

CHARTER

DEATH VALLEY NATIONAL PARK ADVISORY COMMISSION

1. The official designation of the Committee is the Death Valley National Park Advisory Commission.
2. The establishment of the Commission is directed by Title III of Public Law 103-433, the California Desert Protection Act of 1994, October 31, 1994.
3. The purpose of the Commission is to advise the Secretary of the Interior concerning the development and implementation of a new or revised **comprehensive plan** for Death Valley National Park.
4. The statutory life of the Commission is **10** years after enactment of Public Law **103-433**. Therefore, the Commission will terminate October 31, 2004. The Section 14(b) rechartering requirement of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. Appendix (1994), has been waived for this Commission, pursuant to Title **III**, Section 301, of Public Law 102-525.
5. The Commission reports to the Superintendent, Death Valley National Park, National Park Service, P.O. Box 579, Death Valley, California 92328. The Superintendent, or a Federal employee designated by the Superintendent, will serve as the Designated Federal Officer to oversee the management of the Commission, as required by Section 10 of the Federal Advisory Committee **Act**.
6. Support for the Commission is provided by the National Park Service, Department of the Interior.
7. The duties of the Commission are solely advisory and are as stated in paragraph 3 above. The Commission will **render** advice by affirmative vote of a majority of the members present. Eight members will constitute a quorum.
8. The Commission may create subcommittees from among its membership, supplemented when appropriate by members of the public. The role of such subcommittees will be solely to gather information or conduct research for the Commission, to analyze relevant issues and facts, or **to** draft proposed position papers for deliberation by the Commission. Membership on all **subcommittees** will be determined by the Chairman, subject to the concurrence of the Designated Federal Officer. Subcommittees will meet as necessary, subject to the approval of the **Designated** Federal Officer.
9. The estimated annual operating cost of the Commission is \$50,000, which includes members' travel costs and one work-year of staff support.

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10. The Commission will meet approximately two times a year on a regular basis and at such other times as the Designated Federal Officer may direct. The regular meetings of the Commission will generally be held in April and October, but may be scheduled at such other times as the Federal Designated Officer may approve.

11. The **Commission** shall consist of **15** members, appointed by the Secretary, to include:

- a. An elected official for each county within which any part of the park is located;
- b. A representative of the owners of private properties located within or immediately adjacent to the park.
- c. Members representing persons actively engaged in:
 - **grazing**
 - range management
 - mineral exploration and development
- d. Persons with expertise in relevant fields, including:
 - geology
 - biology
 - ecology
 - law enforcement
 - the protection and management of national park resources and values.

The Timbisha Shoshone Tribe will be represented by the Tribe's chairperson, ex officio. The Tribe may also request that an alternate be named.

12. Commission members **will** be appointed for 4-year terms, and will choose among themselves one member to serve as chairperson. Any member of the Commission may serve after the expiration of his or her term until a successor is appointed.

13. **Any** member of the Commission who **fails** to attend Commission meetings, or who otherwise **fails** to substantively participate in the work of the Commission, may be removed from the Commission and a replacement named. Vacancies on the Commission will be filled so as to maintain the **full** diversity of views required to be represented on the Commission.

14. Members of the Commission will serve without compensation. However, while away from their homes or regular places of business, members engaged in Commission business approved by the Designated Federal Officer will be allowed travel expenses including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in the government service, as authorized by Section 5703 of Title 5 of **the** United States Code.



Secretary of the Interior

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