

2015 Current Fiscal Year Report: Northwestern California Resource Advisory Council

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1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

2. Fiscal Year

2015

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Northwestern California Resource
Advisory Council

3b. GSA

Committee No.

2054

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

01/03/2014

6. Expected Renewal Date

01/03/2016

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

Yes

8b. Specific Termination Authority

43 USC 1701

8c. Actual Term Date

06/01/2015

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Merge

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

Federal Land Policy and
Management Act, Sec. 309

13. Effective Date

10/21/1976

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for
this Fiscal Year

17a. Open

0

17b. Closed

0

17c. Partially Closed

0

Other Activities

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?

It provided recommendations on issues to be considered in development of new management plans for the Redding and Arcata Field offices, and provided comments for the BLM to consider as it consolidates the Northwest California and Northeast California RACs into a new Northern California District Resource Advisory Council. The October meeting was the last for the Northwest California RAC. The Northwestern California RAC brings diverse public land stakeholder viewpoints to the attention of BLM managers working in an area with widely divergent public viewpoints and

varied natural resource issues. The RAC is a venue for the BLM to share information about natural resource management with a wide audience. Members also help share BLM positions with their represented stakeholder groups. BLM Field managers work closely with members to seek opinions and advice in critical planning areas, involving the RAC early in the planning process. The RAC usually meets three to four times a year, with all meetings open to the public. The RAC has been working with the BLM on image and identity issues, and is poised to provide important recommendations on a controversial wind energy development proposal.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Northwestern California Resource Advisory council is composed of 12 members distributed in a balanced fashion among the following groups and within those groups. Specific interests include: Category I includes those holding Federal grazing permits or leases, interests associated with transportation or rights-of-way, developed outdoor recreation, OHV users, or commercial recreation activities, commercial timber industry, or energy and mineral development. Category II includes nationally or regionally recognized environmental organizations, dispersed recreation activities, archaeological and historical interests, or nationally or regionally recognized wild horse and burro interest groups. Category III includes state, county, or locally elected office-holders, employee of a State agency responsible for the management of natural resources, Indian Tribes within or adjacent to the area for which the RAC is organized, are employed as academicians in natural resource management or the natural sciences, or represent the public-at-large. RAC

members are balanced geographically, with members coming from all regions within the RAC's area of interest, and from rural and urban areas.

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

No meetings were held in FY 2015.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The committee is necessary to help BLM managers make natural resource management decisions in a collaborative atmosphere, fully involving the people who use, and have an interest in, the public lands.

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, announced through BLM social media channels and published in the news media.

21. Remarks

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Designated Federal Officer

Nancy Haug BLM Northern California District Manager

| Committee Members | Start | End | Occupation | Member Designation |
|-------------------|-------|-----|------------|--------------------|
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|-------------------|------------|------------|---|--------------------------|
| Henson, Ryan | 10/13/2005 | 12/07/2014 | Conservation Chair, California Wilderness Coalition | Representative Member |
| Leach, Stanley | 09/19/2000 | 06/01/2015 | Private Timber Operator | Representative Member |
| Lueder, Eric | 03/17/2011 | 12/07/2014 | State Off-Highway Vehicle Commissioner | Representative Member |
| Shaw, Duane | 09/20/2008 | 12/07/2014 | Government Affairs Representative (Construction Industry) | Representative Member |

Number of Committee Members Listed: 4

Narrative Description

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

Checked if
Applies

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|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Improvements to health or safety | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Trust in government | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Major policy changes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Advance in scientific research | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Effective grant making | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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|---|-------------------------------------|
| Improved service delivery | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Increased customer satisfaction | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Outcome Comments

The RAC provides a public forum for community and stakeholder involvement in the management of public lands and natural resources.

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

- | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| None | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Unable to Determine | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Under \$100,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$100,000 - \$500,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$500,001 - \$1,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Over \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cost Savings Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Cost Savings Comments

An in-depth analysis has not been done to determine cost savings associated with the Northwestern California RAC. However, the contributions of the RAC are of great benefit to the BLM.

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

36

Number of Recommendations Comments

In FY 2014, the RAC worked closely with managers in the BLM Arcata and Redding field offices on determining issues that should be addressed when the offices develop new resource management plans, a process expected to get underway in 2014. The RAC also provide comments and advice on the proposed formation of a new Northern California District RAC.

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

85%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Suggestions for issued to be considered in land use planning for the Arcaa and Redding field offices were incorporated into preplans for the new RMPs. .

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

15%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

The BLM accepted recommendations on new RAC formation, but did not adopt a recommendation that the Central California RAC membership be expanded from 12 to 15 members.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

BLM-California field managers and members of the BLM-California State Director's staff participate regularly in RAC meetings. The state director provides feedback letters on RAC recommendations.

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

Checked if Applies

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Reorganized Priorities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Reallocated resources | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Issued new regulation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Proposed legislation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Approved grants or other payments | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Action Comments

The RAC's recommendation on planning issues for the Arcata and Redding field offices were incorporated into the pre-plan now under development.

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 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Agency Web Site | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online Committee Web Site | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Online GSA FACA Web Site | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Publications | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

Access Comments

BLM-California disseminates meeting information via the news media, the BLM-California website, and direct mail.