

2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Northern California District Resource Advisory Council

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1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

2. Fiscal Year

2024

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Northern California District Resource
Advisory Council

3b. GSA

Committee No.

2553

4. Is this New Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

11/09/2023 11/09/2025

6. Expected Renewal Date

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

43 U.S.C. 1701

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

Federal Land Policy and
Management Act, Sec. 309

13. Effective Date

10/21/1976

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for
this Fiscal Year

17a. Open

0

17b. Closed

0

17c. Partially Closed

0

Other Activities

0

17d. Total

0

Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$0.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

RAC members bring perspectives from across the Northern California District, a very diverse area, to their discussions with BLM managers.. Members confer with their constituencies and share their concerns with the BLM, and share BLM positions with the interest groups they represent. This provides managers with diverse perspectives essential for sound decision making.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

There are efforts by the BLM to ensure the

committee contains members who reside in communities across northern California and northwest Nevada, the geographic boundary of the BLM Northern California District. The committee balances its membership by reaching out to interest groups across the district, ensuring that members represent the interests set forward in the charter. This RAC is composed of 15 members, representing 3 categories: commodity, non-commodity, and local area and government interest. Each category has 5 members.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

Estimated Number of Meetings per year is generally 3 to 4. Frequent meetings are important for RAC members and BLM managers to develop strong working relationships, and for RAC members to gain full understanding of complex issues. Input from the RAC will be critical, as the district undertakes a land use plan revision affecting two of the four field offices. The RAC can also establish subcommittees to take on work and present findings and recommendations to the full RAC.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

RAC members offer unique local perspectives to BLM decision-makers. The committee works to reach balanced recommendations by working in a collaborative way to discuss and debate topics. This could not be achieved if the BLM consulted individually with groups across the vast expanse of the BLM district.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

All meetings are open.

21. Remarks

The RAC met once on May 25, 2023.

Designated Federal Officer

Dereck Wilson BLM Northern California District
Manager

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Blewett, Jeff	07/29/2020	09/21/2026	Business owner	Representative Member
Carman, Stacey	06/26/2016	09/21/2026	Chief Operating Officer, Redding Rancheria	Representative Member
Efseaff, Daniel	07/29/2020	09/21/2026	District Manager, Paradise Recreation and Park District	Representative Member
Frost, Patrick	06/01/2015	09/21/2026	Natural Resources Consultant	Representative Member
Karem, Richard	09/21/2023	09/21/2026	Retired	Representative Member
Kuntz, William	09/21/2023	09/21/2026	Retired	Representative Member
Martin, Steven	09/21/2023	09/21/2026	Professor	Representative Member
Montgomery, Carol	09/21/2023	09/21/2026	Co-founder and President of Stewards of the Black Rock Desert	Representative Member
Moty, Leonard	07/29/2020	09/21/2026	Retired	Representative Member
Rankin, James	09/21/2023	09/21/2026	Retired	Representative Member
Tona, Joe	09/21/2023	09/21/2026	Air Pollution Control Officer	Representative Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 11

Narrative Description

The council considers diverse interests and concerns by by directly involving members of the public in the decision-making processes affecting the public lands. Consulting with this advisory council provides the BLM with a way for agency leaders to arrive at balanced decisions that are fully informed by public needs and desires.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if
Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

Advisory council recommendations for public lands and natural resource management can directly influence public health and safety. Involving the public improves government transparency and trust. The Resource Advisory Council advises the Secretary of the Interior through the BLM, and therefore has the opportunity to influence public policy.

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

An in-depth analysis has not been done to determine cost savings associated with the RAC. However, the contributions of the RAC are of great benefit to the BLM.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

0

Number of Recommendations Comments

The RAC did not make recommendations in FY 23 due to lack of quorum.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

The RAC did not make recommendations in FY23.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

0

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☐ No ☒ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

Not Applicable

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

Not Applicable

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

Not Applicable