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**Desert Tortoise Council  
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting**

**4 June 2016  
DoubleTree Hilton, Ontario, California**

The meeting was called to order by Bruce Palmer at 10:05 a.m. **Action items are in blue, with responsible parties in red. Motions made, seconded, and approved (or not) are shown in bold red font.**

**Attendees:** Kristin Berry, Pete Woodman, Ken MacDonald, Cristina Jones, Maggie Fusari, Mari Quillman, Bruce Palmer, Michael Tuma (in the afternoon), Becky Jones, Chris Noddings, Ed LaRue. **Absent:** Scott Abella, Jason Jones, Joe Probst. **Guests:** Erik Martinez and Dannique Aalbu from the Bren School.

**A. Introductions and Announcements:** Each of the Board members introduced themselves to our two guests.

**B. Review Agenda:** New issues were incorporated as needed.

**C. Board Meeting Minutes of 9 January 2016 and Annual Business Meeting of 19 February 2016:** Ed LaRue prepared draft minutes at the last Board and Annual meetings in Las Vegas, Nevada which were distributed, reviewed, and were approved today as final with two minor changes to the Board minutes of January 9, 2016. **Motion made (Ken MacDonald), seconded (Cristina Jones), and unanimously approved to accept the draft minutes as amended to be final.**

**D. Review of Board Actions Since Last Board Meeting:**

**1. Dates and Locations for 2017 and 2018 Symposia:** The meeting times will be 24-26 February 2017 and 23-25 February 2018, both at Sam's Town, Las Vegas. We will be planning on Arizona for the 2019 Symposium.

**2. Gift:** There was Board approval to provide a blanket for Chris Noddings' newborn son.

**E. Establishing dates for upcoming Board meetings:** Bruce Palmer expressed his concern with the large gap since our last non-Symposium Board meeting (September 2015), which has resulted in losing some momentum. The following dates were established for future Board meetings: 20 August 2016 and 22 October 2016.

**F. Work with the Bren School:** Dannique Aalbu indicated that their project is being completed in support of her Master's degree, which requires that her team solve a particular environmental problem. There are four students on the team that includes Dannique and Erik Martinez. After initial meetings, they are tasked with setting up a restoration project and are now looking at the approach, including choosing a site (Red Rocks in Nevada, Desert Tortoise Research Natural Area, and California State Lands are candidates). They have tentatively chosen to complete the restoration project at the DTRNA, which provides fenced, protected habitats and adjacent, occupied habitats from which tortoises may immigrate, pending success of the restoration project. A key unresolved question is to determine the size of the restoration parcel.

## **G. Officer and Committee Reports:**

**1. Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's Report was distributed electronically several days before the Board meeting. In Joe Probst's absence, Becky Jones distributed handouts and discussed the contents. The Health Assessment Training in March included a profit of \$1,346.82. As of 31 May 2016 the Council has \$14,597.36 in the checking account, \$187,809.86 for the money market account, and \$70,061.72 for the Edward Jones Account, for a total of \$272,468.94. This year, we spent about \$10,000 for speakers. Given an income of \$61,358.82 and expenses of \$62,337.18, we spent \$978.36 more than we earned. A significant problem was conflicted timing between our Symposium and the Western Section of the Wildlife Society, so that we were about 100 attenders short of last year's Symposium. We had 200+ attenders this year compared to 300+ last year. Thanks to the work of Mari Quillman with the raffle/auction, we nearly broke even (raffle and auction made about \$10,000). **Motion made (Chris Noddings), seconded (Cristina Jones), and unanimously approved to accept the Treasurer's Report as final.** Bruce suggested that the Chairperson have a limited available budget to provide small gifts without needing full Board approval. **Motion made (Chris Noddings), seconded (Becky Jones), and unanimously approved to allow the Chairperson to spend approximately \$100 for special events such as births, deaths, etc.** We ask that Joe Probst provide a single-page accounting of all workshops like the one provided for the Health Assessment Training workshop.

**2. Corresponding Secretary's Report:** Becky Jones reported we received a \$250 donation in March 2016 from Mr. Suren Holbk, thanking the Council for our work. She already responded with a thank you note. Becky also responded to a person wishing to take their pet tortoises from the Antelope Valley in California to Texas. She also received several public notices for BLM projects in Nevada. **Ed LaRue** took these notices, all of which had past due dates, to see if there was any opportunity to contact the BLM about providing better delivery.

**3. Membership Coordinator's Report:** Mari Quillman reported we have 471 active members at this time, with little new activity over the past 30 days. Bruce Palmer provided Mari with several people who signed up at the recent Symposium expressing interest in getting more involved. **Mari Quillman will contact these two people to see if they are still interested in helping out.** Do we still want to contact biologists with agencies and other organizations for newsletter distribution? Mari generated a list some time ago but given the turnover it will be a real challenge to keep it updated. May be better to identify the position in the organization and have the newsletter go there rather than to a specific individual. It would be best to contact key individuals (Mark Massar for BLM biologists in California, Becky Jones for California Department of Fish and Wildlife biologist, etc.). **Pertinent Board members (Becky Jones for California, Cristina Jones and Jason Jones for Arizona, Kristin Berry to contact Mark Massar for BLM in California, etc.) will provide her with appropriate contacts in their respective states.** • **Mari Quillman will work with Mary Cohen to generate an interactive contact list.**

**4. Ecosystems Advisory Committee (EAC) Report:** There were 19 projects considered during the time frame from 1/9/2016 to 6/4/2016. There were several letters that were cosigned, several translocation plans, a few associated with Arizona Department of Transportation, and two projects at 29 Palms Marine Corps Base. We met every deadline thanks to input from a sufficient number of Board members. Ed LaRue also performed three newspaper interviews and presented Council information at two formal meetings, including the Western Section of the Wildlife Society and California Coalition of Conservation Groups.

**5. Awards Committee Report:** Now that Glenn Stewart has left the Board, we no longer have a chair for this committee. **Kristin Berry will think about being the Chair of the Awards Committee.** An important aspect of this position is to maintain an updated list of recipients. **Mari Quillman will continue to produce the awards as the Awards Committee selects nominations.**

**6. Nominations Committee Report:** Bruce Palmer indicated that we now have 14 of the traditional 15 positions filled, and can expand up to 20 members with recent Bylaws amendments. Scott Abella has indicated he intends to leave the Board at the end of this year. Currently, we have many consultants and few academics. Important that all new members enhance our diversity and ensure they are unencumbered; that they can work freely without employment conflicts. **Bruce Palmer and Michael Tuma will develop a list of desirable skill sets to be considered to identify new Board members.**

**7. Workshop Committee Report:** The Techniques Workshop is scheduled for November 5 and 6, 2016 with an option to add a second session if there is enough demand. Maggie Fusari plans to begin reservations in July 2016. She would like to have September 16 as an early registration date for \$295 (\$195 student) and after that a late registration fee of \$345 (\$245 student), and give leeway to federal employees who may not be able to pay until after September 30. She would like to cancel breakfast and provide coffee and muffins during breaks. We will use 90 registrants as the trigger to determine if a second session is needed and put additional people on a wait list unless 50 or so new people register. It would be appropriate to add a preference for the first versus second sessions on the registration form to help populate two sessions, if needed. **Motion made (Maggie Fusari), seconded (Cristina Jones), and unanimously approved to have September 16, 2016 as an early registration date for \$295 (\$195 student) and after that a late registration fee of \$345 (\$245 student).**

The Health Assessment Training (HAT) four-day workshop occurred in March with 14 paid students, and a wait list of 10 people. Nine captive tortoises were available. There were agency biologists observing from Nevada, California, and Arizona. Several weeks ago, there was a two-day course for 10 people at Jean, Nevada for those needing more experience, with eight of ten students passing. Another HAT workshop is scheduled for March 2017.

Pete Woodman and Rachel Woodard are planning for an advanced training workshop that would, among other things, have students processing tortoises and surveying for tortoise sign, so these would be people with a fair amount of experience. Pete hopes to have this workshop scheduled by the end of this summer so that the fall field season is not compromised (unless it is at the end of October). All decisions would need to be made by mid-July to announce the workshop, determine the cost, and level of student experience so we can commit to about 30 students and 6 or 7 instructors. They would teach transmitter placement and removal on adult tortoises as part of

the workshop. Would either use pet tortoises or models as it would be prohibitive to acquire permits to process wild tortoises. Need to be sure that a sufficient level of information is offered that would result in acquiring permits from state and federal agencies, so **Pete Woodman will need to contact pertinent agency people to ensure the workshop results in permitting.** Students would be expected to have a certain level of experience, be able to complete data sheets, and have their own processing equipment. Pete would like to take them to different habitat types. The course would likely take about four days. It would be appropriate to reimburse instructors for their travel. **Maggie Fusari has agreed to help Pete Woodman organize the workshop.**

**8. Grants Committee Report:** Michael Tuma is currently the Chair of this committee. A Student Travel Fund was provided to two students (total of up to \$1,000 or up to \$500 per student) from Texas to have them attend the 2016 Symposium, where both presented posters and interacted well. It was suggested that the travel award be named the “Glenn R. Stewart Student Travel Fund.” To be eligible, a student must present a talk or poster at the upcoming Symposium, ostensibly using the money to attend the meeting. The amount would be \$500 per student, require an application for the award, and include a request for receipts. **Motion made (Michael Tuma), seconded (Ken MacDonald), and unanimously approved to establish the Glenn R. Stewart Student Travel Fund up to \$500 per student to assist with travel expenses (exact procedures to be developed later).**

In past years, we have provided financial support for attendance to Turtle Survival Alliance (TSA) annual meeting. **Motion made (Kristin Berry), seconded (Michael Tuma), and unanimously approved to provide \$500 in support of travel to the Turtle Survival Alliance annual meeting.**

The Wildlife Society has asked if we would like to make a formal donation to their annual meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico in September 2017. As a donor, the Council would be acknowledged at the annual meeting. **Mari Quillman plans to attend on behalf of the Council. Motion made (Kristin Berry), seconded (Maggie Fusari), and unanimously approved to donate \$1,000 and pay \$600 to have an exhibit at The Wildlife Society 2017 annual meeting.**

**9. Information, Outreach, and Social Media Committee Report:** Chris Noddings reported that there are 791 “likes” on Face Book. We reached 7,600 people with our post on the designation of the third species of tortoise. **Dana Stangel asked about receiving a certificate for her attendance at the 2015 Techniques Workshop, which Maggie Fusari will pursue.**

**10. Newsletter Editor’s Report:** Michael Tuma would like to have a story addressing the 2016 Symposium. He would like to have the newsletter out by the end of June. **Maggie Fusari will provide him with all Workshop information.** Dannique Aalbu agreed to provide Michael with a brief newsletter article on their project. **Michael Tuma will contact Taylor Edwards for an article on the third tortoise species, Vern Bleich on his bighorn sheep session at the 2016 Symposium, and Mercy Vaughn for her tortoise work in Mexico. • Cristina Jones will provide a summary of the Health Assessment Training conducted in March. • Becky Jones and Joe Probst will be the two featured Board members in this newsletter, and will need to provide profiles.** It would also be good to discuss the annotated bibliography and other items funded by the Council.

**11. Web Master's Report:** Bruce Palmer contacted Mary Cohen, who could not determine how many hits there have been on the annotated bibliography. Kristin Berry has been producing CDs for the annotated bibliography. If Board members see problems with the website, they should let Mary Cohen know how things should be corrected as soon as possible.

**12. Symposium Discussions:** The 2016 Symposium was well organized and smoothly conducted. Kristin Berry asked Tracy Bailey yesterday if there as anything to be improved, so there is too little time for feedback. Need to ensure that food and drinks are coordinated with breaks, which was a problem with Sam's Town staff that ought not to be repeated. We need to provide examples of appropriate and inappropriate slides, which is a perennial problem. We could produce a do's and don'ts slide that would cycle during breaks on the two screens. Vern Bleich indicated he would like to organize a future program on mule deer. It would be best to focus on mule deer biologists who work in tortoise habitats. There would also be a session on renewable energy and [another on ecology and evolution to be put together by Michael Tuma](#). The 2019 Symposium will be in Arizona. [Bruce Palmer, Maggie Fusari, and Cristina Jones will be on the committee to begin planning for this event.](#)

**13. Agency Coordinating Committee:** Cristina Jones is the Chair of this committee (which includes Becky Jones, Jason Jones, Ed LaRue, and Bruce Palmer), which was formed last year. The function of the committee is to facilitate communication between the Council and agency biologists and managers. We should monitor issues to be discussed and where appropriate initiate communications with agency biologists and their managers. It would be best to schedule these meetings immediately before or after a Board meeting. There may be potential for this sort of meeting on the Friday before our next Board meeting. There was discussion how this Committee (or the Council) should continue to be involved in the implementation of priority actions identified by the Recovery Implementation Teams (RITs). Roy Averill-Murray is receptive to nominations of new RIT members as previous members leave the region. It was suggested that Larry LaPre and Robert Wood be recommended as potential new RIT members. Ed LaRue continues to be the primary contact with the MOG, which meets in Las Vegas on 21 June 2016. The two meetings with agency biologists last year were meaningful to us and should be continued as new biologists enter the area.

## **H. Discussions of Old and New Business:**

**1. Fundraising:** Ken MacDonald enlisted Green Our Planet to produce a film to be used for fundraising. He and Scott Abella have chosen a parcel at Lake Meade where a restoration project would occur that could be used as the target for soliciting funds. So, the film would document an existing project and would not cost the Council any money. Ken showed us the incomplete film, which included interviews with Doug Duncan, Ken MacDonald, and Todd Esque talking about tortoises and showing tortoises in the wild. Later we will discuss how to distribute the film.

**2. Board Staffing:** Bruce Palmer talked to Tracy Bailey about being reimbursed for her involvement as the Symposium organizer. She indicated she would like to continue with her current position organizing the Symposia but does not want to be reimbursed. We need to continue to brainstorm ways of enlisting volunteers and new Board members.



**3. Petition to Include Black Mountain Tortoises as Threatened Mojave Population:** Maggie Fusari has worked on a draft petition to have these animals included in the listed population of Mojave desert tortoises (*G. agassizii*). The real gap here is tortoise distribution information and geographical boundaries of this population. Cristina Jones indicates there are folks associated with the Arizona State University who want to study the relationship between *G. agassizii* and *G. morafkai*. One of their goals is to determine the distributions of the two species, including the population at Black Mountain and north/south thereof. Cristina Jones indicates that the population of *G. agassizii* in Arizona extends north and south of the Black Mountains, USFWS wants to know the distribution of these animals before considering such a petition, and that there should be a grant proposal to support this research. This would be a great opportunity to involve the public or recent HAT students, for example, to research this question. Bruce Palmer indicated that the Council would be receptive to a grant proposal to determine this distribution.

**4. Best Management Practices (where do we go from here?):**

**a. Habitat restoration BMP:** This one was already accomplished by Scott Abella and Kristin Berry's document last year, which has now been published.

**b. Habitat connectivity BMP:** Dannique Aalbu indicated that she may be interested in pursuing this BMP. Chris Noddings indicated that he will not be able to take on this BMP given the complexity of the issue. **Chris Noddings is still planning to provide Ed LaRue with a bibliography of existing materials addressing connectivity that Ed can use in comment letters.**

**c. Translocation BMP (moving wild tortoises/removing fences/genetic integrity/disease):** This is a high priority given ongoing translocations, particularly in southern Nevada. **Michael Tuma said that he would like to take the lead on the Translocation BMPs. • Maggie Fusari will send a translocation position paper to Michael Tuma that she and Kristin Berry developed several years ago.**

**d. Maintenance of genetic diversity BMP:** Not discussed.

**e. Terms and conditions BMP:** Ken MacDonald has taken the lead on these BMPs. He has produced a draft of these BMPs, looking at common prescriptions among a half dozen biological opinions. He is developing a flow chart that incorporates different project types, such as parcels versus linear projects.

**f. Captive tortoise management BMP (sterilization/disease/release to wild), Exclusionary fencing, Subsidized predator management, Development planning and project siting:** Not discussed.

**5. Policy/Operations Manual /Bylaws Bruce:**

**a. Political endorsement /sign-on letters – EAC policy:** Bruce Palmer circulated an electronic version of the revised policy several days ago. The Bylaws now address political statements that should be inserted into the EAC policy, which Maggie Fusari claims is great. **Motion made (Kristin Berry), seconded (Maggie Fusari), and unanimously approved to adopt the draft EAC policy with a minor amendment to make it consistent with a recent change in the Bylaws.**

**b. 2016 Amended Bylaws:** The revised Bylaws, which incorporate amendments approved at the 2016 Annual Business Meeting, were distributed electronically by Bruce Palmer earlier in the week.

**c. Responsibilities of Chairperson:** Bruce Palmer recently distributed a draft document for the duties of the Chairperson, which was last modified on 3 February 2016. **It would be good if Bruce Palmer changed the bullets to numbers for better organization.**

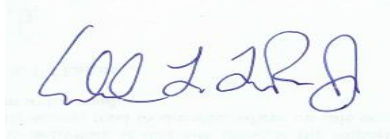
**d. Responsibilities of Recording Secretary:** Bruce Palmer recently distributed a draft document for the duties of the Recording Secretary, which was last modified on 7 February 2016. **Bruce Palmer should add a bullet on the second page that includes archival materials associated with workshops.**

## **6. Miscellaneous Items and Updates:**

**I. Next Meeting:** The next business meeting of the Board will be at the DoubleTree Hilton, Ontario, CA between 10:00 a.m. and approximately 4:00 p.m., on 20 August 2016.

**J. Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson, Bruce Palmer, at 4:05 p.m.

Draft minutes were recorded, later distributed and modified with Board member review and input, then respectfully submitted as this final version by Ed LaRue, Recording Secretary.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ed LaRue, Jr.", is centered on a light blue rectangular background.

Edward L. LaRue, Jr.  
Desert Tortoise Council, Recording Secretary

## **Ecosystems Advisory Committee Report DTC Board Meeting of 4 June 2016**

Note: The table attached to this report on the last page follows the **bold red** numbered outline given below.

### **1. West Mojave Route Designation**

**1/12/2016** – Ed LaRue has been corresponding with Jeff Aardahl of Defenders of Wildlife on new comments on the WEMO route designation process now that it has been shifted to the DRECP planning process. Ed comments on several versions of draft comment letters from Jeff on **1/12/2016** and again on **1/15/2016**. Also on **1/12/2016**, Ed forwards the recent string of emails, as discussed at the recent Board meeting. Then, on **1/15/2016**, Ed forwards Jeff’s draft comment letter to the Board asking for a response by the 20<sup>th</sup> so as to make the 1/25/2016 deadline. On **1/20/2016** send confirmation to Jeff that the Council endorses the letter. Ed receives and distributes copy from Jeff Aardahl emailed to BLM on **1/25/2016**.

### **2a & 2b. Requests to Respond to Terrorist Activities**

**1/6/2015** and **1/11/2015** – After receiving requests to sign petitions and write letters protesting the “Cliven Bundy Bunkerville standoff and the Oregon Malheur Refuge occupation” from an anonymous person, Ed asked the Board for input on how to deal with these issues. Following a detailed response from Scott Abella stating why we should not get involved, six Board members concurred with “No” votes, which are shown in the table in Row 2a. Ed then drafted a response to the anonymous presenter and asked the Board to endorse or modify this statement, which is captured in Row 2b. This response was sent to the anonymous source on **1/20/2016**.

### **3. Stump Springs Translocation Plan**

**12/21/2015** – Having received a notice from Mark Slaughter of the Las Vegas Field Office of the BLM on 12/21/2015 that the updated Stump Springs Translocation Plan was available for review, Ed LaRue distributed the translocation plan at that time. Ed then drafted comments that were distributed to the Board on **1/13/2016**, with comments due on 1/22/2016. A 2<sup>nd</sup> draft was redistributed on **1/15/2016** following input from Jeff Aardahl. On 1/20/2016, Ed reviews comment letter to be submitted by Defenders. With only the minimum of four votes needed, send letter to BLM on **1/20/2016**.

### **4. Pakoon Springs Public Use Scoping Comments**

**1/19/2016** – Ed LaRue receives a public notice from an unidentified source in Nevada on this project. Ed sends a letter of inquiry to Jennifer Fox of National Park Service on 2/5/2016, asking if there is additional information. The draft comment letter was sent to the Board on **2/5/2016**. Receive response from Jennifer Fox of BLM on **2/8/2016** stating BLM will send the Draft EA to us for review. With five endorsements, the comment letter is sent to BLM on **2/11/2016**.

### **5. Purple Sage Placer Claim Environmental Assessment**

**1/19/2016** – Ed LaRue receives EA from BLM Ridgecrest office for excavating several trenches in the Jawbone area of Kern County. The draft comment letter was sent to the Board on **2/5/2016** and to the BLM on **2/15/2016**.

### **6. Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative 2.0 (RETI 2.0)**

**2/6/2016** – Ed LaRue receives a letter from Lorrie Steely of Mojave Communities Conservation Collaborative asking the Council to endorse a letter regarding locating transmission facilities in desert tortoise habitats. After reading and personally endorsing the letter, Ed distributes it to the Board later that day. With six affirmative votes, Ed lets Lorrie know on **2/9/2016** that the Council endorses their letter.



**7. California Coalition of Conservation Groups**

**2/10/2016** – At the request of Seth Shteir of National Parks Conservation Association, Ed attends this public meeting and presents a 20-minute talk on how to provide meaningful public comment and particularly how to let the BLM know that we don't need 10,500 miles of open routes in the West Mojave.

**8. Interview with Daily Press Newspaper**

**2/18/2016** – Ed LaRue receives a call from Matthew Cabe of the Daily Press newspaper asking about the plight of the desert tortoise in the West Mojave.

**9. The Wildlife Society's "Conflict in Conservation" Keynote Panel**

**2/24/2016** – In response to a request directed to Mari Quillman, Ed LaRue is one of four keynote panel presenters at the Western Section of The Wildlife Society's symposium in Pomona, CA.

**10. NPCA Letter to Support Increasing NPS Budgets**

**2/18/2016** – Ed LaRue receives a letter from Seth Shteir (National Conservation Parks Association) asking the Council to cosign a letter to support increased funding to National Park Service, which was distributed that same day. With seven Board members endorsing the letter, Ed lets Seth know on **2/23/2016** that the Council is willing to cosign the letter.

**11. ADOT Interstate 11 Project**

**3/4/2016** – Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) sends notice that an environmental study is available for comment on Interstate 11 project. Uncharacteristically, Ed LaRue sends this notice to the Board indicating that he is relying totally on Arizona personnel to address this issue.

**12. MCLB Training Environmental Assessment**

**3/7/2016** – The link for this EA was provided to Ed LaRue. Ed drafts the comment letter, which is due on 3/14/2016, and sends it out to the Board on **3/11/2016**. On **3/17/2016** receive confirmation that our comments were received and will be considered in their program.

**13. Soda Mountains Solar Project**

**3/26/2016** – Ed LaRue receives a phone message from Seth Shteir of National Parks Conservation Association to call San Bernardino County Supervisors Lovingood and Ramos to have them deny a well permit associated with the Soda Mountains Project, which BLM apparently intends to bless with a Record of Decision. Ed distributes a comment letter on **3/29/2016** and ask for permission to talk with the Chiefs of Staff of the two Supervisors. Finalize modified letters on **3/30/2016** and email on **3/31/2016**. BLM approves ROD for project on **4/5/2016**; I call Chief of Staff McCain (Lovingood) and Paule (Ramos) on the morning of **4/6/2016**.

**14. Sign-on Letter Regarding Nissin Foods**

**4/12/2016** – Ed LaRue receives an anonymous tip, requesting that we sign on to a letter that urges Nissin Foods to discontinue its practice of adding soft shell turtle powder to one of its cup of noodle products. After receiving seven prompt endorsements and one recusal, Ed contacts the letter's author confirming our participation and providing Ed's signature and our logo on **4/13/2016**. On **5/13/2016**, Ed receives a request for the Council to join a petition to protest Nissin's intent to ignore the above-referenced letter. He immediately requests a copy of the letter to provide to the Board for their consideration. The response letter from Nissin is circulated to the Board on **5/14/2016**. Ed sends a note to Adeline Fisher on **5/20/2016** asking to see the petition before we sign on.

**15. Draft EA for Ongoing Training at 29 Palms Marine Corps Base**

**4/21/2016** – Ed LaRue receives notice of the Draft EA from an anonymous source. After reviewing the Draft EA, Ed drafts a comment letter and distributes it on **5/11/2016**. With four yes votes and four recusals, the final comment letter was sent from Ed on behalf of Bruce Palmer on **5/19/2016**.

**16. ADOT's Long-Range Transportation Plan**

**5/6/2016** – Ed LaRue receives the notification of this project that he immediately sends to Maggie Fusari, Bruce Palmer, and Sharon Jones.

**17. ADOT's Tentative Five-Year Program**

**5/13/2016** – Ed LaRue receives the notification from ADOT, which he immediately sends to Maggie Fusari, Bruce Palmer, and Sharon Jones.

**18. Return Eagle Mountain lands back to Joshua Tree National Park**

**5/21/2016** – Ed LaRue receives a sign-on letter from Seth Shteir of NPCA asking the Council to sign on to their letter. With a few suggested changes, Ed distributes the letter to other Board members and asked for their endorsement. With six endorsements, Ed lets Seth know on **5/23/2016** that the Council can be added to his list.

**19. ADOT's Nogales to Wickenburg Corridor**

**5/26/2016** – Ed LaRue receives notice from ADOT that there will be six public meetings in Arizona to discuss the new I-11 corridor. Ed gets this notice on **6/1/2016** and forwards it to Bruce Palmer, Maggie Fusari, and Cristina Jones later that day.

**Ecosystems Advisory Committee**  
**Summary Table from 1/9/2016 to 6/4/2016**  
**Current date for this latest table revision is: 6/1/2016**

No.	Reference	Dates (2016)				Board Member Responses														
		Rec'd	Dist.	Due	Sent	BJ	BP	CJ	CN	EL	GS	JJ	JP	KB	KM	MF	MQ	MT	PW	SA
<b>1</b>	WEMO Route Designation Comment	1/12		1/25	1/25	R 1/20		R 1/21	Y 1/20	A/PI 1/15			Y 1/17		Y 1/20	Y 1/20				
<b>2a</b>	Should we respond to Terrorist Activities	1/6 1/11	1/6	N/A	1/20	N 1/7				N 1/6	N 1/6			N 1/6	N 1/6	N 1/6				A/PI 1/6
<b>2b</b>	Review Response to Anonymous Source	1/13	1/13	N/A	1/20	Y 1/20		R 1/21		A/PI 1/13	Y 1/13		Y 1/20	Y 1/14		Y 1/20	Y 1/20			
<b>3</b>	Stump Springs Translocation Plan	12/21/15	1/13	1/22	1/20	Y 1/20		R 1/21		A/PI 1/13	NA 1/13	R 1/19	Y 1/14	Y 1/20		Y 1/20	Y 1/20			
<b>4</b>	Pakoon Springs Public Use EA	1/19	2/5	2/12	2/11				NA 2/9	A/PI 2/5			Y 2/7		Y 2/9	Y 2/9			Y/PI 2/7	
<b>5</b>	Purple Sage Placer Claim EA	1/19	2/5	2/18	2/15	Y 2/16			NA 2/9	A/PI 2/5			Y 2/7	Y 2/15	Y 2/9					
<b>6</b>	RETI 2.0	2/6	2/6	2/10	2/9	Y 2/9			NA 2/9	Y/PI 2/6	Y 2/9		Y 2/7			Y 2/7				Y 2/9
<b>7</b>	California Coalition	2/3	N/A	2/10	N/A					PI 2/10										
<b>8</b>	Daily News Interview	2/18	N/A	2/18	N/A					PI 2/18										
<b>9</b>	TWS "Conflicts in Conservation"	1/13	N/A	2/24	N/A					PI 2/24										
<b>10</b>	NCPA Funding for National Parks	2/18	2/18	2/26	2/23	Y 2/23	Y 2/23			A/PI 2/18			Y 2/19	Y 2/24	Y 2/23	Y 2/24	Y 2/23	Y 2/23		
<b>11</b>	ADOT II 1 Study	3/4	3/4	??						PI 3/4										
<b>12</b>	MCLB EA	3/7	3/11	3/14	3/13	R 3/13	Y/PI 3/11		R 3/13	A/PI 3/11			Y 3/12		Y 3/12	Y 3/13				
<b>13</b>	Soda Mtn Comment Letter	3/26	3/29	N/A		R 3/29	Y/PI 3/30		Y/PI 3/30	A/PI 3/29			Y 3/29		Y/PI 3/30	Y 3/29	Y 3/30			R 3/29
<b>14</b>	Nissin Foods Sign-on Letter	3/12	3/12	3/17	3/13	Y 4/12	Y 4/13		Y/PI 4/12	Y 4/12				R 4/12		Y 4/12	Y 4/13			Y 4/12
<b>15</b>	29 Palms EA for Ongoing Training	4/21	5/11	5/20	5/20	R 5/12	A/Y 5/18		R 5/13	R 5/12			Y 5/12	R 5/26		Y 5/12			Y/PI 5/13	R 5/12
<b>16</b>	ADOT's Transportation Plan	5/6	5/6	5/12	N/A					PI 5/6						PI 5/6				
<b>17</b>	ADOT's Five-Year Plan	5/13	5/13	??	??					PI 5/13										
<b>18</b>	Eagle Mountain lands returned to NPS	5/21	5/21	5/25		Y 5/23			Y 5/23	Y/PI 5/21			Y 5/23			Y 5/21				Y 5/23
<b>19</b>	Nogales to Wickenburg Corridor	5/26	6/1																	

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