

2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Central California Resource Advisory Council

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1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

2. Fiscal Year

2024

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Central California Resource Advisory Council

3b. GSA Committee No.

2052

4. Is this New Fiscal Year? 5. Current Charter 6. Expected Renewal Date 7. Expected Term Date

No 11/09/2023 11/09/2025

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year? 8b. Specific Termination Authority 8c. Actual Term Date

No

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate? 10b. Legislation Pending?

Continue No Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority 13. Effective Date 14. Committee Type 14c. Presidential?

Federal Land Policy and Management Act, Sec. 309 10/21/1976 Continuing No

15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open 17b. Closed 17c. Partially Closed 17d. Total

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?

The Central California RAC provides diverse perspectives from individuals with a wide range of backgrounds representing various interest groups to advise the BLM on management issues for vastly different public lands stretching from the Sierra Nevada through the San Joaquin Valley to the California Coast. This breadth of experiences provides valuable input to the BLM on how the public, elected officials and user groups want to see public lands managed for the benefit of the American people both now and in the future.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Central California Resource Advisory Council is composed of 12 members distributed in a balanced fashion into three groups. Category I includes those holding Federal grazing permits or leases, interests associated with transportation or rights-of-way, developed outdoor recreation, OHV users, or commercial recreation activities, commercial timber industry, or energy and mineral development. Category II includes nationally or regionally recognized environmental organizations, dispersed recreation activities, archaeological and historical interests, or nationally or regionally recognized wild horse and burro interest groups. Category III includes state, county, or locally elected office-holders, employee of a State agency responsible for the management of natural resources, Indian Tribes within or adjacent to the area for which the RAC is organized, are employed as academicians in natural resource management or the natural sciences, or represent the public-at-large.

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

The RAC typically meets 2-4 times per year.

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

The RAC members live, play and work on or near public lands within the Central California District. They are committed to utilizing, yet preserving those lands and their advice help guide the BLM in how we manage those lands, the challenges we face and offer unique solutions. The RAC also makes recommendations regarding standard amenity recreation fees and expanded amenity recreation fees to the BLM and U.S. Forest

Service whenever the recommendations related to public concerns in the area of the District. The RAC offers a good sounding board to receive local feedback.

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

All meetings are open to the public. Notices of the meetings are published in the Federal Register, posted on the BLM California website, and distributed to local newspapers.

21. Remarks

The RAC met on November 2-3, 2022; February 22-23, 2023; June 14-15, 2023; and September 12-13, 2023.

Designated Federal Officer

Chris Heppe BLM's Central California District Manager

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Allsup, Warren	01/08/2021	01/08/2024	Retired Game Warden	Representative Member
Ashley, Bobby	02/09/2023	02/09/2026	Director of Regulatory and External Affairs, California Resources Corporation, Inc	Representative Member
Collom, Laurie	01/08/2021	01/08/2024	Senior Appraiser in the Agricultural Division	Representative Member
Crook, Shaun	01/08/2021	01/08/2024	Vice President of Crook Logging, Inc.	Representative Member
Gorden, Mary	01/08/2021	01/08/2024	Gorden Ag., INC	Representative Member
Kingsley, Matt	02/09/2023	02/09/2026	Inyo County Supervisor	Representative Member

Lueders, Michael	02/09/2023	02/09/2026	Retired	Representative Member
			Former San	
Monaco, Reb	02/09/2023	02/09/2026	Benito County Supervisor	Representative Member
Muleady-Mecham, Nancy	01/08/2021	01/08/2024	Adjunct Professor	Representative Member
Phelan, James	01/08/2021	01/08/2024	Retired field inspector	Representative Member
			Organizer, California Wilderness Coalition	Representative Member
Sanchez, André	02/09/2023	02/09/2026	Campaign Director, California Wild Heritage Campaign	Representative Member
Schneider, Bob	02/09/2023	02/09/2026		

Number of Committee Members Listed: 12

Narrative Description

The BLM's Central California RAC provides representative citizen council and advice to the Secretary of the Interior through the Bureau of Land Management's California State Director concerning the planning and management of public land resources located within the jurisdictional boundaries of the five field offices in the Central California region: Bakersfield, Bishop, Mother Lode, Central Coast and Ukiah.

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 type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>

Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements



Other



Outcome Comments

Typically, the RAC holds two in-person meetings each year.

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None



Unable to Determine



Under \$100,000



\$100,000 - \$500,000



\$500,001 - \$1,000,000



\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000



\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000



Over \$10,000,000



Cost Savings Other



Cost Savings Comments

An in-depth analysis has not been done to determine cost savings associated with the Central California 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?

19

Number of Recommendations Comments

The RAC had 2 recommendations in FY 23. The RAC approved fee increases at the Merced River Recreation Area and at the South Yuba Campground

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

50%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

The fee increases have not been implemented to-date.

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

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

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

Feedback is given to the RAC through meeting minutes, web-site postings, regular e-mail correspondence/phone calls, status briefings, and reports at subsequent meetings. The RAC has begun implementing Zoom virtual meetings as a way to meet at reduced cost.

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

Checked if Applies

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

Action Comments

The BLM incorporates RAC input into land use planning processes and decision-making processes and discussion, and when setting priorities and allocating resources.

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

No

Grant Review Comments

N/A

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 type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

There is media notification of RAC meetings and coverage in the online BLM-California publication news.bytes and social media.