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Desert Tortoise Council Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

15 November 2025
Zoom Online Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Mari Quillman at 10:03 a.m. (PST). **Action items are in blue, with responsible parties in red. Motions made, seconded, and approved (or not) are shown in bold red font.**

Attendees: Board members: Kristin Berry, Judy Hohman, Ken MacDonald, Maggie Fusari, Mari Quillman, Bruce Palmer, Michael Tuma, Becky Jones, Max Havelka, Mary Lane Poe, Rick Applegate, and Debra Hughson. **Absent:** Ed LaRue, Peter Woodman, Luke Basulto, and Operations Manager: David Hedrick. **Guests:** Amanda Scheib, owner of Ecocentric, and Dr. Andrea Cuttylow, formerly with USGS and now an independent consultant.

A. Welcome/Announcements/Introductions: Mari introduced the two guests and asked the Board members present to introduce themselves and the duties they perform for the Council.

B. Review Agenda: Opportunities for jobs to conduct tortoise surveys was added. New issues were incorporated as needed.

C. Approval of Meeting Minutes of 9/28/2025: Judy Hohman prepared draft minutes of the most recent virtual Board meeting, which were subsequently edited by Ed LaRue and distributed, reviewed, and approved today as final. **Motion made by Maggie Fusari, seconded by Becky Jones, and unanimously approved to accept the draft minutes as final.**

D. Review of Board Actions since Last Board Meeting:

1. Ecosystems Advisory Committee: On 10/12/2025, **Ed LaRue made the motion to accept Judy's revisions to the EAC policy, which was seconded by Ken MacDonald, and approved on 10/27/2025 when the quorum was met with eight endorsements.**

2. New NFWF grant: On 10/19/2025 in an email, David Hedrick wrote: "I'm writing to let you all know that, pending successful completion of their programmatic and fiscal review process, the Board of Directors of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation has approved \$308,416.00 for the Desert Tortoise Council's 'Improve Mojave Desert Tortoise Road Crossings with Exclusion Fencing (CA)' project. I want to thank Ken MacDonald for his work on this and the team at Just Write Grants for everything they put into this application."

3. Wildlife cameras for Bolson tortoise monitoring: Via an email discussion, the Board approved on October 14, 2025 the expenditure of \$3,020 for wildlife cameras to monitor Bolson tortoises on the Armendaris Ranch. A check was sent to the Turner Endangered Species Fund to purchase and install the cameras to monitor wildlife ingress and egress at the tortoise enclosure, particularly to monitor potential predators after the loss of 19 subadult tortoises to predation.

E. Special Discussion Items: No discussion.

F. Next Meeting Date: The next virtual meeting of the Board of Directors will be on Zoom, beginning at 10:00 a.m. (PST), on January 11, 2026.

OFFICER/COMMITTEE REPORTS

G. Operations Manager's Report: David Hedrick provided a written report¹. Dave traveled to the Ridgecrest area from November 1 – 5. He met with Ed to gain entry and experience with our newly leased storage unit in Hesperia, and he met with Becky in Palmdale to take care of some banking details. He also oversaw the field workshop component of the Introduction to the Mojave Desert Tortoise Course (Introductory Course) and the “*Tortoises on Tap at Flight Line Taproom*” Event. He reported the amount of merchandise and funds raised from beer sales for the last five years with the 2025 sales increasing to \$5,972. He requested that we obtain an inventory of remaining merchandise soon so we know what to order for the 2026 Symposium. **Rick Applegate will provide the merchandise inventory to Mari and Dave soon.** For the 2026 Symposium, planning meetings continue to be held regularly with additional meetings focusing on the photo contest and registration table volunteers. Please send your suggestions for Raffle and Auction Items to Dave ASAP. Registration for the Symposium is open. If a Board member needs a registration comp code, please email Dave. Both Pre-Conference mixer spots are sponsored and current total sponsorships are \$10,350 with more expected.

H. Financial Report: Mari Quillman

1. Financial Report through September 2025: In an electronic version of the Financial Report², Mari shared that the Council's total assets are greater than \$460,000 with about \$72,000 in bank accounts. The information provided was through September 2025 because the October 2025 information is not available yet. **Motion made By Kristin Berry, seconded by Max Havelka, and unanimously approved to accept the Financial Report as final.**

2. 2024 Form 990 and CA State Filing: The Council's federal and state tax returns for 2024 have been filed. In reviewing the forms with the certified public accountant (CPA), she reclassified some of the Council's expenses and revenues to more accurately reflect how the Council does business (e.g., the annual raffle and auction is no longer labeled gambling). **Mari Quillman will share the final returns with the Board.** In a discussion of the Board's responsibilities for fiscal management, the Board decided that there should be an approval process before filing future tax returns. The tax preparer should walk through the tax returns with the Board. The review process should be incorporated into the Bylaws. **Bruce Palmer will draft language to add to the**

¹ <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/upoc0yr5k462f66nn9z27/Operations-Manager-Report-Nov-2025.docx?rlkey=8996yd5h3o5u9emn4xsnvpt2f&dl=0>

² <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/fveofb708li0nnomyry8u/Desert-Tortoise-Council-Inc-Financials-September-2025.xlsx?rlkey=3m2k7pt8s4depyi29bkdzvlp9&dl=0>

Bylaws describing the process the Board will implement to approve tax returns prior to filing and will ensure consistency with the current wording in the Bylaws regarding the Board's duties. • Bruce Palmer will draft and distribute the draft language for the Bylaws for Board review with the goal of having it approved and noticed to the membership at least 30 days in advance of the Business Meeting in February 2026.

I. Financial Planning Committee: Rick Applegate reported that this committee is meeting with the CPA next week to audit the finances reported for 2024. Mari has assembled the paper receipts kept in a notebook and computer files for this meeting. Mari advised that there is no procedure in the Bylaws on how to conduct the annual audit. Kristin suggested checking with the State of California to see what their requirements are for non-profit organizations like the Council before the Board decides on a process.

J. Corresponding Secretary's Report: Becky Jones reported³ that some donations were received. They included a \$2,000 donation from DesertLink and she sent thank you letters. All funds were deposited in the Council's bank account. The Council received a bronze sponsorship for \$500 for the 2026 Symposium from Kerncrest Audubon and Becky sent a thank you letter. The Council received two Notices of Availability for EIRs that were forwarded to the EAC. Becky Jones will send copies of the thank you letters to Dave Hedrick for the donations and sponsorship. • Maggie Fusari asked Becky Jones to send to Maggie and Dave any Intro Course certificates of completion that are returned by mail.

K. Membership Committee's Report: Mari reported that the Chair position for this committee is open if anyone is interested or knows of anyone who may be interested. She provided a written report⁴. The current membership numbers are increasing – we have 403 members, which is an increase from 379 in September. There are about 3,900 names on the contact list.

1. Changes to the Membership Application: Per Maggie's request and discussion by the Board, the paper and online membership forms have been changed so they no longer request information on age, race, or gender.

2. Review of webpages of each committee: Mari reviewed the Membership Committee webpage and updated it. Mari assigned to the Board to review all web pages on the Council's website and provide comments on corrections/locations to her by December 15.

L. Nominating Committee's Report: No report was provided.

1. Potential new Board/committee members: Mari reminded the Board that about 20 people at the 2025 Symposium expressed interest in serving on the Board or committees. Mary Lane Poe volunteered to develop a method to contact interested people. Bruce reported that the three-year terms for Board members Luke Basulto, Mary Lane Poe, and Max Havelka are expiring in January. Regarding elected positions, the Membership Committee Chairperson and Treasurer positions are vacant and the terms for the Corresponding Secretary and Council Chairperson positions expire in February. Bruce Palmer will talk with Ken MacDonald about these vacancies and "completion of term" positions. • Ken MacDonald will ask Becky if she wants to run again for Corresponding Secretary.

³ <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/qryaxyjo6spe95xg3vtw1/Corresponding-Secretary-Report-11-15.docx?rlkey=jpacxg93doksevezw95mc7jlk&dl=0>

⁴ <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/mdmc5ckrwjcu2orwzlsfg/DTC-Membership-Committee-Report-11-15-2025.docx?rlkey=3svxhcabb1fzo1wrpv5grtr3k&dl=0>

M. Ecosystems Advisory Committee's (EAC) Report: In an electronic version of his report⁵, Ed LaRue reported that there were 14 projects identified and 10 comment letters reviewed by the Board in the reporting period between September 28 and November 15, 2025. Outstanding projects include the Castle Mountain Mine expansion, Shadow Valley Well System Modification, KPC Coachella Specific Plan, and SCE's Cal City Substation 115 kV Upgrade Project. Prior to the government shutdown BLM stopped notifying the Council of proposed projects. The review of draft letters by the Board and interested reviewers including edits and additions/deletions is appreciated and encouraged. **Debra Hughson volunteered to review the Castle Mountain Mine draft letter.** In an email to Mari, Ed reported he had completed his review of the EAC webpage and reported it needed no changes.

N. Media Committee's Report:

1. Committee Chairperson: There is no chairperson but Dave Hedrick has been filling this role. Mari reported that someone sent her an email with the offer of using their video skills. Michael responded that the Media Committee's activities are focused currently on social media and the Council's website, not video.

2. Future of newsletter: The Council has not published a newsletter recently. Mari suggested an option for the newsletter would be to implement "constant contact" – prepare a short description of a story and a photo and email it to the membership contact list. **Michael Tuma volunteered to educate whoever the Media Committee chairperson is on the policy and procedures of this committee.**

O. Strategic Planning Committee's Report: **Ken MacDonald reported that he and Bruce Palmer need to communicate more with Heidi Brannon to persuade her to lead the next strategic planning meeting of the Council.**

P. Bylaws and Policy Revisions: **Bruce Palmer noted his new assignment to draft language to be added to the Bylaws about the role of the Board in reviewing the tax returns.**

Q. Grants and Academic Funding Committee's Report: Michael Tuma reported that the grant awarded for work in Niger has been received and Michael is reviewing it. **Michael Tuma will revisit a grant request for a children's book on tortoises that the Board did not make a decision on.** The Grants Committee received a request to help fund a tick study on Sonoran desert tortoises from Arizona State University. If anyone wants to review these grant requests, please contact Michael.

1. Financial Statement from Grant Recipients: Mari requested that **Michael add to the grant requirements that the grantee will provide a financial statement describing how they used the grant funds and that this information should be provided in the grantee's final report to the Council.**

2. Status of Outstanding Grant Funding: We have not received an application for the Leeward Grant. Michael suggested that he **contact Leeward about expanding the study topics for their grant.** Mari assigned **Michael Tuma** to contact Leeward Energy and to **review the Grants webpage.** • **Michael Tuma will contact Dave to send another Morafka Award announcement.**

⁵ https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/m2kxm0tsa2405eb1sspxm/EAC-report-DTC-Board-11_15_2025.docx?rlkey=bn7mssgww42hwpacg4ojnls0&dl=0

R. Agency Coordinating Committee’s Report: There is no chairperson. No report given because of the federal government shutdown since October 1.

S. Mexican Tortoise Conservation Committee’s Report (MTCC): No report was provided. **Michael Tuma offered to coordinate with the chairperson and explain how the Council has developed and maintained relationships with researchers in Mexico.**

Proposed Ad-hoc Bolson Tortoise Committee: Max Havelka reported that he is waiting for reports on the DNA testing and installation of wildlife cameras for the Bolson tortoise at the Armendaris Ranch. Mari sent a check for the cameras and a letter to the Turner Endangered Species Fund that the Council expects them to give a presentation of the results from the DNA and cameras at the Symposium. She mentioned that the \$150K in the federal budget to fund monitoring of the Bolson tortoise in New Mexico that was added by a New Mexico senator should be in the FY 2026 budget.

More training is needed by staff at Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge but they would not be able to travel to attend training such as the Health Assessment Training scheduled for 2026. The needs of the Bolson tortoise and the NWR staff may not align well with the training offered and proposed by the Council for the Mojave desert tortoise. **Max Havelka will explore bringing training to the NWR including using existing videos or preparing new videos for their training needs.** Further discussion occurred under Advanced Training Committee Report.

T. Training Committee’s Reports:

1. Introductory Training Courses Committee’s Report: Maggie Fusari provided a written report⁶. She reported that 190 people completed the entire course (lecture and field course) and 55 people signed up to audit the lecture. The course was full prior to ending early registration. This is unprecedented. The dates for the 2026 course are posted on the webpage. Dave and Maggie suggest increasing the fees for 2026 and would like a Board decision on this prior to the February Symposium. The final figures for income and expenses will be available soon. And we need to discuss sponsorships.

2. Advanced Training Courses Committee’s Report: Mary Lane Poe provided a written report⁷. On October 16th, Dave Hedrick and Mary Lane met with Kim Field and Kristina Drake to continue brainstorming and planning for a Health Assessment Training course (HAT) in August 2026. Many action items from our “first” meeting were left to the Desert Tortoise Recovery Office (DTRO), who were unavailable to attend due to the federal government shutdown. The goal is to implement a HAT course in August 2026, not a refresher course. Looking again at a three-day course, Sunday through Tuesday, but need to see when the veterinarians are available. One day needed for set up plus additional advance time to assemble tortoises for the training. The facility in Arizona is available for the training. DTRO developed course content in the past with the Council advertising and determining and implementing the logistics. Needs for the HAT include temperature-controlled storage for equipment and supplies. Amanda Scheib suggested asking someone to donate this space such as a storage facility. The needed space would not likely be large and it would be a donation to a non-profit organization. Mary Lane asked if the Council had funds to spend on preparing for the training before registration fees were assessed. **Mari Quillman will send to Mary Lane an Excel spreadsheet for the budget for the HAT in 2026.**

⁶ <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/531tazpzale9w1qfhn4w/Intro-Course-report-15-Nov-2025.docx?rlkey=16lll8rcghruj53amjpkeera8&dl=0>

⁷ <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/u0e2bf9mptyhetj1zvg4q/Training-Committee-Report-15Nov2025.docx?rlkey=g5kpqdsfhyagzg009lamm8hg&dl=0>

For the Bolson tortoise, National Wildlife Refuge staff and Vance, if the goal is to provide them with health assessment training and get them qualified then they need in-person training. **Kristin Berry will send to Mary Lane health forms for *Gopherus* from Elliot Jacobsen's book and information on behavior analysis.** More general training is need for the NWR staff and Vance rather than a HAT course. Max will talk with Sevilleta NWR staff and Vance to learn what their needs are. They may not match with training provided in the HAT for the desert tortoise.

U. Education and Outreach Committee's Report: Maggie Fusari provided a written report⁸. She had nothing new to report buy asked – Does anyone have an event they attended or plan to attend that this committee does not know about yet? Should we include events such as our drink beer, save tortoises events in education and outreach or are they classified as another type of event? What are the events that Board members plan to attend next year so that she can create a reasonable budget.

Maggie reported that the Council's website is in need for editing, updating, and organizing so it is easier to find things. **Judy Hohman will work with Ed and Sky (the webmaster) to improve the ease of finding the posted Board minutes on the Council's website and have the May, July, and November 2025 minutes posted.**

V. Awards Committee's Reports: Kristin Berry had no information to provide.

W. Annual Symposium Program Committee's Report: Kristin Berry provided a written report⁹. We have two confirmed plenary speakers, 10 abstracts and intents to present for presentations, and one poster. There is no presentation yet by BLM or NPS, no presentation from Arizona or the Bolson tortoise in New Mexico. Todd Esque suggested a session on Ivanpah connectivity. The Symposium will be dedicated to Glenn Stewart with a celebration of life late in the day.

X. Fundraising Committee's Report: Ken MacDonald/Dave Hedrick submitted a written report¹⁰. This committee has a call with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to finalize the approximately \$309,000 grant for two miles of tortoise exclusion fence construction identified as a high priority area for fencing. The annual contract with Just Write Grants (JWG) is up for renewal in January the cost would be \$1,200 per month for them to prepare eight proposals. **Ken MacDonald will contact JWG to find out when the contract needs to be renewed.** Under the Operations Manager's Report, Dave reported on the funds raised from merchandise sales and beer sales at the "*Tortoises on Tap at Flight Line Taproom*" Event in Ridgecrest.

Mari reminded **all Committee chairpersons that their budget requests for 2026 are due to her by December 15.** • **Mari Quillman will distribute an Excel spreadsheet to all committee chairpersons to use for this task.**

Y. Master Calendar: Judy Hohman distributed the Calendar of Events that should have been completed between the September Board meeting and the current meeting¹¹, and the Calendar of Events to be completed before the next Board meeting in January¹². Time sensitive events that

⁸ <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/3ixajmku6lszg835igpwe/Education-and-Outreach-Nov-15-2025.docx?rlkey=mxu0s18ci0c740ktnix7biux1&dl=0>

⁹ <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/kzrpyop3tx9eyd07292fv/Symposium-Reports-for-No-15.pdf?rlkey=1or97z2tupo4h012weeb1tgjn&dl=0>

¹⁰ <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/uzg14qmr33macp767ntj7/Updated-fundraising-report-11-13-2025.pdf?rlkey=nbo1ngrfcvnnk6utpckqtj5mi&dl=0>

¹¹ <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/89okzctuzhpk861rlin3s/Calendar-of-Activities-that-Should-Have-Occurred.docx?rlkey=q68k58pb3kxwzzbjd1foba2d3&dl=0>

¹² <https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/h1otc2hgrutq76eo89r9z/Calendar-of-Activities-Identified-to-Occur-before-the-January-2026-Board-Meeting.docx?rlkey=8wi9wuscolxq2arl8bpb4uzk&dl=0>

should have been completed include each committee chairperson should have submitted an annual plan for 2026 including budget requests; posting the names of nominees for officers for the Council; notifying members of the dates and location of the Annual Business Meeting by November 24; and scheduling an audit of the 2025 finances between January 1 and the Business Meeting. Time sensitive events to be completed before or at the January Board meeting include submitting annual committee reports to the Chairperson of the Council; discuss goals for each committee for the new year, the annual work plans, and budget needs; and finalize proposed changes to the Bylaws so they may be posted for the membership to review and vote on at the Business Meeting.

Z. Annual Committee Reports: Mari Quillman request that each **committee chairperson send their annual report to her by December 10.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. Website – Job Postings for Volunteer Survey Opportunities: Mari was asked at a recent conference on how a person can get experience or can volunteer to survey for tortoises. Clark County has an application that a person can complete and submit. This information is used primarily for translocating tortoises.

2. Personnel Review for July 2025 – Dave Hedrick: This is ongoing.

3. Development of an Employee Manual: This is ongoing.

4. Position Handbooks and Committee Handbooks: This is ongoing.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Mari Quillman, at 1:24 p.m. (PST).

Draft minutes were recorded by Judy Hohman, respectfully submitted for approval to all Board members on November 19, 2025, and finalized on January 11, 2026 with a unanimous vote.



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

Ecosystems Advisory Committee Report DTC Board Meeting of 15 November 2025

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

1. Cactus Club Hotel (San Bernardino Co, CA)

9/2/2025 – On this date, San Bernardino County Planning Department contacted us with the availability of a mitigated negative declaration for this project, with a due date of **10/7/2025**. Ed provides a partial draft of the letter to Judy on **9/17/2025** so that she can coauthor it by completing it. The draft letter is distributed on **9/27/2025** and submitted on **10/6/2025** with six endorsements.

2. Tentative Parcel Map 20577 (San Bernardino Co, CA)

9/5/2025 – On this date, San Bernardino County Planning Department contacted us with the availability of a mitigated negative declaration for this project, with a due date of **10/7/2025**. Ed provides a partial draft of the letter to Judy on **9/19/2025** so that she can coauthor it by completing it. The draft letter is distributed on **9/27/2025** and submitted on **10/6/2025** with seven endorsements.

3. Landers Hotel Project (San Bernardino Co, CA)

9/18/2025 – On this date, San Bernardino County Planning Department contacted us with the availability of a mitigated negative declaration for this project, with a due date of **10/21/2025**. The draft letter is distributed on **10/12/2025** and submitted on **10/14/2025** with eight endorsements.

4. Hurricane Cliffs Sand and Gravel (St. George, UT)

9/19/2025 – On this date, the BLM sent a notice that comments are due in 17 days, on **10/6/2025**. Ed sends an email to Mary Lane Poe and Judy Hohman indicating that he will be unable to comment this project. The draft letter is distributed on **10/3/2025** and submitted on **10/6/2025** with eight endorsements.

5. LCM Railroad (Hinkley, CA)

9/19/2025 – On this date, San Bernardino County sent a notice of the availability of the Notice of Intent/Mitigated Negative Declaration with comments due on **10/24/2025**. The draft letter is distributed on **10/18/2025** and submitted on **10/20/2025** with five endorsements. Due to Ed's recusal, a new letter with Mari as signatory is delivered to the County on **10/23/2025**.

6. Desert Star Critical Minerals Drill Project (Ivanpah Valley, CA)

10/7/2025 – On this date, we were notified by a third party that BLM is proposing this project under a categorical exclusion. The due date for comments is **10/29/2025** according to "Participate Now" on the BLM website. The draft letter is distributed on **10/26/2025** and submitted on **10/28/2025** with nine endorsements.

7. Northern Corridor EA (UT)

10/7/2025 – On this date, we were notified by a third party about the availability of this NEPA document for review. Comments are due on **11/3/2025**. The draft letter is distributed on **11/1/2025** and submitted on **11/3/2025** with eight endorsements.

8. KPC Coachella Specific Plan (Riverside Co, CA)

10/19/2025 – On this date, we were notified by the City of Coachella about the availability of an EIR for public comment. Comments are due on **12/2/2025**. The draft letter is distributed on **@@/2025** and submitted on **@@/2025** with **@@** endorsements.

<https://ceqanet.lci.ca.gov/2022110295/2>

<https://www.coachella.org/departments/development-services/environmental-reviews>

9. Cosign a letter on government shutdown (National)

10/21/2025 - On this date, we receive a letter from Center for Biological Diversity (CBD) asking us to cosign a letter urging Senator Schumer and Congressman Jeffries concerning the government shutdown, with a due date of **10/24/2025**. Ed distributes the letter on **10/22/2025** with the suggestion that we not sign the letter as it does not directly relate to our mission statement of EAC policies. With six no votes, Ed lets Stephanie Kurose of CBD know on **10/23/2025** that we will not be cosigning the letter, available at the following link. file:///C:/Users/Ed%20Larue/Downloads/Schumer_Jeffries_Shutdown%20Letter.pdf

10. Sienna Solar Project (San Bernardino Co, CA)

10/10/2025 - On this date, we receive a notice from the county that the Final EIR for this project is now available and ready for review. The draft letter is distributed on **10/22/2025** and submitted to the county on **10/23/2025** with seven endorsements. On **11/2/2025**, Morongo Basin Conservation Association (MBCA) sent an email asking the Council to join them in a formal protest of the project. In our response on **11/6/2025**, Ed lets them know that we do not have standing because the County failed to contact us for the draft EIR, so we declined the invitation to join the formal protest.

11. Castle Mountain Mine expansion (San Bernardino Co, CA)

10/27/2025 - On this date, Jeff Aardahl of Defenders of Wildlife (and later the BLM) provide a link to information for the project, which has a due date of **11/20/2025**. Ed registered for the webinar at 5 pm on **11/5/2025** but was unable to attend as he was travelling back from Ridgecrest.
https://eplanning.blm.gov/public_projects/2039209/200667792/20145698/251045678/2025_10_17_BLM_Castle%20Mountain%20Mine_Scoping_pr.pdf

12. SCE Company's Cal City Substation 115 kV Upgrade Project (San Berdo/Kern, CA)

11/4/2025 - On this date, Kathy Simon provided Ed with a link to the project, with a due date for comments of **12/8/2025**. Given its location, Ed recommends that this letter be coauthored with the MGS Conservation Council.
<https://ia.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/esa/CalCity/index.html#Public%20Comment%20Period%20and%20Meetings>

13. Shadow Valley Well System Modification (San Bernardino Co, CA)

10/30/2025 - On this date, Jeff Aardahl sends us a link to this project with a release date of **10/20/2025**, so I assume comments are due by **11/20/2025**.
<https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2040610/570>

14. Rescission of Conservation and Landscape Health Rule (National)

11/6/2025 - On this date, Jeff Aradahl sends Ed a link to the NEPA document, with a due date of **11/10/2025**. The letter is distributed on **11/7/2025** and submitted to the BLM on **11/10/2025** with nine endorsements.

**Ecosystems Advisory Committee
Summary Table from 9/29/2025 to 11/15/2025**

Current date for this latest table revision is: 11/10/2025

Dates are for 2025						Board Member Responses														
						Codes: Y = Vote of Yes; N = Vote of No; PI = Provided input; Blank = No Response; R = Recused; A = Authors/Lead Board member; NA – Replied they were not able to respond by indicated date														
#	Title	Rec'd	Dist	Due	Sent	BJ	BP	DH	EL	JH	LB	KB	KM	MF	MH	MP	MQ	MT	PW	RA
1	Cactus Club Hotel	9/2	9/27	10/7	10/6	Y 9/30			A 9/17	A 9/27			Y 10/3	Y 9/27			Y 10/3	Y 9/27		
2	TPM 20577	9/5	9/27	10/7	10/6	Y 9/30			A 9/19	A 9/27			Y 10/3	Y 9/27			Y 10/3	Y 9/27		
3	Landers Hotel Project	9/18	10/12	10/21	10/14	Y 10/13		Y 10/13	A 10/12	A 10/12				Y 10/13			Y 10/13		Y 10/12	Y 10/13
4	Hurricane Cliffs	9/19	10/3	10/6	10/6	Y 10/5		Y 10/5		A 10/3			Y 10/5	Y 10/5		Y 10/4		Y 10/5		Y 10/5
5	LCM Railroad	9/19	10/18	10/24	10/20	Y 10/20		Y 10/19		A 10/18								Y/PI 10/20		Y/PI 10/20
6	Desert Star	10/7	10/26	10/29	10/28	Y 10/28		Y 10/28	A 10/26	Y/PI 10/26			Y/PI 10/26	Y 10/27			Y/PI 10/27	Y 10/28	Y 10/28	Y 10/27
7	Northern Corridor EA	10/7	11/1	11/3	11/3	Y 11/2	R 11/7	Y 11/3	Y 11/3	A 11/1			Y 11/2	Y 11/2			Y 11/3			Y/PI 11/3
8	KPC Coachella Specific Plan	10/19		12/2																
9	CBD letter	10/21	10/22	10/24	10/23	N 10/24			N 10/22	N 10/22			N 10/23				N 10/23	N 10/23	N 10/23	N 10/23
10	Sienna Solar	10/10	10/22	10/23	10/23	Y 10/24			A 10/22	Y 10/22				Y 10/22		Y 10/22	Y 10/22		Y 10/23	Y 10/22
11	Castle Mtn. Mine	10/27		11/20																
12	SCE transmission	11/4		12/8																
13	Shadow Valley	10/30		11/20?																
14	Health Rule	11/6	11/8	11/10	11/10	Y 11/8		Y/PI 11/8	Y/PI 11/9	A 11/7			Y 11/8	Y 11/8			Y 11/8	Y 11/8	Y 11/9	
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BJ = Becky Jones, **BP** = Bruce Palmer, **DH** = Debra Hughson, **EL** = Ed LaRue, **JH** = Judy Hohman, **KB** = Kristin Berry, **KM** = Ken MacDonald, **LB** = Luke Basulto, **MH** = Max Havelka, **MF** = Maggie Fusari, **MP** = Mary Lane Poe, **MQ** = Mari Quillman, **MT** = Michael Tuma, **PW** = Pete Woodman, **RA** = Rick Applegate