2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: California Desert District Advisory Council

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1. Department or Agency	2. Fiscal Year
Department of the Interior	2024

3. Committee or Subcommittee	3b. GSA Committee No.
California Desert District Advisory Council	1784

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	5. Current Charter	6. Expected Renewal Date	7. Expected Term Date
No	11/09/2023	11/09/2025	

8a. Was Terminated During FiscalYear?	8b. Specific Termination Authority	8c. Actual Term Date
No		

9. Agency Recommendation for Next FiscalYear	10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?	10b. Legislation Pending?
Continue	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority	13. Effective Date	14. Commitee Type	14c. Presidential?
Federal Land Policy and Management Act, Sec. 309 and Sec. 601	10/21/1976	Continuing	No

15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports	No Reports for this FiscalYear

17a. Open	17b. Closed	17c. Partially Closed	Other Activities	17d. Total
0	0	0	0	0

Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	$0.00	$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	$0.00	$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	$0.00	$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	$0.00	$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	$0.00	$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	$0.00	$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	$0.00	$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	$0.00	$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	$0.00	$0.00
18d. Total	$0.00	$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Council meets to gather and analyze information, make field examinations, hear public comment and testimony, ascertain facts and, in an advisory capacity only, develop recommendations for the BLM's California Desert District Manager concerning the use, classification, retention, or disposal of public lands, or any other aspects of public land planning and management in the public interest. Council members provide advice that represents the point of view of the category and constituents they represent.The committee continues to accomplish this purpose through an

active meeting schedule of at least three meetings per fiscal year and with the establishment of subgroups to further facilitate the participation of interested members of the public to better arrive at meaningful advice to the designated federal officer.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

Council membership is balanced with respect to geographic considerations; members' interests, points of view, and place of residence; composition of the population of the area being served; Council functions to be performed; and the major issues and problems relating to the planning and management of the public lands within the BLM's California Desert District. In addition, at least one qualified member in each of the three interest groups identified in the Membership and Designation section of the current charter represents and provides advice to the District manager.Vacancies are filled as quickly as possible to ensure a balanced representation at any given time.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The Council generally meets two to three times annually, as determined by the BLM's California Desert District Manager. The Council meets to gather information, conduct field examinations, and assist in developing policy regarding BLM initiatives or programs, such as rangeland management, the proposed recreation fee pilot program, major proposed projects involving public lands, land exchanges, proposed mining operations, landfills, etc. Meetings maintain relevancy via focus topics for each meeting. This allows the committee to hear briefings on, and

have discussions about, topics that are currently in the public interest regarding public land management.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?
The RAC allows BLM managers to receive advice and feedback from a wide variety of interested citizens in a single, interactive forum at regularly scheduled meetings. The RAC provides the various interests a single forum to discuss issues and reach consensus. The California Desert District Advisory Council is mandated by Congress, through the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, to represent and present the views and concerns of their constituents, and advise the BLM California Desert District Manager on the BLM's management of public lands within the California Desert Conservation Area in southern California.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?
All meetings are open to the public. Notices of the meetings are published in the Federal Register, posted on the BLM California website, and distributed to local newspapers.

21. Remarks
The Council met on December 10, 2022; April 14-15, 2023; and August 25-26, 2023.

Designated Federal Officer
Michelle Lynch BLM's California Desert District Manager

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Banis, Randy	01/15/2021	01/15/2024	Mojave Gold Owner	Representative Member
Francis, Nathan	01/15/2021	01/15/2024	Land Manager for Rio Tinto Minerals	Representative Member

Haas, Hans	10/13/2022	10/13/2025	Head Brewer	Representative Member
Haggard, Desirea	08/31/2023	08/31/2026	Director of Environmental Affairs, CalPortland Company	Representative Member
Henning, Jennifer	10/13/2022	10/13/2025	Coordinator Public Arts, Sustainability & Special Project	Representative Member
Holliday, Richard	01/15/2021	01/15/2024	Retired	Representative Member
Kulikoff, Ann	08/31/2023	08/31/2026	Retired	Representative Member
Martin, Paul	01/15/2021	01/15/2024	Director of Mining and Geology, CalPortland Company	Representative Member
McGlynn, Terrence	08/31/2023	08/31/2026	Director of California State University Desert Studies Consortium	Representative Member
Mitchell, William	01/15/2021	01/15/2024	Rancher	Representative Member
Powell, Jayne	01/15/2021	01/15/2024	Aggregate Resources and Environmental Manager, Desert Cities and South Coast Regions at Granite Construction Inc.	Representative Member
Robinson, Robert	01/15/2021	01/15/2024	Desert Mountain RC&D grant writer	Representative Member
Rowe, Dawn	08/31/2023	08/31/2026	San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors, Vice Chair	Representative Member
Stovin, Edward	08/31/2023	08/31/2026	University of California San Diego Engineering Department Technician	Representative Member
Thompson, Jack	02/07/2022	02/07/2025	California Desert Regional Director of The Wildlands Conservancy	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 15

Narrative Description

The California Desert District Advisory Council was established by

sections 301 and 601 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (43 U.S.C.. 1701 et seq), as a citizens' advisory group to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Council members represent various categories of interest within the geographic area covered by the BLM's California Desert District.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
Improvements to health or safety	✓
Trust in government	✓
Major policy changes	✓
Advance in scientific research	
Effective grant making	
Improved service delivery	
Increased customer satisfaction	
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	✓
Other	

Outcome Comments

N/A

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
None	
Unable to Determine	✓
Under $100,000	
$100,000 - $500,000	
$500,001 - $1,000,000	
$1,000,001 - $5,000,000	
$5,000,001 - $10,000,000	
Over $10,000,000	
Cost Savings Other	

Cost Savings Comments

An in-depth analysis has not been done to determine cost savings associated with the

California Desert District Advisory Council (DAC). However, the contributions of the DAC are of great benefit to the BLM.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?
162

Number of Recommendations Comments
The DAC did not make any recommendations in FY23.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?
64%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments
The BLM is not able to fully implement all administrative recommendations if they are in violation of regulations.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?
46%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?
Yes ☑ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments
The BLM's California Desert District provides feedback and/or updates regarding the status of the BLM's implementation of Council recommendations during the District Manager's report at the beginning of each formal DAC meeting and through ongoing email and regular mail communications.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

	Checked if Applies
Reorganized Priorities	☑

Reallocated resources	☑
Issued new regulation	☐
Proposed legislation	☐
Approved grants or other payments	☐
Other	☐

Action Comments

Upon recommendation of the DAC, the BLM has implemented focus topics for each DAC meeting. These focus topics allow the committee to receive briefings and engage in worthwhile discussions on topics of interest that facilitate the DAC's ability to provide advice and input to issues of importance to public land users.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

N/A

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

	Checked if Applies
Contact DFO	☑
Online Agency Web Site	☑
Online Committee Web Site	☑
Online GSA FACA Web Site	☑
Publications	☐
Other	☑

Access Comments

The BLM Desert District also utilizes email, social media, and direct mail.