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### Barry M. Goldwater Range Executive Council (BEC)

#### Mission Statement

Enhance management of natural and cultural resources on the Barry M. Goldwater Range by teaming various state and federal agencies into a collaborative management council.

#### Goals

- Integrate the expertise of the various member agencies into a comprehensive ecosystem approach to collaborative management of natural and cultural resources on the Barry M. Goldwater Range to ensure conservation of those resources and the continuation of the military mission on the Range into the future. Collaborative management includes advising individual agency decision makers on the comprehensive ecosystem approach and collaboratively or cooperatively implementing the decisions made.
- Blend the best stewardship practices and the continuing military readiness activities on the Range to provide flexible, realistic, and effective training for U.S. and allied defense forces.
- Enhance and promote public awareness, appreciation, and responsible use of the Range, and build public trust on our ability to effectively manage the land, resource and airspace issues.
- Demonstrate the effective use of public funds and agency resources by collaborative management, streamlining procedures, and integration of planning tools, and eliminating duplication of operations.
- Participate in regional and binational ecosystem management issues.
- Absorb positive attributes of public interest groups. Participate in periodic meetings with the Intergovernmental Executive Committee that are open to the public to allow a forum for two-way dialogue with interest groups and the public at large.

## **Purpose and Function**

The Barry M. Goldwater Range BEC is a group of federal and state agencies with statutory authority and management responsibility for the Range, its resources, or adjacent federal lands, which has come together to coordinate management of the Range and its resources; the BEC is not an advisory committee<sup>1</sup>.

The Barry M. Goldwater Range BEC provides a forum for collaboration by the statutory decision-makers for the management of the lands, resources and their uses on the Range. The BEC will develop management plans and memoranda of understanding or cooperative agreements as needed to implement the Military Lands Withdrawal Act of 1999 on the Goldwater Range. In addition to multi-disciplined, collaborative recommendations, members recognize that a collaborative or cooperative decision implementation process will facilitate improved resource management and use while fulfilling the purposes of the Range and assure that the concerns of all parties and the public are met. The BEC addresses resource management, issues and conflicts arising from land uses on the Range or as affected by the Range, with the intention of resolving those issues and conflicts. Each BEC member will contribute what it believes to be substantive issues, conflicts or other matters for consideration by the entire Council rather than taking unilateral action. Each BEC member, individually or in concert with others, can request that other BEC members bring issues, conflicts or other matters to the table for discussion. The public may identify issues, conflicts or other matters to the BEC for consideration, at its discretion. The interagency management-related purposes and functions of the BEC and related cooperative agreements will be consistent with the collaborative management requirements of the Military Lands Withdrawal Act of 1999.

## **Structure**

Membership on the BEC is limited to those federal and state agencies having direct responsibility for, or potential impact upon, lands or resources on or affected by military or other activities on the Range. The agency representative will be the senior functional manager of the respective agency with lands or resources on the Range. All members of the BEC are considered equal. In the event that a manager can not attend a scheduled meeting, he/she may appoint an alternate to attend in his/her place, who will

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<sup>1</sup> Section 204(b) of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (P.L. 104-4) exempts groups such as the BEC from the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 USC Appendix).

have the same standing on the Council as would the manager. Each member agency retains control of its own funding, staff and decision making authority.

Chairmanship of the BEC will rotate among committee members on an annual basis, with the changeover occurring at the end of the first scheduled meeting following the anniversary of the founding of the BEC. The new chairperson will be elected by the members at the same meeting and will assume his/her role at the end of that meeting, though the old chairperson remains responsible for completing the business of that meeting.

The BEC may, if desired and agreed to among itself, create subcommittees of its members to address specific or narrowly defined issues or tasks. The BEC or its subcommittees will be supported by the subordinate staffs of the members, who may work independently or in Work Groups, either standing or *ad hoc*. The BEC will appoint the lead agency for each Work Group, and that agency will supply a "Team Lead" for the Work Group. These staff members and Work Groups will perform work as directed by the BEC and/or their agency heads. Subcommittees or Work Groups will report to the BEC as directed.

The BEC will maintain an open and ongoing dialog with the public through participation in meetings of the Intergovernmental Executive Committee, which is established under Section 3031(b)(6) of the Military Lands Withdrawal Act of 1999.

### **Collaborative Recommendations and Decision Implementation**

BEC members recognize that "collaboration" and "collaborative" mean the exchange of views, information and advice relating to the management of natural and cultural resources on the Range, and that such an exchange will lead to recommended actions that are the best practicable solution to the topic under discussion.

BEC recommendations will be made by consensus, that is, by agreement of all members, whenever possible. Exceptions may be in the area of national security or vital military missions, or where the action is a matter of law (e.g., endangered species protection). Discussion of issues will continue until such time as all members either agree with a recommendation or at least can "live with", and not oppose, a recommendation.

Decisions from the respective agency decision makers will be implemented to the extent possible by the responsible agency, with whatever assistance as is appropriate and feasible from the other members. When appropriate and possible, implementation will be collaborative, a pooling of capability and funding by member agencies to accomplish tasks at hand.

## **Meetings**

The BEC will meet at least quarterly but more frequently if needed. Meeting times and locations will be determined by participants, but should rotate on an established schedule among member agencies. The BEC may request participation by any subcommittee, working group, or other party that can contribute to the management of the Range or as they deem appropriate. Meeting participants are responsible for arranging for any needed audio-visual equipment they may need as part of their participation.

## **Agenda**

BEC meetings will have an agenda. The current BEC chairperson will call for agenda items at least 20 days prior to scheduled BEC meeting and provide a final agenda to BEC members at least 7 days prior to the meeting. In addition to items for discussion or decision, the agenda will include details of the time and place of the meeting. BEC members are responsible for responding to the call for agenda items in a timely manner. Impromptu or unscheduled meetings should have an agenda, though by their nature, the above time frames are not required. The BEC member calling the unscheduled meeting is responsible for providing an agenda, as far in advance of the meeting as practicable.

## **Meeting Summaries**

The current BEC chairperson will be responsible for assuring notes are taken at scheduled and impromptu BEC meetings. The notes will reference all pertinent discussions during the meeting, particularly as pertaining to agenda items. They will provide details of any BEC decisions made in the meeting. The notes are not intended to be detailed minutes of the proceedings, but rather are intended to be summaries of what went on in the meetings and a record of decisions made.

The chairperson will provide copies of meeting summaries within 14 days following BEC meetings. The summaries will be subject to correction of substantive errors by meeting participants for a reasonable period following their dissemination. Corrected summaries will be disseminated promptly. The current chairperson is responsible for assuring a copy of the meeting summary and any other pertinent materials are retained for future reference.

## **Charter Amendment**

This charter may be amended at any time by vote of the BEC members. Any BEC member may propose amendments. Following approval of an amendment, the voted upon amendment will be drafted by the chairperson and forwarded to the BEC members for formal approval via signature and date. The amendment will be effective upon the last signature and date. The signed amendment will be appended to the original charter and copies will be provided to all BEC members.

### Approval

Acceptance of this charter will be by the participating agency members. It is approved and accepted upon the signature of the last person signing.

James R. Wiken, Col, USAF, SB RMO/CC  
U.S. Air Force

Date 16 Nov 00

Ronald Z. Lee, Director RMD  
U.S. Marine Corps

Date 12 Dec 00

Deane S. Shurfe  
Arizona Game and Fish Department

Date 8 Jan 01

Michael C. Taylor  
Bureau of Land Management-Phoenix

Date 12/19/00

April Ackerson  
Bureau of Land Management-Yuma

Date 12/28/00

Margy M. Kaufman  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Date 2/7/01

David Aguilar  
U.S. Border Patrol (Tucson)

Date 2/22/01

Stephen E. Moran  
U.S. Border Patrol (Yuma)

Date 2/26/01

*William E. Dillman* 1/17/04  
National Park Service

Date