

Desert Tortoise Management Oversight Group

Spring 2024 Meeting

April 4, 2024 | 9:00-4:00pm | Hybrid

Las Vegas Springs Preserve (333 S Valley View Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89107)

Zoom Meeting Info: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88671970157>

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Meeting Goals

- Share updates on MOG members' recovery actions and needs for achieving their recovery goals
- Learn about the status of the Bureau of Land Management's Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for solar energy projects and opportunities to provide input
- Discuss Recovery Implementation Teams (RITs), potential projects, and funding sources
- Share information about new research and management practices

Agenda

Time	Topic, Presenter, and Goals
8:30AM	Sign-in, coffee, and networking
9:00	Introductory Remarks, Agenda Review, and Working Agreements - <i>Paul Souza, Regional Director, Pacific Southwest Region, US Fish & Wildlife Service</i> <i>Glen Knowles, Field Supervisor, Southern Nevada Fish and Wildlife Office, US Fish & Wildlife Service</i> <i>Julia Guglielmo, Southwest Decision Resources</i>
9:20	MOG Executives Report Out & Member Updates - MOG Executives Session Goals: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Find out what high-priority actions MOG members have been implementing.● Coordinate on needs for accomplishing agencies' respective goals. Each MOG member will discuss: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Current and planned actions related to DT recovery.● Needs from partners to help accomplish your goals on desert tortoise. Participant conversations on connections and potential follow-ups from the MOG member updates
10:30	Break

10:40	<p>Bureau of Land Management Solar PEIS</p> <p>Session Goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn about the Solar PEIS purpose, process, and timeline • Define the relationship between the Solar PEIS, RITs, and BLM Strategic Plan • Discuss topics most in need of comments and support by partners <p>Bureau of Land Management Programmatic EIS on Solar Energy Facilities - <i>Jeremy Bluma, Acting Division Chief, BLM National Renewable Energy Coordination Office</i></p> <p>Relevance of PEIS to MDT recovery goals - <i>Kristina Drake, USFWS Desert Tortoise Recovery Office</i></p> <p>Small-group discussions on key issues in the PEIS</p>
12:00	Lunch (Delivered from the Springs Cafe)
1:00	<p>Research Findings: Renewable Energy Projects and Desert Tortoise</p> <p>Session Goal: Learn about new projects and research findings related to solar energy impacts on desert tortoise habitat and monitoring of tortoise recovery actions</p>
1:45	<p>Desert Tortoise Recovery Implementation Teams (RITs)</p> <p>Session Goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hear about the overall purpose of the RITs and initial outcomes of the Spring 2024 meetings • Discuss potential projects, funding needs, and opportunities for information sharing <p>Overview of RITs - <i>Kerry Holcomb, USFWS Desert Tortoise Recovery Office</i></p> <p>Small-group discussions on funding needs, funding sources, and data sharing</p>
3:15	Break
3:30	Action item review and meeting evaluation - <i>Glen Knowles, USFWS Southern Nevada Fish and Wildlife Office</i>
3:45	Closing comments
4:00pm	Adjourn