

## Summary of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

<b>Committee Name:</b>	California Desert District Advisory Council (DAC)
<b>Designated Federal Officer:</b>	Shelly Lynch BLM California Desert District Manager
<b>Chair:</b>	Hans Haas
<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	Saturday, December 7, 2024
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	Holiday Inn Express and Suites in Pahrump, NV and virtual via Zoom
<b>Summary of Meeting:</b> <i>(Summarize the meeting, how many members in attendance, topics discussed, any input from members of the public, etc.)</i>	Fourteen DAC Members attended the meeting: Randy Banis, Nathan Francis, Jennifer Henning, Richard Holliday, Josh Martelli, Terry McGlynn, Steve Reyes, Robert Robinson, Ed Stovin, Dawn Rowe, Creed Stone, Ann Kulikoff (virtual), Jack Thompson (virtual) and Hans Haas (virtual). Chairperson Hans Haas facilitated the meeting virtually. Nine members of the public attended the meeting, seven virtually and two in-person. California State Director Joe Stout shared a few remarks to open the meeting including the administration transition, BLM California budget, and statewide priorities. There was participation during the 9:30 a.m. public comment period with two virtual public comments, one claiming BLM off-highway vehicle routes are on private property in the Western Mojave Route Network and the BLM’s responsibilities, and an update from the Pacific Crest Trail Association. The DAC received presentations on the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area business plan with an opportunity for public comment on the business plan. There was one public comment on the business plan stating the plan is well-researched and recommended technical review teams and vendor compensation. DAC members took part in open discussion and voted unanimously to approve the business plan. The DAC also received a presentation from the U.S. Forest Service on the Angeles National Forest fee proposal. The DAC discussed and voted unanimously to approve the proposal. The DAC also received District, field office, and fire and fuels updates.
<b>Recommendations:</b>	The DAC had quorum and voted unanimously to approve the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area draft business plan and the U.S. Forest Service’s Angeles National Forest fee proposal which included 11 recreation fees.
<b>Decisions:</b> <i>(Include decisions to create subcommittees, dates for next meeting, topics for agenda, etc.)</i>	The DAC expressed interest in an update on the Mojave Trails National Monument at a future meeting. The U.S. Forest Service may attend the next meeting to present the San Bernardino National Forest recreation fee proposal for DAC vote, which is authorized by the California Desert District Advisory Council charter. The DAC voted and elected Randy Banis as Chairperson and Steven Reyes as Vice Chairperson. The DAC decided on the 2025 DAC meeting dates scheduled for March 29 in the Ridgecrest Field Office, July 12 in the El Centro Field Office, and November 15 in the Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office. Field tours would occur on the Friday before the meetings.
<b>Comments:</b> <i>(additional comments or to why there were no decisions/recommendations)</i>	
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