go  
14 for a hike.

15 So just to let you know one of the options,  
16 we have buildings on the site that need lots and lots  
17 of work. We have two homes, for example, a water  
18 system, and in order to get them up to code, it's at  
19 least \$100,000, mega bucks. So we have a possibility  
20 of decommissioning the buildings and the water system.  
21 And so you should be getting something in the mail on  
22 that, as well, because some of you attended the field  
23 trip. Some of you are interested in that property.

24 And so please, on all these projects,  
25 please comment back. This is -- as you know, those of

1 you that are here are the people that care so much  
2 about the Monument, and we really welcome your points  
3 of view on things.

4 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Thank you.

5 MS. ROSENTHAL: That's all for me.

6 MR. MORGAN: Just a quick comment. The  
7 upper portion of the Sloan property is within the  
8 Monument.

9 MS. ROSENTHAL: Thank you.

10 MR. MORGAN: Just the building and the  
11 road is not.

12 MS. ROSENTHAL: Thank you. I appreciate  
13 that correction to the minutes. Thank you.

14 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Thank you,  
15 Lauri. Okay. John, looks like you're back on.

16 MR. KALISH: All right. Well, the first  
17 thing I was going to talk about was the Omnibus Lands  
18 Bill, but Jeff Morgan gave such a good update and  
19 summary that he actually covered all that I was going  
20 to cover and then some. So I think I'll check that  
21 off and move on.

22 At one of our previous meetings we  
23 discussed the Bill Adams Wind Project that is in the  
24 Snow Creek area and Fingle's Finger. As far as we as  
25 an agency or an office have been, that project has

1 really fallen pretty silent, although we do understand  
2 that the actual project is moving through the County  
3 process. And they are, of course, dealing with the  
4 whole issue of wind turbines south of I-10, as well as  
5 Snow Creek and slope construction aspects of the  
6 project.

7           What we potentially think is going to  
8 happen is that, at least through the County process,  
9 that an EIR will be completed prior to Bill Adams  
10 submitting all the rest of his package to BLM in  
11 anticipation of BLM then tiering off of that EIR as we  
12 do our NEPA process. So there are just a number of  
13 things up in the air.

14           On the BLM side the project is just not  
15 moving, is not going anywhere. We have not been  
16 contacted with the project proponent, so at least from  
17 the federal part of that project, it's gone pretty  
18 well dormant.

19           We did very recently authorize a  
20 wind-energy repower project, which is located west of  
21 Indian Avenue and south of the railroad tracks, really  
22 south of the Amtrak station. It was a project that  
23 had been leased by BLM back in the '90s. It went  
24 bankrupt. AESC West was the project proponent,  
25 Mountain View Partners, and that project involves 53

1 wind turbines on both BLM and Coachella Valley water  
2 distribution lands. But essentially it's just a  
3 repower of a project that went bankrupt and was  
4 removed back in the '90s.

5 That was a project that we did jointly  
6 between us and the City of Palm Springs. The City was  
7 the CEQA lead, but for purposes of the project being  
8 approved, it is approved on both BLM and water  
9 district lands.

10 A lot of people are interested in the Green  
11 Path Transmission Line Project. LADWP is the project  
12 proponent. It's an 800-megawatt, 500KB project that  
13 at least as it was originally envisioned, starts at  
14 the Beaver Substation north of Palm Springs, goes  
15 through Morongo Canyon Preserve and on through  
16 Yucca Valley and kind of ends up into Lucerne Valley  
17 and ends up in the Hesperia area. And then there's  
18 various areas of the project that go down the Cajon  
19 Pass to Lytle Creek.

20 The two federal co-leads on the project are  
21 us and San Bernardino National Forest. LADWP is the  
22 CEQA lead on the project. There is a perception that  
23 the project is well on its way to being permitted.  
24 That is not true at all. We're just really in the  
25 very early stages of working with LADWP and finalizing

1 their application so that we can accept it and  
2 developing a process by which we can do a joint  
3 NEPA-CEQA document to analyze the project. But we  
4 have not initiated scoping, nor have we published a  
5 notice of intent to prepare an EIS, so it's still very  
6 much in the early stages.

7           And a big aspect of that project is really  
8 looking at alternative alignments to what their  
9 originally proposed alignment was. We intend to do a  
10 very thorough alternative screening as we go through  
11 scoping. And one potentially feasible alignment -- I  
12 know it's been in the press -- is going out I-10  
13 through the Morongo Reservation lands and working its  
14 way down into San Bernardino and across the valley  
15 over into Lytle Creek.

16           So that's just one of a couple of  
17 alternatives that has been looked at, and at least we  
18 intend to very thoroughly identify all reasonable  
19 alternatives and ensure that they get fed into the  
20 overall analysis.

21           As far as staffing, Jim talked about the  
22 Monument outdoor rec planner that one of these days we  
23 will fill. Unfortunately Jim has been dual heading  
24 both his old position and the -- of course, he is  
25 officially the Monument manager after having been

1 detailed into the position for many, many months.

2 On the ranger side of our staffing, we have  
3 staff back up to the ten, and potentially we may bring  
4 on one more ranger. So we're essentially at the old  
5 full staff of ten rangers after a number of years of  
6 having just two or three or four rangers to cover  
7 1.7 million acres.

8 So there are a couple of those rangers that  
9 are coming back from the law enforcement academy, and  
10 we just can't wait for them to hit the ground and to  
11 get out there and start doing their job and start to  
12 deal with all of the various land management issues  
13 that we have to deal with.

14 So that about covers it. If you have any  
15 questions.

16 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Questions?

17 MR. MORGAN: Nope. Seems pretty  
18 encompassing.

19 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Sounds like  
20 you've been busy and maybe even moreso.

21 Okay. We are on meeting review, motions,  
22 actions, future agenda items. I think we all  
23 understand that the election of chairperson and vice  
24 chair is continued to our next meeting. Likewise, the  
25 charter and bylaws and continuing discussion on the

1 purpose and need for MAC have all been continued to  
2 our next meeting.

3 And the next scheduled meeting is September  
4 something, and be aware that for all good reason, the  
5 potential for a special meeting to be called before  
6 that.

7 MS. ROSENTHAL: September 21st.

8 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: September 21st.

9 Thank you very much. That will be here. I can't seem  
10 to find it. I found it. If I get in the right month,  
11 I find it. It will be in this time and place, same as  
12 we are today.

13 MR. FOOTE: I'd just like to say that,  
14 if you do have any questions on the materials that  
15 we've distributed today, as always, feel free to call  
16 me, send me e-mail, and we'll get some more details  
17 back to you.

18 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: Any comments  
19 from any of the members or discussion, anything that  
20 you'd like to throw on the table before we adjourn?

21 MR. MORGAN: I was going to ask Bob what  
22 the Adams or the Cabazon Ridge Project, what stage it  
23 was at the County, but I'll ask him privately.

24 CHAIRPERSON HENDERSON: You can ask him  
25 privately. Okay. Thank you all for being here today.

1 With that, we're going to adjourn the meeting and,  
2 with that, look forward to seeing you sometime.

3 (The proceedings were concluded at 4:41 p.m.)

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