

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Land Management
California State Office

NOTICE
Establishment of California Desert
Conservation Area Advisory Committee
And Invitation for Nominations

Notice is hereby given of intention to establish the California Desert Conservation Area Advisory Committee as required by Section 601(g) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, Public Law 94-579. Establishment and operation of the committee must conform to the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (86 Stat. 770; 5 U.S.C. App.1) and advisory committee regulations of the Department of the Interior (43 CFR 1784).

The public is invited to comment on the draft charter and to make nominations for members of the committee. To meet the requirement of the Act that the committee be established within 60 days after the approval of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, public comments must be received no later than December 23, 1976.

The draft charter proposed by the Bureau of Land Management follows:

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CALIFORNIA DESERT CONSERVATION AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Bureau of Land Management
Department of the Interior

1. Official Designation: California Desert Conservation Area Advisory Committee, hereinafter referred to as the Committee.

2. Committee Objectives and Scope: Advise the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management, with respect to preparation and implementation of the comprehensive, long-range plan for the California Desert Conservation Area required by Section 601(d) of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, Public Law 94-579.

3. Period of Time Necessary for the Committee's Activities: The Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 directs the Secretary of the Interior to prepare and implement a comprehensive, long-range plan for the management, use, development and protection of the public lands of the California Desert Conservation Area. The Committee will advise the Secretary, through the California State Director of the Bureau of Land Management, on the preparation and implementation of the plan. The Act further directs that such plan be completed, and implementation initiated, on or before September 30, 1980. Accordingly, and while subject to the biennial termination and renewal provisions of Section 14 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463), it is expected that the Committee will be employed for five years, terminating December 31, 1981.

4. Official to Whom the Committee Reports: California State Director, Bureau of Land Management. The Federal Representative at all meetings of the Committee and subcommittees that may be formed will be the California State Director, Bureau of Land Management, or his designee.

5. Administrative Support: Administrative support for activities of the Committee will be provided by the California State Office, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior.

a. Members of the Committee serve without compensation, but are reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses at the rate prevailing for Federal employees.

6. Duties of the Committee: The Committee will meet periodically to ascertain facts, make studies, hear public testimony, offer advice, and develop recommendations as requested by the California State Director, BLM, regarding preparation and implementation of the comprehensive plan for the California Desert Conservation Area.

7. Calls to Meet and Agendas: Meetings of the Committee and subcommittees, if formed, may be held only at the call of the California Federal Representative or his designee, after public notice, and in the presence of that Federal Representative. Meeting agendas must be approved in advance by the Federal Representative.

8. Committee Composition: The Committee will be composed of not fewer than 11 or more than 15 members, each of whom must be eminently qualified through professional education and training, current employment, established reputation, and demonstrated performance to give informed and objective advice concerning the interest or discipline he or she is appointed to represent. To provide a total membership that is balanced in terms of points of view represented and functions to be performed, the Committee will be comprised of at least one but not more than two representatives for each of the following interests or disciplines:

Wildlife Resources

Botanical Resources

Cultural-Historical Resources

Earth Sciences

Environmental Science

Local Government

Mining-Minerals

Energy-Utilities

Recreation Resources

Social Sciences

State Government

9. Member Selection and Appointment: Committee members will be selected and appointed by the Federal Representative after public calls for nominations. Appointments will be on a calendar-year basis. Under the rules of the Department of the Interior, terms of appointment may not exceed 365 days. However, members may be reappointed.

10. Subcommittees: To facilitate functioning of the Committee, standing and/or ad hoc subcommittees may be formed by the Chairperson, with the concurrence of the Federal Representative. Standing committees will be formed subject to amendment of this charter or filing of a separate charter. Ad hoc committees will be formed subject to the same requirement, provided the expected life of the particular subcommittee makes it feasible to do so. Subcommittees of the California Desert Conservation Area Advisory Committee must be balanced in terms of point of view and functions to be performed.

11. Committee Officers: The Committee shall elect a Chairperson and a Vice Chairperson from among its members at the first meeting of each calendar year. Subcommittee chairpersons and members will be appointed by the Committee Chairperson with the concurrence of the Federal Representative.

12. Public Participation: All meetings of the Committee and subcommittees that may be formed will be open to the public. Any organization, association, or individual may attend, and may file a statement or appear before the Committee or a subcommittee regarding an agenda topic. Meeting notices will provide specific times and places for the public to be heard, except that the Federal Representative may require prior notification by those desiring to be heard.

13. Committee Records: Proceedings of each Committee and subcommittee meeting, and copies of all reports, staff papers and data prepared, issued or approved in conjunction with activities of the Committee shall be maintained in the California State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California, and shall be open to public inspection and copying during regular office hours.

14. Estimated Operating Costs: Activities of the Committee will require an estimated \$30,000 and three man-years of Federal employee support annually.

15. Meeting Frequency: The Committee is expected to meet at least four times annually. Additional meetings or field examinations may be called in conjunction with special problems or programs.

16. Authority:

a. The Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, Public Law 94-597, Sections 309, 310, and 601(d).

b. The Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, Sections

8-11.

Public comment should be directed to the California State Director,
Bureau of Land Management; 2800 Cottage Way, Room E-2841, Sacramento,
CA 95825.

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Date

Ed Hastey
Ed Hastey, State Director

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Inyo County Board of Supervisors
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168 North Edwards
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Gentlemen:

The Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, or BLM Organic Act (Public Law 94-579), provides for establishment of the California Desert Conservation Area. The Act calls for creation of a California Desert Conservation Area Advisory Committee to advise the Secretary of the Interior and the Bureau of Land Management on preparation and implementation of the comprehensive, long-range plan for the desert.

Establishment of the advisory committee is to occur within 60 days of the approval of the Act, so we are working on a tight time frame to prepare a charter for the committee and nominate members.

As part of the total effort to obtain public involvement in establishment of the committee, the enclosed draft charter has been submitted for publication in the Federal Register.

I would appreciate it if you would review the proposed charter, particularly with respect to composition of the committee, and give me your comments. It would be most helpful to me if you would simultaneously nominate members to serve on the committee.

Preparation of a total plan for management, protection, use and development of the California Desert in four years is a tough assignment. The California Desert Conservation Area Advisory Committee will have to be a working board, probably meeting at least quarterly.

I hope you will provide your input into this vital undertaking.

Sincerely yours,

Ed Hastey
State Director
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"The HLI Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 requires establishment of a California Desert Conservation Area Advisory Committee" by December 31, 1978. They are seeking nominees that have detailed knowledge of the interest they represent and also "are seeking the widest possible public involvement."

We the citizens of Inyo County feel it is of extreme importance that the California Conservation Area Advisory Committee should include representation from the segment of society that includes the modern day "burro" prospector, who after works from pick-up truck or car, the small mine operator, and the desert dweller.

These people are all traditional and significant users of the Public Lands. They have an intimate understanding, respect and love for the Public Lands. They are an untapped source of knowledge of places, things and resources found on Public Lands. The folk-lore of the areas come from these people. They represent the free spirit of the Western way of life and deserve representation in the future planning of their environment.

The "burro" prospector has been responsible for the original location of practically all major mineral deposits later developed by large corporations. To this day full scale mining concerns use the independent operator to locate new sites for development, to "tramp around the hills" through the love of adventure attached to such a life that the average citizen does not feel.

Through years of living in the desert environment the desert dweller has gathered knowledge and information responsible for archaeological finds, topographical information, water sources and animal resources.

To ignore these facts and these people would be an injustice not worthy of a Federal agency.

Therefore, we the undersigned support Dan Dickman as a nominee for the California Desert Conservation Area Advisory Committee:

Ray D. Henry Robert C. Welsh
175 277 Main St
Frank W. Plume
P.O. Box 1033 - Bishop Calif.
J. W. Coley & Amanda Uhlmeyer
R2 Box 208
Bishop Calif.

John Demant PO Box 115 Bishop Calif

Donald B. Lynch Rt 1 Box 12-3 Bishop Calif. 93514

Betty L. Lynch " " " " " "

Mrs Ada B W Murray 175 N Main St Bishop Calif

Ferry Butler BOX 113 BISHOP CALIF 93514

Reg Warner RT-1 Box T-19 Bishop Calif
Ray Ponce 399 Yaney St Bishop Calif

Clyde M Barner 112 N MAIN BISHOP CALIF 93514

Louise Giborn 262 W Grove St Bishop

Wesley W. Westington 124 W. Main St. Bishop

Dave Chapman RT 1 BUTTERMILK RD., BISHOP

Bill Nugent 10 Box 473 Bishop, Calif.

Curtis A. Bliss 874 Home St Bishop Calif

Dave Armstrong 336 Mohaven Bishop, Calif.

Michael V. Stewart P.O. 1071 BISHOP CALIF. 93514

Charles V. Cuff Box 752 TONOPAH, NEVADA 89049

James E. Dick Box 942 Bishop

Gordon C. Condy 175 NO. MAIN ST. Bishop Calif.

Jack Adams P.O BOX 1412 Bishop Calif

Jessie S. Chapman Rt. #1 Buttermilk Rd. Bishop Calif

December 20, 1976

Bureau of Land Management
State Office
Federal Office Building
2800 Cottage Way
Sacramento, California 95825

Attention: Ed Haste, Acting State Director

RE: 1784 (C-912) Establishment of the California Desert
Conservation Area

Enclosed are the following items:

1. Resolution 76-170, A resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, requesting adequate representation on the California Desert Conservation Area Advisory Committee.
2. Resolution 76-171, A resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Inyo, recommending appointment of Supervisor Herbert London as the local governmental representative to the California Desert Conservation Area Advisory Committee.
3. A letter from Dan Dickman requesting consideration of Mr. Dickman's appointment to the California Desert Conservation Area Advisory Committee, and a petition supporting Mr. Dickman.

Very truly yours,

MARGARET BROMLEY,
County Clerk

By
Anna Guzman, Deputy

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Enclosures
cc: Honorable William Ketchum

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AND INVITATION FOR NOMINATIONS

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MARGARET BROMLEY
County Clerk

By
Cynthia Knauf, Deputy
Clerk of the Board

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A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF INYO, REQUESTING APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO THE CALIFORNIA DESERT CONSERVATION AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

WHEREAS, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 calls for the creation of a California Desert Conservation Area Advisory Committee to advise the Secretary of the Interior and the Bureau of Land Management on preparation and implementation of the comprehensive, long-range plan for the desert; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo do hereby declare a major interest in the long-range planning for the California Desert Conservation Area; and

WHEREAS, the County of Inyo is a high desert environment with federal ownership of land at approximately six million (6,000,000) acres, including 2,865,498 acres of Bureau of Land Management land; and

WHEREAS, this Board of Supervisors has in its membership individuals who have local governmental knowledge of the California Desert and its environments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo do hereby recommend Supervisor Herbert London be appointed as the local governmental representative to the California Desert Conversation Area Advisory Committee.

ATTEST: MARGARET BROMLEY
County Clerk

By: Anna Guzman
Anna Guzman

"The foregoing Resolution 76-171 was duly passed and adopted by the Inyo County Board of Supervisors at a regular meeting thereof held on December 20, 1976, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Muth, London, Hapke, Fisher, Collins

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Attest: Wilma B. Muth
Chairman

Anna Guzman Dep. Clerk

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RESOLUTION 76- 172

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF INYO, NOMINATING, VAUGHN RASMUSSEN UNDER THE MINING-MINERALS DISCIPLINE, TO THE CALIFORNIA DESERT CONSERVATION AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 calls for the creation of a California Desert Conservation Area Advisory Committee to advise the Secretary of the Interior and the Bureau of Land Management on preparation and implementation of the comprehensive, long-range plan for the desert; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo do hereby declare a major interest in the long-range planning for the California Desert Conservation Area; and

WHEREAS, the County of Inyo is a high desert environment with federal ownership of land at approximately six million (6,000,000) acres; and

WHEREAS, VAUGHN RASMUSSEN, Manager of the Charles Pfizer Company, a mining company is eminently qualified to give informed and objective advice in the field of mining-minerals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo does hereby nominate, VAUGHN RASMUSSEN, to serve as a committee member of the United States Department of Interior, California Desert Conservation Area Advisory Committee, representing the mining-mineral discipline.

Passed and approved this 20th day of December

1976.

ATTEST:

Margaret Bromley, Clerk

By *Anna Szymanski*
Deputy

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Date: 12-21-76
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The foregoing Resolution 76-172 was duly passed and adopted by the Inyo County Board of Supervisors at a regular meeting thereof held on December 20, 1976, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Muth, Landon, Hapke, Fisher, Rolles

NOES: none

ABSENT: none

Attest: Wilma D. Muth
Chairman

Anna Suzanne Dep. Clerk

December 21, 1976

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Bureau of Land Management
State Office
Federal Office Building
2800 Cottage Way
Sacramento, California 95825

Attention: Ed Haste, Acting State Director

RE: 1784 (C-912) Establishment of the California Desert
Conservation Area

Enclosed is the following item: 76-172

A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors,
County of Inyo, Nominating, Vaughn Rasmussen Under the
Mining-Minerals Discipline, to the California Desert
Conservation Area Advisory Committee

Very truly yours,

MARGARET BROMLEY,
County Clerk

By
Anna Guzman, Deputy

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Enclosure

cc: Honorable William Ketchum



RESOLUTION NO. 76-192
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO

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RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HERBERT LONDON TO
SERVE ON THE CALIFORNIA DESERT CONSERVATION
AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, PL 94579 IS AN ACT THAT WILL HAVE SIGNIFICANT
IMPACT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS HAVING EXTENSIVE BUREAU OF LAND
MANAGEMENT HOLDINGS, AND

WHEREAS, AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE WILL BE FORMED WHICH
WILL GUIDE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THAT LAW IN CALIFORNIA, AND

WHEREAS, INYO COUNTY HAS A LARGE HOLDING OF BUREAU OF
LAND MANAGEMENT LANDS, AND

WHEREAS, HERBERT LONDON IS A COUNTY SUPERVISOR FOR THE
COUNTY OF INYO AND HAS ACQUIRED CONSIDERABLE EXPERTISE AND
EXPERIENCE IN PUBLIC LANDS ADMINISTERED BY THE BUREAU OF
LAND MANAGEMENT, AND

WHEREAS, IT WOULD BE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND WELFARE
FOR HERBERT LONDON TO SERVE ON THIS COMMITTEE.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THIS BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MONO FULLY SUPPORTS AND ENDORSES
THE CANDIDACY OF HERBERT LONDON TO THE CALIFORNIA DESERT
CONSERVATION AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors, County of Mono, State of California this 21st day of
December, 1976, by the following vote of said Board.

AYES: Supervisors Cain, Falconer, Hanson, Mahan, Sharp.

December 22, 1976

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Bureau of Land Management
State Office
Federal Office Building
2800 Cottage Way
Sacramento, California 95825

Attention: Ed Haste, Acting State Director

RE: 1784 (C-912) Establishment of the California Desert
Conservation Area

Enclosed is a copy of a Resume of Educational and
Technical Background for Dan Dickman, and more signatures
supporting his appointment to the California Desert Conser-
vation Area Advisory Committee.

Very truly yours,

MARGARET BROMLEY,
County Clerk

By
Anna Guzman, Deputy

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Enclosures

RESUME OF EDUCATIONAL AND
TECHNICAL BACKGROUND

NAME: DAN DICKMAN
ADDRESS: P. O. Box 213 Keeler, CA 93530

Born in Riverside, California September 17, 1943.

Educated in Riverside City School System.
90 units earned from Riverside City College during years 1965-1970.
Majored in Liberal Arts.

Prospected for 10 years in Inyo County.
Past 7 years partner in Morning Sun Mine and Chemical Company involved in developing new methods of prospecting through the use of geochemical and botanical techniques and perfecting new ore processing methods using ion exchange extraction methods.
As a partner in mining operation has worked with many individuals, on a professional basis, locating, mapping underground ore bodies, sampling, guiding into remote areas, doing qualitative and quantitative analyses, reporting ore investigations and doing annual assessment work.

Dan Dickman

WILLIAM M. KETCHUM
18TH DISTRICT, CALIFORNIA

413 CANNON HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515
(202) 225-2915

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
CHRISTOPHER C. SEEGER

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE
MEL BAUGHMAN

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

KERN, INYO, TULARE AND
LOS ANGELES COUNTIES

DISTRICT OFFICES:
800 TRUXTON AVENUE, # 302
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA 93301
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LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA 93534
(805) 948-8116

192 B E. LINE STREET
BISHOP, CALIFORNIA 93514
(714) 873-7171

December 23, 1976

Ms. Margaret Bromley
County Clerk
County of Inyo
Drawer F
Independence, CA 93526

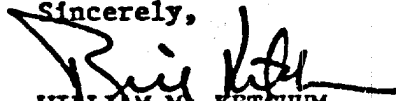
Dear Ms. Bromley:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter to the Bureau of Land Management and your resolution for recommendations of Herbert London and Dick Dickman for the California Desert Conservation Area Advisory Committee.

I appreciate your taking the time to send this information and for keeping me informed of your actions. I hope that you will continue to do so.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



WILLIAM M. KETCHUM
Member of Congress

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Rt 1, Box M-18
Bishop 93514

Wilma Muth
Inyo County Board of Supervisors
Independence, California

Dear Wilma,

In response to our phone discussion about the Desert Conservation Area Advisory Committee and the selection of its members, I am enclosing a short resumé of my background and interests.

I am a high school English and ecology teacher, currently employed by Bishop Union High School District, Bishop, California. I have an A.B. degree from U.C.L.A. with a major in English-Speech and minors in recreation and basic science. I have also done two years graduate work at Long Beach State College.

My interest in the desert community arises from having lived in or near the Mojave desert most of my life. My thoughts concerning the desert environment and its use are predicated on two assumptions: that we of this generation are obligated to leave an undestroyed environment for the next generation; and that we presently must follow some concept of multiple use, educating people about the desert's values and pleasures.

If someone of my background and interests would be of use to the advisory committee, I would be pleased to give my time.

My interests and discipline would be applicable under the "social science" or "recreation resources" categories.

Sincerely,



Dick Arnold

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF INYO

I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the County aforesaid; I am over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to or interested in the above-entitled matter. I am the principal clerk of the printer of the

a newspaper of general circulation, published in
Inyo Register

County of Inyo, and which newspaper has been adjudged a newspaper of general circulation by the Superior Court of the County of Inyo, State of California, under date of Oct. 5, 1953, Case Number 5414; that the notice, of which the annexed is a printed copy (set in type not smaller than nonpareil), has been published in each regular and entire issue of said newspaper and not in any supplement thereof on the following dates, to wit:

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I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated at Bishop, California,

this 16th day of December, 1976

Catherine A. Reed
Signature

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Dated at Bishop,

California,

this 16th day of December, 19 76

Carla A. McChesney

Signature

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Earth Sciences	Social Sciences
Environmental Sciences	State Government
Outdoor Recreation	Public Affairs
	General Public

8. Qualifications of Members: To be considered for membership and in view of the functions to be performed, an individual must be eminently qualified through specialized education, training or experience, reputation, or demonstrated performance to give informed and objective advice on one or more industry, service, or discipline listed in the Council charter. He or she may not serve or represent any particular group, but is expected to advise on the general area for which chosen. He or she ordinarily will not be eligible to represent an area of interest if, because of business or other relationships, there is significant personal involvement in a conflicting or competing subject or area of interest. An exception may be made if the person in question is acceptable to the concerned public as an appropriate representative.

9. Member Selection and Appointment: Committee members will be appointed by the Secretary of the Interior. Appointments will be on a calendar-year basis. A member appointment may be terminated by the Secretary at any time following formal notification for: failure to discharge his or her duties; violation of the Department of the Interior's rules or regulations; apparent conflict of interest; repeated absence: if continued service would compromise the ability of the Bureau of Land Management or Department of the Interior to perform their functions; or, for any other reason determined by the Secretary to be in the public interest.

10. Subcommittees: To facilitate functioning of the Committee, standing and/or ad hoc subcommittees may be formed by its chairperson with the concurrence of the Federal Representative, or at the suggestion of the Federal Representative. Standing subcommittees will be formed subject to amendment of this charter or filing of a separate charter. Ad hoc subcommittees will be formed subject to the same requirement, provided the expected life of the subcommittee makes it administratively feasible to do so. Any subcommittee formed will be balanced in terms of points of view to be represented and functions to be performed, and will operate in accordance with the same rules governing the full Committee.

11. Committee Officers/Subcommittee Officers and Members: The Committee will elect a chairperson and vice chairperson from among its members at the first meeting of each calendar year. Subcommittee chairpersons and members will be appointed by the Committee chairperson with the concurrence of the Federal Representative.

12. Meetings and Meeting Agendas: Meetings of the Committee and any subcommittees that may be formed may be called only by the California State Director, Bureau of Land Management, or his designee. The Authorized Federal Representative will be the California State Director or his designee, who shall attend all meetings. All meetings of the Committee and any subcommittees formed, including field trips, will be open to the public and the news media. Any organization, association, or individual may attend, file a statement, or appear before the Committee or its subcommittees regarding topics on the meeting agenda. Meeting notices will be published well in advance, set forth agenda topics in specific terms, and provide times and places for the public to be heard. In the interests of good order, the Federal Representative may require notification prior to a meeting by those desiring to be heard. All meeting agendas must be approved in advance by the Federal Representative.

13. Committee Records: Proceedings of each Committee and subcommittee meeting, and copies of all reports, staff papers and data prepared, issued or approved in conjunction with activities of the Committee shall be maintained in the California State Office, Bureau of Land Management, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, California, and the Desert Planning Staff Office, 1695 Spruce Street, Riverside, California, and shall be open to public inspection and copying during regular office hours.

14. Estimated Operating Costs: Activities of the Committee will require an estimated \$30,000 and two man-years of Federal employee support annually.

15. Meeting Frequency: The Committee is expected to meet at least four times annually. Additional meetings or field examinations may be called in conjunction with special problems or programs.

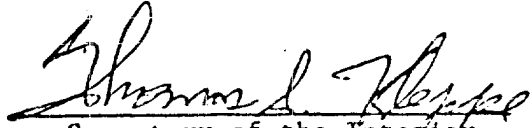
16. Authority:

a. Public Law 92-463, the Federal Advisory Committee Act (86 Stat. 770-776; Sec. 5 U.S.C. App. I, 1970 Ed., Suppl. III), Sections 8-11.

b. Public Law 94-579, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (90 Stat. 2743-2794), Sections 309, 310, and 601(d).

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(Date)


Secretary of the Interior



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The California Desert Conservation Area Advisory Committee has been chartered and its members appointed by the Secretary of the Interior. The committee will hold its initial meeting in San Bernardino March 7-8, 1977.

The public response to the Bureau of Land Management's request for public comment and nominations was most gratifying, and I believe we have a truly outstanding committee to assist us in developing the comprehensive, long-range plan for the California Desert.

Copies of the committee charter and the news release announcing appointment of the committee are enclosed. Your concern for the proper management of the California Desert Conservation Area is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Ed Hastey
State Director

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In the Rooms of the Board of Supervisors

County of Inyo, State of California

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I HEREBY CERTIFY, That at a meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, held in their rooms at the Court House in Independence on the 1st day of March, 1977, the Chairman directed CAO, Planning, Parks:

Supervisor Muth reported regarding a letter she had received from the California Desert Conservation Area Advisory Committee, inviting participation at their initial meeting March 7-8, 1977 in San Bernardino. The Board directed the CAO to meet with Doug Sherburne, Planning Director and Jim Angelo, Director of Parks & Recreation to determine which one should attend the meeting on behalf of the County of Inyo.

as the same appears of record in my office.

APPROVED FOR ENTRY

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Board this 1st day of March, 1977

MARGARET BROMLEY

County Clerk and ex-Officio Clerk of said Board.

Auditor.

By

Cynthia Muth

Deputy

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Clerk Plan. Parks

Date: 3-4-77

RICHARD B. McDONALD
SUPERVISOR 5TH DISTRICT
P. O. BOX 737
LONE PINE, CALIFORNIA 93545



COUNTY OF INYO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Dec. 19, 1977

REPORT: California Desert Conservation Area Advisory Committee
Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of Interior

PLACE: El Centro, Calif.

Date: December 8-10 1977

Purpose of Committee:

1. To accumulate technical data and other pertinent information from the BLM, Department of Interior as it relates to the East Mojave Area. (Cultural, Historic, Environmental, Geological, Etc.)
2. Expose themselves, and encourage public participation in the Plan.
3. To finalize all the factors as they are presented, and advise the Bureau of Land Management to what they feel is the highest and best use of the area under consideration.

CONCERNS: It was apparent during the meeting, even though the committee members appeared deeply concerned. THAT!

1. None of the advisory board reside or derive their livelihood from the Desert Conservation Area.
2. They are charged with the responsibility of advising to the optimum use of the desert area.
3. Even though sincere in their objectives, how much influence the committee will have over the final Plan.
4. The adoption of the plan without proper input from the counties and local government.
5. To the best of my knowledge, there has been no effort to involve the counties planning staff.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

- A. That the board direct the planning department to prepare a statement as to the goals and objectives for Inyo county as they relate to our desert area.
- B. To express a desire to work with the committee in preparing the elements pertinent to our county. *bym*

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I HEREBY CERTIFY, That at a meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, held in their rooms at the Court House in Independence on the 20th day of December, 19 77, an order was duly made and entered as follows:

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Moved by Supervisor McDonald, seconded by Supervisor Muth to express the Board's desire to work with the California Desert Conservation Area Advisory Committee in preparing the elements pertinent to Inyo County; and that this expression be sent to each Committee member under the Chairman of the Board's signature.

Motion carried unanimously.

as the same appears of record in my office.

APPROVED FOR ENTRY

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Board
this 20th day of December, 19 77

MARGARET BROMLEY
County Clerk and ex-Officio Clerk of said Board.

Auditor. By Kelli Sherman Deputy

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Inyo County Board of Supervisors
Drawer "F"
Independence, California 93526

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (Public Law 94-579), the Bureau of Land Management will assign Law Enforcement Rangers to the California Desert early in February 1978.

The enclosed news release, ~~scheduled for use on January 15~~, emphasizes our determination to exercise this new authority in the most considerate way possible. We have been extremely careful in the selection and training of the Rangers, and we have instructed our field managers to place major emphasis on education and persuasion as the principal tools in gaining compliance with various laws and regulations.

Our experience over the last several years shows that most visitors to the desert readily will comply with requests to treat natural resources with more consideration if we explain that an abuse is occurring and tell them what the impacts of such abuse are. We believe that more than 95 percent of incidents involving resource abuse and destruction can be handled with this approach.

There are, unfortunately, a smaller percentage of cases where destruction and theft are deliberate. For these violators, persuasion and education are not effective. In the most severe cases, it will be necessary for the Rangers to issue citations and make arrests under the laws they have a responsibility to enforce.

We will also place emphasis on cooperative agreements and, when funding is available, contracting with other law enforcement agencies, including County Sheriffs, to enforce Federal and State laws on Federal land.

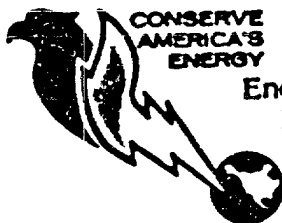
If you wish additional information about our new Ranger Program, our intended use of our delegated law enforcement capabilities and our anticipated reliance on local law enforcement authorities, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Ed Hastey

Ed Hastey
State Director

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News Release

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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
California Desert Plan Program
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Douglas Sherburne
Director of Planning
County of Inyo
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Independence, CA 93526

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INYO CO. PLANNING DEPT.

SUBJECT: Inventory and Analysis of Local General Plans in the
California Desert Conservation Area

Dear Mr. *Doug* Sherburne,

As a part of the California Desert planning program, a study is now underway to review existing general plans of the 8 counties and 22 cities within the California Desert Study Area. The purposes of this four month study are (a) to review those local general plans as they may pertain to the evolving California Desert Plan and (b) to encourage local planning agencies to participate in the Desert Program planning efforts. Recently, this office retained Thomas M. Brown, A.I.P., a planning consultant, to conduct the study. Michael Giblin, a regional planner on the California Desert Plan Staff, has been assigned to coordinate the study program.

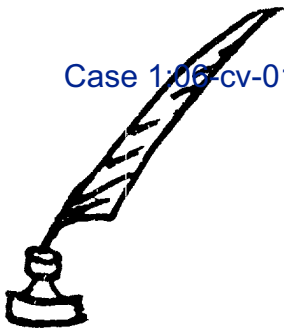
As you probably know, the Bureau of Land Management is developing a comprehensive, long range plan for the management, use and protection of the 39,000 square miles of the California Desert in the counties of Imperial, Inyo, Mono, Kern, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, San Diego, and Riverside. We believe that planning for public lands should be coordinated with affected local governmental entities. Therefore, we are making a concerted effort to review general plans and personally meet with those individuals responsible for local planning programs. It is intended these coordination efforts, once established, will continue.

Tom Brown, our consultant, will contact you to arrange for a personal interview to discuss your general plan and its elements and also to discuss areas where plans and programs of the BLM and local government may be coordinated on a continuous basis.

Sincerely yours,

Neil B. Pfulb
Desert Plan Director





High Desert Scribe

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TRONA, CALIFORNIA 93562

August 30, 1978

Richard B. McDonald
Supervisor, 5th District
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MARGARET BRONLEY
EX OFFICIO CLERK OF
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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Dear Supervisor McDonald:

When the first issue of the Bureau of Land Management maps were presented to the Searles Valley area, they were presented with the idea that input was needed from the public. In answer to this request and because of a short time period in which to answer, many of our local residents got together and assigned study committees to scrutinize the proposed wilderness areas and come up with an honest evaluation of the area.

Each committee took one section of the proposed wilderness area and studied it thoroughly, using the criteria that was given to us to work with. In this evaluation, we came up with 106,000 acres of true wilderness potential; that is areas untrammelled by man, areas almost impossible to develop and areas which would offer solitude to those wishing to hike into it. We were, and still are concerned about the safety hazards involved with regard to lack of water, and poisonous reptiles in the area of the inexperienced hiker who may wander into these areas; however, the areas marked do follow the wilderness criteria.

When the second interim map was published, we realized that all of our efforts had been in vain, because our recommendations were not even considered. It concerned the entire committee that such a large percentage of Inyo County land was engulfed in this wilderness proposal. We circulated petitions to persons in the area requesting a public meeting be held in Trona closer to the area involved. This request was granted and tonight such a meeting was held. It was attended by 207 persons and we are sure there are some who attended who were not signed in.

Trona, which is the site of the largest mineralization in the world is in the middle of the wilderness area. There is a small corridor down the middle, with no room for expansion in either San Bernardino or Inyo County. The Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976

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allows for the multiple use concept. It allows for the sale of land where practical, the respect for existing mining claims and existing rights-of-way. It also allows for other recreational uses on our land. The governing board of each county should be very much involved in all of the planning; all impacts need to be taken into consideration and in order to do this, someone who thoroughly knows the area must make the survey. The FLPMA; section 202 (f) reads: The secretary shall allow an opportunity for public involvement and by regulation shall establish procedures, including public hearings, where appropriate, to give Federal, State and local governments and the public, adequate notice and opportunity to comment upon and participate in the formulation of plans and programs relating to the management of public lands." Yet, it took petitions with over 1,000 signatures on them to have a public meeting here in Trona, where the impact will be so great if the area is designated in total, a wilderness.

We must remember that our prospectors and miners in the Panamint Valley certainly provide pretty reasonable caretakers for our public lands. Our rescues in the Panamint and Searles Valleys are at a minimum because many of the problems are taken care of by virtue of other travelers, and the small miners living in the area. Although there are provisions in the Wilderness Act for search and rescue, monies are authorized to be spent from the Federal budget, (and we have to remember, the people of California made the message pretty clear in the last election), where most of the cost at the present time is borne by volunteers.

We must also remember that the areas so designated as wilderness, even by our committee, will have to be treated tenderly because in normal years there is no water available in these areas and could pose a very serious health problem for those entering the wilderness areas, therefore a definite educational program for people using these areas will have to be available.

We must remember that the multiple use concept is extremely important in our area. Many lands are over-used so it would appear far more important to open up more lands to multiple use, which, in itself would lessen the use of all public lands.

We must remember the need for the sale of lands is provided for in the Organic Act, and it may be more practical to sell some of the public lands and put them on the tax rolls (especially in a county where only 4% of the land is privately owned) than burden the taxpayer with the cost of maintaining these properties. Also, certain areas of land are set aside for State use (normally set aside for school use) We want to be certain these areas are not engulfed by wilderness.

Also, we would like to bring to your attention that there is more trash and litter along the road from Trona to Ridgecrest than you will find in the entire Panamint Valley or Searles Valley 'back country.'

Enclosed you will find a map marked with the proposed 106,000 acres of wilderness as found by our committees. These surveys were done by air, by four wheel drive and on foot and were done by people who can just about call every rock in the Panamint Valley by its first name. We urge the Inyo County Board of Supervisors to monitor the decisions of the Bureau of Land Management closely in order not to jeopardize the growth possibilities of the county.

Thank you for your consideration, and you can rest assured we will help in every possible way to protect the land values of Inyo County.

Sincerely,

HIGH DESERT SCRIBE

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Vi Swann, Secretary

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A RESOLUTION ON CALIFORNIA DESERT CONSERVATION
AREA INVENTORY AND STUDY PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 requires the preparation and completion of a comprehensive long-range plan for the management, use, development and protection of the Public Lands within the California Desert Conservation Area; and

WHEREAS, the Wilderness Act of 1964 set the criteria for determining the roadless areas of Public Lands; and

WHEREAS, such acts could provide for hundreds of thousands of acres of Inyo County lands to be placed into a Desert Wilderness that could restrict the use to a degree that would not allow for the multiple use concept of the resources of the area; and

WHEREAS, the Inyo County General Plan clearly provides that such study area is open space with Multiple Use of its resources to be a primary consideration; and

WHEREAS, a maintained county road system serves most of the area; and

WHEREAS, the whole area has been used extensively for mining and recreation which are two main industries of Inyo County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors have grave concerns for the possible adverse effects of the Inventory and Study Program set up for the California Desert Conservation Area, and direct the Inyo County Planning Department and Planning Commission to work with the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior on the Inventory and Study Program to insure that the Inyo County General Plan is not violated by restricting the Multiple use concepts in the area and that the County road system as well as the Public roads in the area are clearly recognized and preserved for the use of the General Public as well as mining and recreation activities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management, develops plans for the California Desert Conservation area, such plans shall be approved by the Inyo County Board of Supervisors prior to the adoption by the Federal Government.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the U.S. Senators, Congressmen and the U.S. Department of the Interior.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 5th day of September, 1978

"The foregoing Resolution 78-111 was duly passed and adopted by the Inyo County Board of Supervisors at a regular meeting thereof held on September 5, 1978 by the following vote:

ATTEST:

Margaret Bromley, Clerk

By Kelli Human
Deputy

AYES: Supervisor Muth, Johnson, Engel, Tomblant, McDonald

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

Attest: RICHARD B. McDONALD
Chairman

Kelli Human Dep. Clerk

The foregoing instrument is a full, true and correct copy of the original on file in this office.

Attest: September 6, 1978
Margaret Bromley, County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Inyo County, California.

By Kelli Human, Deputy Clerk

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MARGARET BROMLEY
EX OFFICIO CLERK OF
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Dear Sir;

To introduce myself, I am James O. Randolph, Jr.. I am 36 years of age, and I have spent 30 of that 36 years living on the California desert. For the past 15 years I have worked as a Deputy Sheriff for the County of Inyo, California. Our County encompasses over 10,000 square miles, most of which is desert land under the control of the Bureau of Land Management.

Quite frankly, I am extremely concerned over B.L.M.'s proposals to declare huge amounts of Inyo County a wilderness. In my duties with the Sheriff's Department, and for my own pleasure, I have spent many days in the remote desert areas of Inyo, Kern, and San Bernardino Counties. During these forays, I have seen many people using and enjoying this resource, not destroying it as some claim.

The desert, unlike other areas, is not a place of abundant water and mild climate. It is a place of extremes. It is only compatible with human life when those humans are able to bring into it the means for their survival. If B.L.M. is allowed to close these vast areas, it will in effect mean they no longer exist. It is simple not possible for people to visit the remote, isolated desert areas on foot. They simply cannot carry enough on their backs to survive. I know of that which I speak, for in my duties with the Sheriff's Department, I have seen the dead bodies of several who attempted it.

I do not live in a city, but I do visit them for various reasons. People who live in those areas of high population density must have a place to go where the sun is still bright, and the air is still clean. In Southern California, we have our deserts. Many times I have observed persons from the large metropolitan areas camped in remote areas of Inyo County doing nothing other than sitting and enjoying the solitude. For a few hours, or a few days, they were able to experience peace, and the freedom to go wherever they pleased.

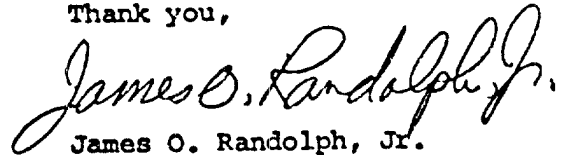
There will always be an unpleasant minority who will abuse the land. I suppose the simple way to control these people is to just close the land to everyone. It may be simple, but it is certainly not fair. Let us instead vigorously enforce the abundant laws we have, and see that those few careless persons are punished for their misdeeds. Do not penalize the millions who each year use and enjoy our deserts.

I would therefore request that a long, hard look be taken at the proposals of the Bureau of Land Management, after all, the lands they are charged to manage are PUBLIC LANDS, they belong to the people, not a few people, but all of them. It always seems that small special interest groups who make a lot of noise get results. I only ask that when you listen to these people you find out where they are from, and what they really know about the California Desert. Many of these very vocal persons have come on the scene only very recently. I have spent nearly all my life in this area, and through my position with the Sheriff's Department for the past 15 years have been able to observe and learn.

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Speaking for myself, I love the desert, and I intend to spend the rest of my life living in it and enjoying it. I will continue in the future to care for it and protect it as I have in the past, both as a private citizen and a law-enforcement officer. I sincerely hope that this plea will have some small effect in insuring that the California Desert will always remain the property of the people of our great nation. open and free that they may utilize and enjoy it. Let those persons charged with its protection protect it, but please don't let them take it from us.

Thank you,



James O. Randolph, Jr.
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Independence, Calif. 93526



SOUTHERN INYO SEARCH & RESCUE SQUAD, INC.

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EX OFFICIO CLERK OF
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Supervisor Richard B. McDonald
5th District
P O Box 737
Lone Pine, CA 93545

Dear Supervisor McDonald:

Our rescue squad was formed in 1967 for the specific purpose of establishing an organized and trained unit to offer search and rescue service when needed and to encourage, promote, foster and cultivate interest in the great outdoors.

Our area of operation has been the Southern Inyo area and in the years we have been in service we have tried our best to help the Inyo County Sheriffs Department in any way we could. We are very familiar with the areas which are now being declared possible wilderness areas by the Bureau of Land Management. Frankly, we are extremely concerned. Those who have visited the area know that the landscape is rugged and that water is very scarce. In deserts, a minimum of one gallon of water per day is needed to function normally. This one gallon enables a person to travel a distance of ten miles, or even less, during the heat of the day. Declaring those portions of the Panamint Valley and areas north of the Panamint Valley would create hiking hazards unmatched by any other area in the country. The situation would become even worse if a backpacker, using a topo map would depend on springs and suddenly discover that most of these springs are dry.

We note that in Section 312 of Public Law 94-579, dated October 21, 1976, provisions are made for search and rescue operations. Provisions are made for (a) searching for..... (b) protecting or rescuing....(c) transporting injured or deceased, and the secretary is authorized under this section to incur such expenses as may be necessary. This part deeply concerns us, because the expenses involved in such rescues can be extremely costly unless helped by volunteer units such as ours. We have aircraft searching ability, four wheel drives, etc., however if the area is engulfed in wilderness, we will not be able to use our vehicles. Some of them are equipped at great expense.

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Our rescue squad was formed to be of assistance and to help cut the expenses of search and rescue procedures in Inyo County. We know the county is not wealthy and we know that some of the mining ventures do bring in some tax dollars; in addition we know that Inyo County needs room to expand and grow and the ability to be able to expand into the areas now declared possible wilderness areas.

We urge the Board of Supervisors of Inyo County to actively participate in what very well could short-circuit the expanding possibilities of that county.

We assure you we will stand behind you and help in any way possible.

Sincerely,

SOUTHERN INYO SEARCH AND RESCUE SQUAD, INC.

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Vi Swann, Secretary

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