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Desert Tortoise Council
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

26 July 2026
Zoom Online Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Mari Quillman at 10:03 a.m. (PDT). 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, Peter Woodman, Judy Hohman, Ken MacDonald, Maggie Fusari, Mari Quillman, Bruce Palmer, Ed LaRue, Max Havelka, Andrea Currylow, Michael Tuma, Rick Applegate, Debra Hughson, and Operations Manager: David Hedrick. **Absent**: David Carr, Becky Jones, Mary Lane Poe. **Guests**: Drew Derderian, Jennifer Dubois Nicholson, Chereka Keaton, Maribel Lopez, Chris Wiese, Debbie Kinsinger, Max Maurer.

A. Welcome/Announcements/Introductions: None.

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

C. Approval of Meeting Minutes of May 31, 2026: Ed LaRue prepared draft minutes of the most recent virtual Board meeting, which were distributed, reviewed, and approved today as final. **Motion made (Ken MacDonald), seconded (Andrea Currylow), and unanimously approved to accept the draft minutes to be final.** Ed informed everyone that he will be in Canada for the September Board meeting, so Judy Hohman will record the September minutes in Ed's absence.

D. Review of Board Actions since Last Board Meeting:

1. Policy - Appointment of Board Members at Large: On 6/6/2026 (modified on 6/16/2026), Bruce Palmer circulates the draft policy for bringing new members onto the Board for input and approval. With 15 endorsements, Bruce announces on 6/21/2026 that the draft policy is elevated to a final policy (See Section Q, below, for more discussion).

E. Special Discussion Items:

1. Governance Discussion and Meeting Progression: Mari Quillman just returned from a workshop in West Virginia for non-profit organizations where a consultant, Board Doctor (https://theboarddoctor.org/), provided guidance for nonprofit Board governance. This included

Board meeting sequence, succession and retention plans, volunteer agreements, etc. Mari now has many available resources for these and other topics. The guidance was that not all committee reports need to be discussed during Board meetings. Important things should be brought to the top of the agenda. Since the reports are included in footers, it is okay for Ed LaRue to summarize the reports even for information that is not specifically discussed during the Board meeting. We currently do not approve committee reports, some of which come in too late to be reviewed prior to the meeting. Chairs should have their reports in at least a week ahead of the Board meeting. Recorded meeting transcripts could be made available. The Board Doctor stressed the importance of Bylaws and Policies, which thanks to Bruce Palmer, are in good order. We need to spend more time on succession and retention plans, to identify and train replacements for committee chairs, and to make sure that incoming replacement personnel know the details of their assumed positions. The Bylaws currently require that chairs identify their replacements, which we have not rigorously implemented. We need to be sure that our volunteers (e.g., Introductory Course instructors) are covered by our insurance policy. Maggie Fusari, Peter Woodman, and Andrea Currylow will work with Mari Quillman to include volunteers under our insurance policy. • Mari Quillman will keep Judy Hohman informed so that resulting insurance documentation can be added to the Council's document retention policy.

2. Board Meeting Schedule Options: Several people said that they would not want to have Board meetings in the evening or during workday business hours. Sunday morning seems to work well for most of our current Board members. We should definitely identify all meetings at the beginning of the year to allow people to avoid schedule conflicts with Board meeting dates.

3. Personnel Review for July 2024 to July 2026 – Dave Hedrick: Mari has been working with ADP to discuss retirement funds. Mari found that the 403b approach was not practical because we have only one employee. Mari provided information for individual retirement accounts (IRA) and 401k retirement accounts[1], finding that 401k accounts may be the most practical for our relationship with Davd Hedrick. It would cost the Council $234/month to have ADP oversee a 401k retirement account, with a deadline to make a decision by 8/14/2026. Judy felt that paying ADP $234/month to manage this account was excessive, Bruce mentioned it might be better to just pay that amount directly to David Hedrick who could then manage his retirement independently, and another person chatted that they pay $80/month for this service. An increase in salary may put David's income above certain thresholds that would affect acquiring student grants and loans. Mari Quillman will invite interested Board members to a 6 pm meeting on 7/30/2026 to further discuss retirement accounts.

4. Master Calendar: Judy Hohman's latest Calendar of Activities is provided in the footnote[2], which focuses on the period between May and September. Do we want to have someone attend the meeting of Partners in Amphibian and Reptile Conservation (PARC) Southwest? David Hedrick will communicate with Cristina Jones about the PARC Southwest event. • By early October, each Board chair should provide an estimated preliminary budget for the next year.

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[1] https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/0pcfoi7kefihqmlrnwwzm/ADP-Retirement-Plan-information.docx?rlkey=gomaz6r8j1msv70gcsjndb0i5&dl=0

[2] https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/eo3s5h7bwwg9iy9jg8pl7/Calendar-of-Activities-May-to-September-2026-Board-Meetings.docx?rlkey=fo1v2e6hsas0yq7zbu745tkym&dl=0

5. Mojave Desert Sentinel Landscape (MDSL): Mari provided the notes of the most recent MDSL meeting, of 7/20/2026[3], which Judy Hohman was able to attend. The two-hour meeting was recorded and is available, focusing on their draft implementation plan, to engage with local governments, interactions with military training, to ensure actions are science-based, etc. The seven sections are identified in the footer, with comments due by 8/21/2026. The MDSL, which was initiated by the Department of War, is intended to coordinate conservation in the Mojave Desert with the four large military installations, with MDSL's four goals listed in the footer. Future meeting invitations will be shared.

F. Next Meeting Dates: Future dates for 2026 Board meetings are as follows: 9/27/2026, 11/8/2026, and 1/10/2027, on Zoom, beginning at 10:00 a.m. (PDT/PST).

OFFICER/COMMITTEE REPORTS

G. Operations Manager's Report: In his report[4], David Hedrick spoke about his involvement with the Introductory Course, helping Board members with Google Drive updates, social media, and Symposium planning, which will begin in September. There was a post about the Council's opposition to the Cadiz Pipeline, which was recently approved by the Trump Administration and opposition to a proposed solar project, which generated numerous comments on social media. David would like to let the public know about opportunities to comment on projects. David Hedrick will soon post on our website and elsewhere that the Symposium will be 2/23-26/2026 at Palace Station in Las Vegas, NV. We will begin monthly Symposium planning sessions on Tuesday evenings at 7 pm and switch to weekly meetings six weeks-or-so before the Symposium.

H. Treasurer's Report: Mari Quillman will seek advice on finding a new Treasurer. In an electronic version of the Treasurer's Report[5], which is generated by QuickBooks, Mari Quillman shared that our total assets, liabilities, and equity as of 6/30/2026 were $475,991.79, total operating expenses were $49,686.37, with total expenses being $144,084.11. She emphasized that she will focus on cleaning up various line items when she meets with the certified public accountant (CPA). **Motion made (Andrea Currylow), seconded (Max Havelka), and unanimously approved to accept the Treasurer's Report as final.** The footnoted link[6] gives guidance on how to make financial reports. We have both a bookkeeper and a CPA assisting Mari with our finances. The CPA has promised a draft tax return by the end of July. After the tax return is received, Mari Quillman will schedule a meeting with all Board members to discuss our finances and tax returns.

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3 https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/k4uxggavxgd4s7kzm0pjy/2026-7-20-Meeting-notes-Mojave-Desert-Sentinel-Landscape.docx?rlkey=ofd4ykp8j2z95fhtsxag9rhgc&dl=0

4 https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/89bv81cclw5zynqs2ptpm/Operations-Manager-Report.docx?rlkey=yt4qt5atvzggxj2oe67f191hy&dl=0

5 https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/ihidzhltl5cmehf58ady7/Desert-Tortoise-Council-Inc-Preliminary-Financials-June-2026.xlsx?rlkey=21hyiypw8a11iujsutrbfqpow&dl=0

6 https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5c2a3500f793923866cf19b8/t/68937e8b7009ba5c904152fb/1754496655355/Financial+training+presentation.pdf

I. Financial Planning Committee Report: There was no formal report from Ken MacDonald. The following discussion ensued under the Treasurer's Report. Our goal is to have the Financial Planning Committee meet quarterly, which has not happened so far. The Financial Planning Committee (Ken MacDonald, Rick Applegate, Mari Quillman, and David Hedrick) should watch the following YouTube video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2RUF_saPneM and then be prepared to discuss the committee's function at an upcoming scheduled meeting.

J. Corresponding Secretary's Report: In her report, Becky Jones shared we received a letter from the Internal Revenue Service saying they needed an additional 60 days to review our information, which although dated 2023, was sent to Mari and David Hedrick and forwarded to the CPA. A Notice of Availability/Notice of an EIR for the Electric Vehicle Charging Station and Logistics Facility Project in Lenwood was sent to Ed and Judy. A Systems of Awards Management (SAM) Expiration Alert was sent to David Hedrick, which is something we can renew on our own without needing a third party. Once the renewal date is determined, David Hedrick will renew the SAM application and let Judy Hohman know so that she can add it to the master calendar.

K. Membership Committee's Report: In his very detailed electronic report[7], David Carr reported the results of the committee meeting on 7/8/2026 and actions that have been carried out since the 5/31/2026 Board meeting. A shared Google Drive folder has been established. As of the last verified report (1/11/2026), the Council had 423 active members and a contact list of 3,952 names. Committee meetings are scheduled for the second Wednesday in August and September.

L. Nominating Committee's Report: Ken MacDonald had nothing new to report.

M. Ecosystems Advisory Committee's (EAC) Report: In the attached version of his report, Ed LaRue shared that there were 12 projects identified and nine reviewed by the Board in the reporting period between 5/31/2026 and 7/26/2026. We have responded to 100% of the projects potentially affecting tortoises, identifying three that would not impact tortoises. We continue to inform San Bernardino County that there are no such things as "pre-construction" surveys, recommending that formal "presence-absence" surveys be conducted in support of their initial studies and "clearance" surveys are only conducted after an incidental take permit is issued. Thanks to Judy and our many independent reviewers for their diligence and support.

N. Media Committee's Report: Chair position is open.

P. Strategic Planning Committee's Report: For the benefit of our visitors, Bruce Palmer gave a brief review of the history of strategic planning. Do we want to have a workshop to see how well we are doing or do we want to formally develop and amend the strategic plan? In an electronic version of his report[8], Bruce shared that he and others met with members of "Impact by Design" (IBD), a company that specializes in contracting with non-profit organizations to provide

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[7] https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/zgxuqwdx6e2vwk1hp9kvi/DTC-Membership-Committee-Report-July-26-2026.docx?rlkey=p77yjria62ho4ltvz645vcib1&dl=0

[8] https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/es99xd6k8q8066pni7a7p/Strategic-Planning-report-July-2026.docx?rlkey=nz9zkvc9seqq9j4hkcae5c7xi&dl=0

strategic planning and facilitation services. They subsequently provided a cost proposal ($25,000) that outlines their approach[9]. A summary of their proposal is included in Bruce's footnoted report. If we choose to enlist them, they would begin their work in August 2026 and complete it by April 2027. Bruce is concerned that a definitive work product has not been identified. He is also concerned that their "core team" approach would not involve all Board members, as has been done for all past plans. Although $25,000 is a lot of money, Bruce is concerned that it may not be enough given the scope of work IBD is proposing versus the detailed information Bruce wants from them. His impression is that IBD is a competent group with excellent reviews and would do a good job.

Kristin Berry is concerned that talking to members only at the Symposium fails to solicit input from valuable members who would not be in attendance. She is also concerned with the core team approach. It is Max Havelka's understanding that IBD would be interviewing all Board members and a subset of Symposium attendees to help formulate the next steps in their review process and modify their proposal accordingly. We should identify key members and interested agency personnel to be interviewed by IBD. The proposal indicates IBD would interview the 16 Board members and David Hedrick. Ken MacDonald felt that the next step was to go back to IBD with a refined scope, particularly with regards to the number and composition of member interviews, and to ask them for a list of specific deliverables. Bruce felt that it should be the Council, not IBD (or any other contractor), that identifies the deliverables. Judy Hohman stated that it is important that the strategic planning effort addresses "changing times" associated with the current administration and other foreseeable and unforeseeable events. Judy was also concerned that we have only this one bid without the benefit of seeing bids from one or two other contractors. Mari Quillman will contact the Board Doctor to see if they can recommend other contractors to facilitate the strategic planning effort. We should also ask the contractor to advise us on our retention/succession plan for existing and future Board members, respectively.

Q. Bylaws and Policy Revisions: In his Parliamentarian Report, Bruce Palmer shared that, at the request of the Board, the 10/26/2013 policy statement regarding "Appointment of Board Members at Large" was modified to incorporate Board concerns in how prospective Board members are vetted and the procedures to approve or disapprove prospective Board members. The modified policy was provided and approved by a vote of 15 of 16 Board members. The updated policy dated 6/20/2026, was distributed to each Board member and is available online. This would not result in any Bylaws changes, and no other changes have been identified.

Judy did not have any additional discussion on the document retention policy. Bruce indicated that, for now, the responsibility of implementing this policy would fall on the Recording Secretary; this responsibility may or may not need to be changed. With the Google Drive available, it is suggested that each committee chair would be responsible to upload documents to the Google Drive for retention.

R. Grants and Academic Funding Committee's Report: Michael Tuma reported that he needs immediate help from Board members or others to review a few grant requests and reports from previous awardees. David Hedrick will begin taking an active role in helping Michael Tuma with

[9] https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/r61sd220e6o67jjw1u6t1/Strategic-Planning-proposal-IBD.pdf?rlkey=56fokospu7xrpoayqrvxiu2r5&dl=0

the Grants and Academic Funding Committee, and Mari Quillman will meet with them to discuss the committee's needs at a time to be determined by Michael Tuma.

S. Agency Coordinating Committee's Report: In her Desert Tortoise Certification Committee report[10], Andrea Currylow reported that David Hedrick helped set up two new email accounts through the Google Workspace for Nonprofits; Desert Tortoise Certification (dtcertification@deserttortoise.org) and for her (a.currylow@deserttortoise.org). Those accounts were used to establish a Desert Tortoise Certification Website with information (which she shared on the Zoom screen), application (which is currently set to accommodate 100 people), Certification Database, and various materials and opportunities for potential applicants, as well as setting up the Steering Committee and Advisory Committee (includes 30 biologists) email lists and shared folders (see links in her attached report). Thus far, the committee is aiming to establish fees to go through the Certification process to defray the costs of the Advisory Committee's travel for in-person examinations. The proposed fees are as follows: $50 for a tortoise monitor, $250 for a tortoise biologist, $300 for both, $50-100 for "experienced challenge," and waived for committee members. The plan is to do "trial runs" with the Advisory Committee members and others. We plan to hold the Qualifying Exams (currently in preparation) on August 30th. The date for the Field Practicum trial run is planned for October 25th. The schedule will be flexible for the Desert Tortoise Certification Committee to add additional times and locations they would be available to proctor a Qualifying Exam. Part of the website includes available resources that can be used to study for the exam. The end of her report lists the officers that would be needed to implement the certification process. All of this information, and more, has been added to the DT Certification folder on the Google Drive.

As described above, there is a Steering Committee and Advisory Committee serving under the Desert Tortoise Certification Committee, which is not formally recognized as an official committee; i.e., it currently comes under the Agency Coordinating Committee. At present, this group is serving as an *ad hoc* committee. Mari formally identified the *ad hoc* committee as the "Desert Tortoise Certification Committee." Andrea Currylow will need to develop a proposed budget for the new committee. Students pay fees for the qualifying exams, all committee members are currently volunteers, and will likely be reimbursed for mileage, lodging, and other expenses.

Ed asked about the relationship between this certification and current management by the CDFW, USFWS, and BLM, which require authorization on a case-by-case basis. If everything goes as planned, eventually these agencies would adopt this as a formal authorization procedure, and in the interim, we need to be clear that this is the Council's certification and what exactly it implies. Federal solicitors said that USFWS cannot approve biologists over time, hence the need to be approved on a case-by-case basis and for specific methods. Michael Tuma emphasized that we should use this process and website to identify opportunities for people to get experience. Maggie expressed her concern with the identified date for the field practicum on October 25 as it is immediately after the Introductory Course.

T. Mexican Tortoise Conservation Committee's Report (MTCC): Chair position is open, so there was nothing new to report. Michael Tuma will send the Mexican Tortoise Conservation Committee policy and Bylaws to Maribel Lopez so that she has some background information on this committee and its function.

U. Bolson Tortoise *Ad Hoc* Committee: Max Havelka did not have anything new to report. Mari Quillman mentioned that a 1-acre bolson tortoise display pen at the Sevilleta National

[10] https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/53rnwzqpidxcg349rxd7c/DT-Certification-Committee-Report_202607.docx?rlkey=4in5ssvu5d4y5ywv1lnhdgfgc&dl=0

Wildlife Refuge (SNWR) has recently been completed. Chris Wiese shared that since fall of 2024 60 tortoises were transferred to the USFWS who placed them in an 8.5-acre "soft release" pen at the SNWR. Ten (10) tortoises died the first winter due to failure to anticipate freezing temperatures with sufficiently deep burrows. The plans for when the 50 remaining tortoises will be released from the holding pen have not been announced. USFWS is still trying to raise funds so that a display pen could be constructed near the visitor's center. Chris Wiese would like to join Max Havelka on this committee. Judy Hohman will contact Vance Wolf and Shawn Sartorius in the USFWS's New Mexico Ecological Services Office to determine the status of transferring congressionally-directed funds in the current federal budget from the USFWS to the Council. If needed, she will also contact USFWS budget officers in the USFWS regional office to determine when the Council will receive the appropriated funds.

V. Training Program Committee's Report:

1. Introductory Training Course Committee's Report: In an electronic version of her report[11], Maggie Fusari shared that the Sunday field day is already full and expects the other slots to be filled in the next few weeks. The dates are October 23 and 24, 2026 for the lectures and either November 1 or 2 for a field day in Ridgecrest. The following table compares 2025 versus 2026 rates:

Category	**2025**	**2026**
Early regular	$300	**$400**
Early student	$200	**$250**
Regular	$400	**$500**
Regular student	$250	**$300**
Audit	$25	**$25**

David Hedrick and Maggie Fusari have discussed offering free audits to all active members but that would entail extra work to keep track of those taking the full course. Maggie is effectively training David Hedrick for succession. Andrea Currylow will be attending the field portion this year, her travel to be reimbursed as part of the Introductory Course. David Hedrick will contact Kerry Holcomb and/or Corey Mitchell about Maggie's concern that a USFWS website has errors relative to the Introductory Course and advanced training that is not currently being offered.

2. Advanced Training Courses Committee's Report: There was no discussion in Mary Lane Poe's absence. Andrea Currylow spoke to Mary Lane last week about potential dates to discuss Health Assessment Training opportunities.

W. Education and Outreach Committee's Report: Chair position vacant.

X. Annual Symposium Program Committee's Report: In an email from Kristin Berry on 7/22/2026, she shared that there is no formal report but she may pursue trade and trafficking of

[11] https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/ja08e6efyd515ye55xwni/Intro-Course-report-July-26-2026.docx?rlkey=ctox3b1nptmg06rj0nnqrrl0w&dl=0

tortoises as a session. All Board members and others are encouraged to provide suggestions for Symposium panels and topics to Kristin Berry and Debra Hughson.

Y. Fundraising Committee's Report: In his electronic report[12], Ken MacDonald summarized his work with a $1,000,000 National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) proposal. With regards to the 2025 fencing grant, Priority Segment 3 along the south side of Highway 66 between Ludlow and Amboy is now the preferred location. He thanked Debra Hughson for her invaluable support in this project. The committee recently submitted a million dollar request for future fencing. The process for reviewing grants for federal funding[13] is footnoted. Ken MacDonald will be meeting with Just Write Grants to discuss the status of the 16 grants they were paid to draft in 2026.

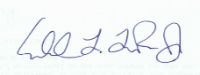
Z. Awards Committee's Reports: In an email from Kristin Berry on 7/22/2026, she shared that there is no formal report, but all Board members are encouraged to identify potential award recipients.

AA. Long-Term Translocation Site: Peter Woodman shared that there are only two tortoises being tracked at this time.

NEW BUSINESS: No new business was discussed.

Adjourn: **A motion was made by Ken MacDonald, seconded by Kristin Berry, and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 2:13 p.m. (PDT)**.

These final minutes were recorded and respectfully submitted to all Board members and non-Board member participants on 7/26/2026 by Ed LaRue, Recording Secretary and finalized on 9/27/2026 with Board approval.



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

[12] https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/97phuxa3k0c3pqef2zbqp/Fundraising-Committee-Report.docx?rlkey=k5tbkwc86j7ck0xdnjg1yjpzo&dl=0

[13] https://coalitionofrefugefriends.com/resource-center/proposed-federal-grant-rule-changes-2-cfr-part-200/

Ecosystems Advisory Committee Report
DTC Board Meeting of 26 July 2026

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

1. CalPortland-Oro Grande Quarry and Cement Plant (USFWS)
5/5/2026 – On this date we received a notification from USFWS that an ITP application, Habitat Conservation Plan, and EA for the Quarry and Cement Plant are available for public review. Comments are due **6/3/2026**. The draft letter is distributed on **6/1/2026** and submitted to USFWS and Regulations.gov on **6/3/2026** with nine endorsements and comments from three independent reviewers.

2. December 2026 Arizona Strip Oil & Gas Lease Sale (BLM AZ Strip)
5/12/2026 – On this date we received an email from BLM announcing the Scoping period for this project. Comments to BLM are due **6/11/2026**. The draft letter is distributed on **6/9/2026** and submitted to BLM on **6/11/2026** with eight endorsements.

3. Pipes Canyon Subdivision Tentative Tract Map No. 20612 (San Bernardino County)
5/13/2026 – On this date San Bernardino County notified the Council of the availability for public review of an Initial Study and Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration for the subject subdivision. Comments are due **6/13/2026**. The draft letter is distributed to Judy Hohman and Ryan Lopez on **6/9/2026**, circulated to the Board for their comments on **6/9/2026**, and submitted to the County on **6/13/2026** with eight endorsements.

4. BLM High Desert Trail Draft EA (St, George, UT)
6/4/2026 – On this date, a third party (not the BLM) informs us of this project, which has a due date of **6/16/2026**. The draft letter is distributed on **7/15/2026** and submitted to the County on **7/16/2026** with eight endorsements.

~~**5.** Electric Vehicle Charging Station and Logistics Facility (San Bernardino Co., CA)~~
~~**6/9/2026** – On this date San Bernardino County notified the Council of the availability for public review of a draft environmental impact report (DEIR). Comments are due **7/24/2026**. After reviewing the DEIR, Ed judges that it covers tortoise issues raised in our scoping letter, so decides to not write a letter.~~

~~**6.** Silver Lakes Desert Tortoise Augmentation Project (San Bernardino Co., CA)~~
~~**6/11/2026** – On this date, a third party (not the BLM) informs us of this project. Upon closer inspection, we find that the decision was made on 6/18/2026 and the only recourse open to us is to appeal the categorical exclusion, which I choose not to do. So, no comment letter written.~~

7. Skanska Essex Sand and Gravel Mine (San Bernardino Co., CA)
6/11/2026 – On this date San Bernardino County notified the Council of the availability for public review of a draft environmental impact report. Comments are due **7/13/2026**. The draft letter is distributed on **7/11/2026** and submitted on **7/13/2026** with seven endorsements.

8. Proposed Regulations - Revisions for Federal Financial Assistance (National)
6/28/2026 – Prompted by Maggie Fusari, she and Judy Hohman draft a letter that is distributed on **6/28/2026** and has a deadline for comments of **6/13/2026**. With 11 endorsements, the letter is submitted on **7/11/2026**.

~~**9.** 2026 Red Bull Rampage EA (Virgin, UT)~~
~~**6/26/2026** – On this date, the BLM informs us that the environmental assessment is available for comments, which are due on **7/12/2026**. Judy later discovers that this project is not in tortoise habitat.~~

10. February 2027 Oil and Gas Lease Sale (AZ)
6/29/2026 – On this date, the BLM informs us that the 30-day scoping comment period, which ends on **7/29/2026**. The draft letter is distributed on **7/24/2026** and with @@ endorsements is submitted on **7/@/2026**.

11. Joshua Tree Estates (San Bernardino Co, CA)
6/30/2026 – On this date San Bernardino County notified the Council of the availability for public review of a draft environmental impact report. Comments are due **7/28/2026**. The draft letter is distributed on **7/24/2026** and with @@ endorsements is submitted on **7/@/2026**.

12. Revision of Regulations for Grazing Administration (National)
7/11/2026 – On his date, a third party informs us of the regulations. Judy immediately drafts the letter, which is circulated on **7/11/2026** and submitted on **7/13/2026** with six endorsements.

Ecosystems Advisory Committee
Summary Table from 5/31/2026 to 7/26/2026

Current date for this latest table revision is: 7/26/2026

Dates are for 2026						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															
#	Title	Rec'd	Dist	D	Set	AC	BJ	BP	DC	DH	EL	JH	KB	KM	MF	MH	MP	MQ	MT	PW	RA
1	CalPortland Oro Grande	5/4	6/1	6/3	6/3	Y 6/1	Y 6/3		Y 6/3	Y 6/10	A 6/1	Y/PI 6/1			Y 6/1		Y 6/3			Y 6/3	Y 6/1
2	Az Strip Oil & Gas	5/12	6/9	6/11	6/11	Y 6/11	Y 6/11				Y/PI 6/9	A 6/8		Y 6/10	Y 6/9				Y 6/10		Y 6/10
3	Pipes Canyon	5/13	6/9	6/13	6/13		Y 6/11			Y 6/10	A 6/7	Y/PI 6/9		Y 6/9	Y 6/9				Y 6/9		Y 6/10
4	BLM High Desert	6/4	6/15	6/16	6/16	Y 6/16	Y 6/16		Y 6/16		Y 6/15	A 6/15		Y 6/16	Y 6/15						Y 6/16
5	~~Lenwood charging station~~	6/9	N/A	7/24	N/A	Tortoise issues adequately handled in the DEIR															
6	~~Silver Lakes~~	6/11	N/A	??	N/A	This is a decision document, so no intent to comment.															
7	Essex Mine	6/11	7/11	7/13	7/13	Y/PI 7/11			Y 7/13	Y 7/12	Y/PI 7/11	A 7/11					Y 7/13				Y 7/12
8	Proposed Regulatio	N/A	6/28	7/8	7/11	Y/PI 7/8	Y 6/30		Y 7/7	Y 7/7	Y/PI 6/28	Y/PI 6/28		Y 7/7	A 6/28		Y 7/7			Y 7/7	Y 6/29
9	~~Red Bull Rampage~~	6/26	N/A	7/12	N/A	Not in tortoise habitat															
10	Az Oil and Gas Leases	6/29	7/24	7/29		Y 7/25				Y/PI 7/12	Y/PI 7/12	A 7/24			Y 7/25						
11	Joshua Tree Estates	6/30	7/24	7/28		Y/PI 7/12				Y 7/26	A 7/24	Y 7/26		Y 7/25	Y 7/25					Y 7/26	Y 7/26
12	Grazing regulation	7/11	7/11	7/13	7/13	Y 7/12			Y 7/13	Y 7/12	Y/PI 7/11	A 7/11									Y 7/12

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