

Mojave-Southern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council  
Meeting Minutes  
Friday, February 01, 2013  
John Ascuaga's Nugget, 1100 Nugget Avenue, Sparks, Nevada

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

Douglas "Stretch" Baker	Transportation/ROW	Category 1
Ed Higbee	Ranching/Grazing	Category 1
Gracian Uhalde	Ranching/Grazing	Category 1
Jason Higgins	Energy & Minerals Development	Category 1
Robert Adams	Permitted Recreation	Category 1
Elise McAllister	Dispersed Recreation	Category 2
Thelma "Terri" Robertson	Archeology/Historic	Category 2
Mark Blankensop	State Agency Representative	Category 3

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

VACANT	Environment	Category 2
Don Davis	Wild Horse and Burro	Category 2
Jane Feldman	Wildlife	Category 2
Stanley Smith	Academic/UNLV	Category 3
VACANT	Native American	Category 3
Ronda Hornbeck	Public at Large	Category 3
VACANT	Elected Official	Category 3

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

Rosemary Thomas, Des. Federal Official	BLM EYDO District Manager
Pat Gubbins	BLM SNDO Acting District Manager
Timothy Smith	BLM SNDO District Manager
Thomas Seley	BLM Tonopah Field Manager
Chris Hanefeld	BLM EYDO Public Affairs Specialist
Hillierie Patton	BLM SNDO Public Affairs Specialist
Patricia Bute	BLM Ely District Management Secretary
Chris Worthington	BLM Battle Mountain RMP Team Lead

**Public**

Garnet Pasquali	Wild Horse & Burro Advocate
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9:40 a.m. Welcome & Introductions: Rosemary Thomas Designated Federal Official, BLM, Ely District Office. The RAC members, BLM managers and staff introduced themselves.

Review/update FY13 RAC contact information, travel vouchers, etc. Changes noted and submitted to Chris Hanefeld.

10:15 a.m. Roles and Responsibilities discussed.  
BLM acronym handout reviewed.  
Charter for MoSo RAC reviewed  
DM Report from BM provided.  
DM Report from EYDO provided.

Rosey noted that we do not have a quorum today, only a simple majority is present. Rosey asked the group to indicate their pleasure on the method of determining quorum. Terri Robertson made motion to say that we have a simple majority. Ed Higbee seconded. Unanimous passage.

Gracian Uhalde stated that he would prefer to wait to elect a chair and a co-chair when more of the RAC is present. Group agreed to wait until the next meeting.

**Focus Items reviewed** (from yesterday):

Recreation (terms and conditions, online forms, new uses should be addressed in RMP)

Energy & Transmission  
Planning

Youth - set aside for now. Elise McAllister stated that she really likes this topic and would like to see it continued. Pat Gubbins also said he would like to see this. Elise suggested that this be put on the first agenda if nothing else, to discuss further. Hillary Patton will provide the group with a report prepared last year regarding youth projects.

Gracian added the topic of fuels build up. Discuss EAs for fire prevention.

Look at more field trips to provide information to new members. Liked the field trip last year between the RACs and the public.

Discussed travel logistics to save money. Use VTC, email, travel day before or start the meetings later in the day?

Budget for the MoSo is about \$13,000/annually. This is for travel predominantly.

**Look at 3 meetings:**

March 21 & 22 in Las Vegas: SNPLMA proposal review (2 hours). Charge a subgroup with planning. Brief RAC about 2 RMP's that need to be completed (1

hour for update and 1 hour for discussion). Have a field tour involving recreation issues. Discuss public outreach.

July 11 in Las Vegas: Energy and transmission.

September 12 VTC: Fire, fuels, sage grouse and desert tortoise.

General support of doing as much business as possible via email.

**Recreation Subgroup**: Ed Higbee, Bob Adams, Mark Blakensop, Terri Robertson

**Recreation Subgroup**: Elise McAlister, Terri Robertson, Bob Adams, Stretch Baker, Ed Higbee

11:40 a.m. Adjourn.

**APPROVED BY:**

Date: 7/11/2013

  
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Rosemary Thomas  
Designated Federal Official  
Mojave-Southern Great Basin  
Resource Advisory Council

- Minutes provided by Patricia Bute, BLM Ely District Office -

Attachments:

- #1 – Battle Mountain DM Report
- #2 – Ely District Office DM Report