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4 order, please. Start with the Pledge.
5 (Pledged the flag.)
6 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Roll call, please.
7 Usually staff calls roll call.
8 MS. STALLCOP: Yes.
9 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: This won't take very long.
10 MS. STALLCOP: Judith Anderson.
11 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes.
12 MS. STALLCOP: Mark McMillin.
13 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Here.
14 MS. STALLCOP: Gary Willard.
15 (Commissioner Willard was not present.)
16 MS. STALLCOP: John Brissenden.
17 (Chair Brissenden was not present.)
18 MS. STALLCOP: Mike Prizmich.
19 (Commissioner Prizmich was not present.)
20 MS. STALLCOP: Paul Spitzer.
21 (Commissioner Spitzer was not present.)
22 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. We have a lot to do
23 today. I'd like to do this expeditiously -- as expeditiously
24 as we can given our interest in hearing what the public and
25 agencies have to say about things. Oh, yes, a blizzard of

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1 colored paper here this morning. All right.
2 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Good morning. I'm Mark, and

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3 I just -- I'm going to ask -- I want thank to staff. I've
4 only been to one of these, and it was a North grants meeting
5 last week. And I thought overall it went very well. I
6 thought that -- a couple of things -- and Judith's been to a
7 number of these, so I'm sure it will run chop, chop. But I'm
8 going to ask staff that when we're reading these off, if
9 nobody's up to speak, and that means being about five or six
10 feet from the microphone when you're ready, you can
11 anticipate the grants because they're coming in order, and
12 you can anticipate the speaker in front of you because if
13 there's no one there, you need to be right behind that
14 microphone because we lost a lot of time last time, and I
15 just think it can go chop, chop.

16 And I also wanted to apologize in advance to my
17 fellow Commissioner and to you guys, but I do have to leave
18 today at 2:30. But I'm excited about my new job, and that's
19 why I've been to both of these. And I look forward to the
20 December meeting and keeping that meeting in order.

21 Thank you.

22 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. We don't have a quorum;
23 it's a little hard to approve the agenda, but we'll assume
24 it's approved.

25 We're starting from the blue sheets. And before we

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1 begin, I'd like to ask the staff, Janelle, to offer some
2 introductory comments and proceed -- outline our procedures.

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3 MS. MILLER: Thank you, Commissioner.

4 Good morning, everyone. I'd just like to take a few
5 minutes and explain a little bit about the process today,
6 explain a little bit about some of the documents that we're
7 referring to, kind of give you a road map, so to speak, of
8 how we got here today and a little bit about the grants
9 process and the scoring process.

10 The -- the grants were -- are in these ten binders,
11 which the Commissioners have received and which were
12 posted -- or, excuse me, which were on a CD and made
13 available to the public. This contains all of the Grants and
14 Cooperative Agreements that were applied for, which were
15 about 199 projects.

16 From here, the -- these were evaluated and scored
17 using criteria from Chapter 2 which our able assistant Joanna
18 is making copies right now. I apologize, we had a number of
19 copies made for -- for the meeting and ran out. But we're
20 making copies, and those will be passed out so that you do
21 have those to refer to.

22 The criteria is what was used -- was used to score
23 each of the Grants and Cooperative Agreements for each
24 project type, as well as on the back of the criteria there is
25 a handout on the funding formula which was used to actually

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1 score each of the projects. And as I mentioned, those are

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2 being copied and will be distributed to everyone here today.

3 The Grants and Cooperative Agreements were scored,
4 and the scores and the factual findings were combined into a
5 booklet, and this booklet is posted on the web. This -- this
6 information is the -- as I said, is the factual findings from
7 which each of the scores were developed from the criteria.
8 One other handout is the -- or binder, I should say, is the
9 errata binder which was sent to each of the Commissioners,
10 and this contains information which came in late or which did
11 not come in in time in electronic format; there are public
12 letters of support, anything that came in after the deadline
13 pertinent to these Grants and Cooperative Agreements are in
14 this errata binder.

15 The spreadsheets -- I'm sure most of you have
16 spreadsheets that were printed off of the web. And to save
17 on confusion, what we did is we kind of went to a color-coded
18 system. We started this at the Northern Subcommittee
19 meeting, and we used a spreadsheet that was a buff color.
20 These are the same as the spreadsheets that you -- that were
21 posted on the web and -- and which you downloaded. However,
22 just because there were changes and to avoid confusion with a
23 lot of different spreadsheets, we decided to use this
24 color-coded system. Today the spreadsheets that we're using
25 is blue. But if -- as I said, if you had one previously, the

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1 only difference is that there were a couple of very minor
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1 Applicants had two months to fill out their Grant and
2 Cooperative Agreement applications and submit to the Division
3 by the deadline of August 1st at 5:00 p.m. During the
4 application period, anyone with a question could contact any
5 one of the grant administrators to discuss the issue. A
6 Frequently Asked Questions section was posted on our web site
7 for all applicants to refer to. Any call-in questions were
8 also posted with the corresponding answers on the web site so
9 everyone had access to the same information. The
10 applications were processed for completeness using the
11 corresponding Project Checklist provided in the regulations
12 for each project type. Some applicants were asked for
13 clarifications for inconsequential defects" -- which are
14 defects -- those that are not giving a competitive
15 advantage -- clarifications that did not give a competitive
16 advantage. "Projects were then evaluated and scored by a
17 five-member panel. The criteria used for scoring was
18 developed from the criteria voted on by the Commission on
19 December 10th, 2005, which provided general policy guidance.
20 The Division then worked with the Commission's subcommittee
21 to further provide clear direction and guidance to the
22 applicants. There were common members on each of the various
23 scoring teams with subject matter experts on each team.
24 Scoring was done by group consensus. There were 58
25 applicants with 204 projects requesting over \$40 million.

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1 One applicant was eliminated from moving further through this
2 process, and one applicant was withdrawn. In addition, one
3 applicant did not make the postmark deadline. Results of the
4 grants scores and factual findings were posted 30 days prior
5 to the Southern" -- excuse me, "the Northern subcommittee
6 meeting. CDs of the Grants and Cooperative Agreements,
7 Volumes 1 through 10, were made available to the public upon
8 request to the Division." And I mentioned the errata binders
9 and what they contain a few minutes ago.

10 So with that, I'd like to move into --

11 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I'll start.

12 Just one additional organizational structural thing.
13 We're starting with conservation grants. So those of you
14 that know you're going to want to speak on them, if you have
15 the blue-colored spreadsheets, this will tell you the order
16 in which we're going to proceed today.

17 If there is anyone here who wishes to speak on a
18 Northern California grant, you may do so during the public
19 comment period at 11:00. Okay?

20 So if there's -- we're -- we're still accepting
21 these. So if you haven't -- if you're missing a category,
22 you can still do this.

23 Okay. So starting with the conservation grants,
24 OR-2-1-80, Inyo National Forest Crooked Creek Conservation.

25 Okay. And this is where we're going to lose time.

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1 MS. GREENWOOD: I can just introduce this, please.

2 MR. ELLSWORTH: Yes, I -- I thought you were going to
3 go in -- in order of --

4 MS. GREENWOOD: Judith, may --

5 MR. ELLSWORTH: -- the number of the grant.

6 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay.

7 MS. GREENWOOD: May I introduce it first?

8 MS. MILLER: Excuse me, Judith -- oh, Barbara, if we
9 could just take a minute and introduce the grant staff. They
10 facilitated introducing the grants at the last one, and it
11 made it a little bit easier, I think. So if you'd like to do
12 that, we could go ahead and do it that way.

13 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: That would be fine. Yes.

14 MS. MILLER: Okay. On the end of the table here is
15 Larry Bellucci. And next to him is Martha Ibarra, Kelly
16 Roach, and John Pelonio, Barbara Greenwood, and Kenny Glaspie
17 from the Division. And Barbara will be beginning with the
18 conservation grants.

19 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay.

20 MS. GREENWOOD: First, I'd like to just say that
21 the -- we've received a conservation request totaling
22 1,883,788, and this year we have available 1 million.

23 And I'll start off with the first one. The requested
24 amount -- sorry. It's the U.S. Forest Service, Inyo National
25 Forest Crooked Creek. The requested amount is \$23,606. The

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1 score was 85. The percent is 80. The funding determination
2 was 18,885.

3 MR. ELLSWORTH: Yes. Thank you, and good morning.
4 I'm Todd Ellsworth from Inyo National Forest. And I request
5 that that grant be put on Consent.

6 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Anyone else on this grant?
7 Okay. No. 2.

8 MS. GREENWOOD: The next grant is U.S. Forest
9 Service, San Bernardino. The requested amount is 41,625.
10 The score is 82. The percent is 80. The funding
11 determination, 33,300.

12 MR. VON DRELINGEN: Thank you. Good morning. My
13 name is Ben von Drelingen. I work for the San Bernardino
14 National Forest Association, partners with the U.S. Forest
15 Service. And we support the Commission's score of 82 percent
16 for this grant.

17 Thank you.

18 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Anyone else on No. 2?

19 MR. TAMMONE: Hi. My name is Tom Tammone. I've been
20 a member of the San Bernardino National Forest Association
21 OHV Program since the beginning in 1996. And the program is
22 very efficient. It is a role model for basically the whole
23 nation to follow. And I would definitely have to concur that
24 the staff determination is most appropriate. I personally
25 think it should be higher, but in light of the funds

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1 available and -- and past history, I would say let's please
2 just leave this one on Consent and just stay with staff
3 determinations.

4 Thank you.

5 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Anyone else, San Bernardino
6 National Forest conservation grant?

7 Okay. No. 3.

8 MS. GREENWOOD: U.S. Forest Service, Inyo National
9 Forest. The requested amount is 101,440. The score is 81.
10 The percent is 80. The funding determination, 81,152.

11 MR. ELLSWORTH: Yes, this is Todd Ellsworth again,
12 Inyo National Forest. And we appreciate the score we got
13 from the Division. I'd like that put on Consent as is.

14 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Anyone else on this grant?

15 Okay. No. 4, Barstow Field Office, conservation
16 grant.

17 MS. GREENWOOD: BLM Barstow. Requested amount,
18 68,248. Score of 80. Percent is 80. The funding
19 determination, 54,598.

20 MR. AHRENS: Yes, thank you, Members of the
21 Commission. Mike Ahrens, Barstow BLM. We are satisfied with
22 the Commission -- or the Division's recommendation and accept
23 that.

24 Thank you.

25 MR. FRIED: Hi. My name is Jason Fried. I'm with

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1 the California Wilderness Coalition and also a member of the
2 Alliance for Responsible Recreation. We are fine with
3 keeping this grant on Consent Calendar as well.

4 Thank you.

5 MR. VAN VOORHIS: Hi. My name is Dave Van Voorhis.
6 I'm a resident of Juniper Flats in the Barstow Field Office
7 and recreational user. And I support this grant.

8 Thank you.

9 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Anyone else on this grant?

10 This is for the applicant and a question of staff:

11 I'm looking at a GPS unit for \$5,000 and saw no
12 justification. Elsewhere, the units were \$6,000 -- \$600,
13 excuse me. It seems a little strange to me without some sort
14 of detail. And I was also looking, the -- the description of
15 the monitoring seemed very general which species were going
16 to be monitored. And what standards were you going to use
17 and where? So if you could provide me with some of that
18 information, that would be useful.

19 MR. AHRENS: Would you like me to address that now?

20 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes, if you can do so briefly.

21 MR. AHRENS: I'll do as best I can.

22 The GPS would be one of the Trimble units, which is
23 our industry's standard. It's what our systems are -- are
24 made to work with the most. And yes, they're pretty darn
25 expensive, and we hate that.

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1 70. The funding determination, 97,626.

2 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes.

3 MR. KAUCHER: Good morning. Tom Kaucher of the
4 Angeles National Forest, Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator.

5 Request that this project come off of Consent. I
6 have documentation here to request a re-scoring.

7 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: You can hand it to...

8 Thank you.

9 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: You want to talk about this
10 for just a minute?

11 MR. KAUCHER: There's several different items here.
12 I'm not sure -- I mean it would take me, you know, probably
13 more than my time on it to go over each one of them. If --
14 if you could briefly look it over, and maybe a question could
15 be asked about that. I think one of the main parts to this I
16 thought we should get more scoring for is our efforts that we
17 do in reducing the soil loss on our trails. We've been using
18 a method of hardening our trails for over four years now
19 where we use what we call the "dog bones" to enforce the
20 rolling dips. At this point in time, we have some of those
21 hardening blocks on our trails over four years now and have
22 had not to do any maintenance on them whatsoever. We've
23 installed over 700 -- at least 700 on our trails right now.
24 And this really eliminates the use of using any kind of heavy
25 equipment on our trails. That's really an important part to

1 the soil loss that we've been doing on the district.

2 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Okay.

3 MR. KAUCHER: Any questions?

4 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: All right. Thank you. I have
5 no questions.

6 Anyone else on this grant?

7 Tom, were you standing there in line or not?

8 MR. TAMMONE: Yeah. I'd just like to support Tom
9 Kaucher's remarks.

10 Thank you.

11 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: All right. Next grant, Bishop.

12 MS. GREENWOOD: BLM Bishop Field Office. The
13 requested amount is 51,220. The score is 75. The percent is
14 70. The funding determination, 35,854.

15 MR. WILLIAMS: Good morning. My name is Richard
16 Williams from the Bishop Field Office.

17 I did my best to make this -- this grant fit into a
18 conservation grant. It is an archeological survey grant, and
19 the match wasn't quite there with the scoring criteria.
20 However, I'm satisfied with this score, and Consent List is
21 fine with me.

22 Thank you very much.

23 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: All right. Anyone else on this
24 grant?

25 All right. Next.

1 MS. GREENWOOD: Next grant, U.S. Forest Service,
2 Los Padres. The requested amount, 125,896. The score is 73.
3 The percent is 70. The funding is 88,127.

4 MR. EVANS: Thank you. Good morning. I'm Bruce
5 Evans, Recreation Staff Officer on the Los Padres National
6 Forest.

7 I'd like to request that this grant be pulled from
8 your Consent agenda and that we -- that you consider
9 re-scoring it based on the documentation that we've passed
10 out to your secretary this morning.

11 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Do you want to summarize
12 your comments?

13 MR. EVANS: I think they'd be rather lengthy. I'd
14 rather just let staff review and be ready for any questions.

15 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Any questions?

16 All right. Anyone else on this grant?

17 Okay. We're down to California Desert District.

18 MS. GREENWOOD: BLM California Desert. The requested
19 amount is 326,850. The score is 57. The percent is 50. The
20 funding determination, 163,425.

21 MR. GARTLAND: Hi. Ron Gartland, California Desert
22 District, Bureau of Land Management.

23 We would like to request this be re-scored. And
24 we're not asking for much -- many more points, but we ask for
25 a re-score of 5 additional points, take it up to a 61. I

1 have it as a 56, not a 57, but to take it up to the low 60s:
2 61 or 62. And that is mainly because the WHPP, there was no
3 reference to the WHPP, but the WHPP was included in the -- in
4 the application.

5 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Hang -- hang on just a
6 minute. We're moving so fast, I can't keep up myself. I
7 think I may have a question here. Yes, I'd -- I'd like to
8 know if there is any overlap or how the -- there's a
9 reference in here in monitoring for fringe-toed lizards in
10 OHV recreation areas. Okay? That's the main part of your
11 application. How does that -- how does that overlap with
12 what we had just discussed at the Barstow office and their
13 monitoring?

14 MR. GARTLAND: I think Barstow is looking at all
15 species -- all sensitive species and listed species. This is
16 specifically for fringe-toed lizards.

17 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: So they're not going to look at
18 fringe-toed lizards or -- I mean are you -- are we counting
19 the same species twice or -- can --

20 MR. GARTLAND: No.

21 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: -- you use their data?

22 MR. GARTLAND: We -- we can. They can use ours
23 probably for fringe-toed because we'll be contracting out
24 with Cal State University Fullerton to do --

25 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. So you're going to --

1 MR. GARTLAND: -- monitoring, and ours will be
2 more --

3 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: -- supply -- you will supply
4 them with the information on the fringe-toed lizard --

5 MR. GARTLAND: Right.

6 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. So that they only do the
7 rest of the species. Okay. Are there any other kinds of
8 overlaps like that elsewhere?

9 MR. GARTLAND: Well, these are project-specific --

10 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I understand.

11 MR. GARTLAND: -- grant items.

12 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: But are there any others that
13 you can think of that might be overlaps?

14 MR. GARTLAND: Rap- -- I'm -- I'm not familiar with
15 the Barstow monitoring protocols.

16 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. And I'm not speaking
17 necessarily just of Barstow, but this is California Desert
18 District.

19 MR. GARTLAND: Right.

20 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: So are there any other
21 monitoring projects where you might be providing --

22 MR. GARTLAND: Yes.

23 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: -- data to the --

24 MR. GARTLAND: Yes, the riparian monitoring in
25 Juniper Flats would go -- the information would go to the

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1 Barstow Field Office. The raptor monitoring in Johnson Valley
2 and other OHV areas would go to Barstow and Ridgecrest Field
3 Offices. And I can't remember the fourth project off the top
4 of my head. But, yeah, all information is shared with --
5 with the CDE biologists with the field offices.

6 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. I'm just trying to make
7 sure we don't --

8 MR. GARTLAND: Well, there's --

9 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: -- run -- run --

10 MR. GARTLAND: -- no funding left over for this grant
11 anyway, so we're not going to do any of it that we wanted to
12 do. There's -- there's very little -- maybe we'll do one
13 project. So it's a moot point.

14 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I'm sorry to hear that.

15 MR. GARTLAND: Yeah, me, too.

16 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: All right. Anyone else on this
17 grant?

18 MR. FRIED: Hi. Jason Fried, California Wilderness
19 Coalition.

20 First off, Commissioner Anderson, we had the same
21 issues when we were looking at this grant at making sure that
22 there was coordination between the Desert District Office and
23 all of its field offices when they're doing overlapping-type
24 studies. And we feel at least that those issues will be
25 addressed depending on what studies are actually done at the

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1 two offices -- whether it's a field office and the Desert
2 District Office will be sharing their information so we're
3 not spending the money twice to do the same project.

4 And on that note, we would actually encourage you to
5 take this off of Consent and give it a score higher than what
6 even they're requesting. We think that there are some very
7 valuable studies that need to be done out there, and we would
8 like to see those studies done. So please encourage that
9 they do get the money that they need to do the studies and
10 that they're not going to be at the bottom of the list and
11 out of money at the end of the day.

12 Thank you.

13 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Next.

14 MR. STEWART: Good morning, Commissioners. John
15 Stewart, California Association of Four-Wheel Drive Clubs,
16 United Four-Wheel Drive Associations.

17 From our perspective, we support pulling this off
18 Consent. We do believe that there is value to re-evaluating
19 this grant and getting something done for the Monitoring
20 Program. We believe that's crucial to the recreation
21 activities in the desert. And it's very important
22 information, and we would like to see it addressed in a --
23 with the re-scoring.

24 Thank you.

25 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay.

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1 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Has anybody given us
2 paperwork on why to re-score this one yet? Because we have
3 three people speaking, and one gentleman wanted 5 points,
4 then the other guy Jason wanted higher. So is somebody going
5 to provide staff specific --

6 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: And Commissioners.

7 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: -- information?

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We will get that to you.

9 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Okay.

10 MR. LaFRANCHI: Madam Chair, could I just --

11 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes.

12 MR. LaFRANCHI: -- interject a moment?

13 I -- I think we need to at least clarify the review
14 process for -- for re-scoring. Staff would not be involved
15 with going back and re-scoring. Certainly the Commission can
16 request of staff any questions they have about the scores
17 that they already gave them. But the material and the
18 comments today that are being provided to the Commission
19 would be for the Commissioners' review in December, and the
20 Commissioners -- the Commission itself would be reviewing the
21 material and making its own judgment as to whether or not
22 the -- the application should be re-scored.

23 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Thank you for that
24 clarification. Yes, I was going to summarize it the same
25 way. Please get your information to the Commissioners. All

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1 right? And if you need --

2 MR. LaFRANCHI: Can I --

3 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: If you need email addresses or
4 if you want to send it to the Commission -- to the Division
5 office, they'll forward it to us.

6 MR. LaFRANCHI: Right. That's what I was going to
7 add is that I think the requirements are for a number of
8 copies, 10 or 12 copies --

9 MS. MILLER: Thirteen.

10 MR. LaFRANCHI: -- 13 copies be provided to the
11 Commission. And Ms. Stallcop is acting as the secretary to
12 the Commission. So if you will be sure to provide her with
13 that information, and she'll make sure that it gets to the
14 individual Commissioners as needed.

15 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Thank you.

16 MR. VAN VOORHIS: Dave Van Voorhis, Juniper Flats
17 property owner.

18 I support this grant and the re-scoring of it so we
19 can provide for responsible recreation without damaging the
20 environment.

21 Thank you.

22 MR. WALDHEIM: Ed Waldheim, CORVA and District 37.

23 I'd like to ask all the people in the audience again,
24 I've been talking to them for a long time, when they come up

25 here, please give us the number of what the Division scored

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1 and what you think the score should be so that the staff and
2 the Commissioners especially can know what in the world we're
3 talking about. We need to make sure that if you don't agree
4 with a 12 out of 20, you want a 15 out of 20 that we let you
5 know so Mr. Anderson [sic] and Mr. McMillin can write it down
6 so they can go back to it. I'm -- I'm getting very concerned
7 that you guys are giving her -- them things; they're not
8 going to figure it out. I mean they don't have the time. So
9 please give them the numbers that you want so they have
10 something to go by.

11 Thank you. Christ.

12 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Thank you, Mrs. Waltheim
13 [sic].

14 MS. MILLER: Commissioner Anderson?

15 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: (No audible response.)

16 MS. MILLER: Commissioner Anderson?

17 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes.

18 MS. MILLER: Could I just make a -- I'd like to make
19 a comment. The handout that I referred to earlier on the
20 project-specific evaluation criteria -- excuse me -- and
21 formula and procedure for establishing funding determinations
22 has now been copied and is available on the outside table.
23 So please, if you're interested in this, be sure to pick up a
24 copy.

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25 And I just wanted to go over very briefly on the back

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1 what the formula is for determining the scores. The scores
2 from 95 to 100 receive full funding; scores from 90 to 94
3 receive 90 percent of full funding; scores from 80 to 89
4 receive 80 percent of full funding; scores from 70 to 79
5 receive 70 percent of full funding; scores from 60 to 69
6 receive 60 percent of full funding; scores from 50 to 59
7 receive 50 percent of full funding; and scores from 40 to 49
8 receive 40 percent of full funding. All projects receiving a
9 score of 39 or less will not receive funding. So I just
10 wanted to clarify that.

11 Thank you.

12 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: And I'd like to add something
13 to that. That's -- that's a recommendation, and it's -- the
14 things still get ramped -- ranked. And if you'll look at
15 the -- at the top spreadsheet, you'll notice that there are
16 some numbers on the right-hand column indicating how much
17 remains, that as the order -- if -- if a particular grant is
18 re-scored and it moves to a different spot, the -- some other
19 grant might end up sliding off the bottom of the scale
20 because we can't -- we can't do deficit funding on these.
21 So --

22 MS. MILLER: Commissioner Anderson, one more point of
23 clarification.

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24 Also, if you come up and you're addressing one of the
25 Grants or Cooperative Agreements, if you could please make

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1 specific comments to raise scores addressing the specific
2 criteria that is now available for your review, that would be
3 very helpful rather than just general comments.

4 Thank you.

5 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I would -- I would agree. For
6 example, if you believe in looking at the Factual Findings
7 that you find that it indicates that something was not
8 present within the application, if you can point out where
9 that information was in the application, that sort of
10 information would be very valuable.

11 Yes. Next.

12 Are you on this grant or the next one?

13 MR. ZACH: No. The next grant.

14 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. We're on El Centro Field
15 Office.

16 MS. GREENWOOD: Last Conservation Grant, BLM
17 El Centro Field Office. The requested amount is 51,854. The
18 score is 56. The percent is 50. And the funding
19 determination, 25,927.

20 MR. ZACH: Thank you. Good morning. My name is Tom
21 Zach. I'm the Associate Field Manager for BLM's El Centro
22 Field Office.

23 We'd like to request that this be pulled from Consent
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24 and that the score be adjusted from 56 to 65. We think the 9
25 additional points are, as indicated in this form that I

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1 believe you got -- yeah, we believe that 2 points should be
2 added because we do have fiscal accountability and have
3 completed a number of these similar projects. We have a very
4 good track record in El Centro. We would add additional
5 points because we did provide supplemental information on
6 soil erosion in the standards.

7 And finally, we would add 5 points because we did
8 provide in the initial application Form M, which is -- which
9 is in accordance with the instructions.

10 Thank you.

11 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Other comments on this
12 grant?

13 MR. STEWART: Yes. Good morning. John Stewart,
14 California Association of Four-Wheel Drive Clubs and United
15 Four-Wheel Drive Associations.

16 In looking at this, we also concur that this grant
17 should be pulled and re-scored. The Barstow -- or --
18 Barstow -- the El Centro Field Office has a very good track
19 record on their historical monitoring projects, and
20 monitoring is a very important part of the Recreation Program
21 in that area through the Imperial Sand Dunes and the other
22 areas. They're also facing serious issues with other

23 changes, so the monitoring data is very important. And they
24 have made good use of some volunteer labor in order to help
25 this. So overall we believe and concur that the grants

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1 should -- should be raised in value on the scores, and it is
2 very worthwhile.

3 Thank you.

4 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Next.

5 MR. FRIED: Hi. Jason Fried.

6 We would concur with the El Centro Field Office with
7 their re-scoring chart. We think that that score is what is
8 adequate for that. And if they're happy with that score, we
9 would support it. I did review this -- the chart that they
10 handed out -- or at least I had got a copy of it; I don't
11 know if you've seen a copy of it yet. But that -- re-scoring
12 levels of where they want to shift scores around is
13 appropriate, and we -- we would agree with it.

14 Thank you.

15 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Anyone else on this grant?

16 Okay. I want to go through the list of people who
17 indicated that they wanted to comment on conservation grants,
18 make sure I haven't missed anyone. Dave Van Voorhis. I saw
19 you speaking someplace. Yes? You're done?

20 MR. VAN VOORHIS: Yes.

21 COMMISSIONER WALDHEIM: Okay. Mr. Waldheim? Any
22 others?

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23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Unintelligible.)
24 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Mr. Kaucher?
25 MR. KAUCHER: Pass.

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1 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Done?
2 MR. KAUCHER: Yes.
3 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. John Stewart just spoke.
4 Jason Fried, anything else?
5 MR. FRIED: No.
6 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: And Bruce Evans.
7 MR. EVANS: Yes.
8 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Anything else?
9 MR. EVANS: No.
10 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Thank you.
11 All right. Okay. Let's do a recap. Our
12 recommendation in terms of Consent Calendar, I have Inyo --
13 Let's see, how do I -- how do I want to list these?
14 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: (Unintelligible.)
15 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Items number -- items -- line
16 No. 1, 2, 3, and 9 is what I have.
17 Do you have anything else?
18 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Are you talking about for the
19 Consent Calendar or --
20 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes.
21 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: -- pulling off?

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22 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: For recommendi ng --
23 COMMI SSIONER McMI LLIN: I have 1, 2, 3, 4, and 9 --
24 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay.
25 COMMI SSIONER McMI LLIN: -- stayi ng on the Consent

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1 Calendar.
2 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: All right. I -- until I get
3 that info -- the rest of the information that I'm looking
4 for, I'd like to ask that 4 come off.
5 COMMI SSIONER McMI LLIN: Okay. So I would make a
6 suggesti on.
7 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes, I -- I guess I'd like to
8 see it on paper, Mike, wherever you are. Where are you,
9 Mike? Just send me -- send me the information on paper,
10 would you, please --
11 MR. AHRENS: Yes, ma'am. In fact --
12 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: -- that answers the questions I
13 asked.
14 MR. AHRENS: Yes. In fact, what I'd like to do is
15 have our recreation branch chief, who's really more familiar
16 with this grant, contact you and -- and --
17 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Would you get --
18 MR. AHRENS: -- either discuss or -- or --
19 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Please get that to the
20 Commi ssi oners. Thank you.
21 MR. AHRENS: Yes. Thank you very much.

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22 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. And then -- and that's
23 it, 1, 2, 3, 4 -- 1, 2, 3, and 9. Okay. Those will be our
24 recommendations for Consent Calendar.

25 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Okay.

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1 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Next category, law enforcement.
2 And who's doing those?

3 MS. MILLER: Restoration.

4 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Oh, restoration. Okay.

5 MS. MILLER: Law enforcement. Sorry. You're right.

6 MS. ROACH: Good morning, Commissioners.

7 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Which -- what are we --

8 MS. ROACH: Good morning, Commissioners. The next
9 category will be law enforcement. My name is Kelly Roach,
10 and I'll be reading off the projects for you today.

11 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay.

12 MS. ROACH: For a funding bucket of \$4 million, we
13 had a total request of approximately 10.1 million.

14 It sounds like there's feedback. Is there feedback
15 coming from the mike?

16 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: No. We're fine.

17 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: No, it seems okay.

18 I'm looking at your list. What happened to the --
19 these are law enforcement projects?

20 MS. ROACH: That's correct.

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21 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Excuse me, these are
22 sorted in -- from high score to low score now. I was looking
23 for something. I initially thought it was alphabetical. No.
24 Okay.

25 MS. ROACH: Okay. Ready?

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1 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes, please.

2 MS. ROACH: The first project is Imperial County
3 Sheriffs with a request amount of \$875,203. Score of 87,
4 with a percentage of 80, with a current determination of
5 700,162.

6 MR. CARTER: Good morning. Harold Carter, Sheriff
7 Coroner, Imperial County.

8 This grant is essential for our ability to provide
9 coalition law enforcement services in the Imperial Sand Dunes
10 Recreation Area. The projected funding from reallocation of
11 Green Sticker money and so forth has not come through. This
12 year we're -- we're not going to be able to fulfill our
13 complete mission because we're out of money. And we
14 encourage the Commission to -- to award this grant so we can
15 continue providing coalition law enforcement services in the
16 Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area and throughout Imperial
17 County Desert areas.

18 And I'll certainly answer any questions the
19 Commission might have.

20 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: What's the impact of what you

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21 just said on the coming Thanksgiving Day weekend?

22 MR. CARTER: We will be there Thanksgiving. And at
23 the end of the Thanksgiving weekend, we've calculated we will
24 run out of funds and we will not be able to provide coalition
25 support for the rest of the season.

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1 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay.

2 MR. CARTER: Because last year at the Commission
3 meeting we were told that we didn't need as much money as we
4 asked for because the reapportionment of Green Sticker fees
5 was going to come through; that has not occurred and is
6 probably not going to occur for another couple years. And
7 waiting for that money didn't materialize, and, therefore,
8 we're going to be in dire straits for the rest of the
9 season -- about two-thirds of the recreation season down
10 there. We'll do all we can, but, you know, we're certainly
11 not going to be out there in the force that we were.

12 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: So -- so what money are you
13 waiting for? I'm the new guy.

14 MR. CARTER: Well, there's been a -- a bill passed to
15 reapportion Green Sticker money to the areas of use rather
16 than the counties that don't have off-highway recreation and
17 receive the money.

18 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Okay.

19 MR. CARTER: Now, that has not occurred. It should

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20 have occurred --

21 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: So we're waiting for a bill
22 to be passed.

23 MR. CARTER: No. The bill's passed.

24 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Okay. What bill was it?

25 MR. CARTER: The audit hasn't been completed, so --

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1 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: So we're waiting for the gas
2 tax to --

3 MR. CARTER: Yeah, I'm wondering -- I don't know.
4 It's up there -- it's in that black hole somewhere --

5 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Okay.

6 MR. CARTER: -- that's called bureaucracy. But we're
7 not receiving any funding from it. And, therefore, because
8 the Commission was not able to -- to fund us last year at our
9 full request, we're going to be broke unless we can get an
10 emergency --

11 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Ms. Greene, do you --

12 MR. CARTER: -- allocation of funding.

13 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Do you have any suggestions on
14 how the Commission or the Division might be of assistance?

15 DEPUTY DIRECTOR GREENE: Good morning, Commissioners,
16 members of the public, Sheriff Carter.

17 MR. CARTER: Good morning.

18 DEPUTY DIRECTOR GREENE: I believe that we have been
19 in discussions with the Sheriff and staff, and particularly

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20 the Grant Administrator Kelly Roach has been in discussions
21 with your deputy. We're trying to make sure that some of the
22 funding receipts -- so I think at this point in time it would
23 be premature to -- we don't have a capacity right now,
24 Sheriff, to be able to -- to provide any additional funding.
25 What we're looking at, because of some audit issues, is to

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1 make sure that the receipts which were claimed by Imperial
2 County Sheriffs are, in fact, the appropriate use of funds.
3 And so this is something that we're trying to unravel. I
4 don't think it would be appropriate right now to get into
5 some of the details.

6 MR. CARTER: Great. Well, the -- the -- the issue
7 that you're talking about is a very small amount of money.
8 It's not -- not the kind of money that's going to allow us to
9 put -- provide coalition forces out there even if you said it
10 was spent inappropriately. And I believe you probably owe us
11 hundreds of thousands of dollars anyway, you know, that
12 hasn't been paid yet. But -- but the point is, the grant we
13 currently have, because the other funding didn't come
14 through, is -- is going to be expended, and we're not going
15 to be able to provide coalition forces out there for about
16 two-thirds of the season.

17 DEPUTY DIRECTOR GREENE: And the -- and the --

18 MR. CARTER: So BLM is going to be on their own.

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19 DEPUTY DIRECTOR GREENE: And just for clarification
20 purposes for the Commissioners and members of the public, the
21 other funds that the Sheriff is referencing are -- is the
22 calculation that was changed in AB 2666 which would change
23 the in-lieu dollars so the Green Sticker funds, that which
24 goes to the cities and counties, will be based upon where
25 people are recreating versus where they actually are living.

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1 And so the Sheriff is right, right now the Fuel Tax Study is
2 with the Administration. Obviously with the election and
3 such we hope that it will be looked at and -- and released to
4 the legislature in the coming weeks. That would still need
5 to be looked at and then those funding determinations made as
6 to how much money would be going to the other cities -- or to
7 the other counties, excuse me.

8 So it's premature to make any of those estimates.
9 What is clear is that each of the counties and what was
10 received last year in the grant allocation by the Commission
11 is, in fact, what Imperial County Sheriff has had to work
12 with this year.

13 MR. CARTER: And, you know, I mean we understand
14 everybody has funding problems, but I can't convince those
15 guys to work for nothing out there.

16 DEPUTY DIRECTOR GREENE: And I understand that,
17 Sheriff. I think that the concern is still that the -- that
18 you will still have sheriffs out there. You may not have as

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19 many, and I think certainly BLM is able to work in
20 partnership --

21 MR. CARTER: Well, I'll have three.

22 DEPUTY DIRECTOR GREENE: Right.

23 MR. CARTER: I'll have three.

24 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I --

25 MR. CARTER: And there are about 150,000 people in my

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1 desert on Halloween.

2 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I was -- I was wondering if
3 politically there was some way to bump the legislature and
4 the Administration to move on this and make some decisions
5 and -- and get the allocations where they're supposed to go.

6 DEPUTY DIRECTOR GREENE: I think nobody would like to
7 see that happen more quickly than I would, and certainly
8 we've been waiting for that to occur. But I think if you
9 will allow, Commissioner Anderson, for us to continue with
10 the Grant Administrator Kelly Roach to be able to continue to
11 work with the deputy and find out whether or not we have some
12 mechanism to provide that funding -- it is difficult, we
13 recognize. This is that issue of just not enough law
14 enforcement dollars available.

15 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I -- I recognize that. Thank
16 you.

17 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Thank you very much. I will

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18 I learn more about it.

19 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: We'll -- we'll do what we can.

20 MR. CARTER: Thank you.

21 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I don't want that situation.

22 Anyone else on the Imperial County grant?

23 MR. ZACH: Yes.

24 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes.

25 MR. ZACH: Tom Zach, Associate Field Manager with

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1 BLM's El Centro Field Office.

2 I just want to indicate that BLM has strong support
3 of the County Sheriff's Department. We have a joint
4 responsibility to provide a safe and lawful environment on
5 public lands in the county for recreation users. And we urge
6 you to approve this grant request.

7 Thank you.

8 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Next.

9 MR. FRIED: Hi. Jason Fried.

10 We -- we -- we're in a quandary on this grant, not
11 because we don't support it; we definitely believe that there
12 needs to be law enforcement in that area. One of our
13 concerns, though, with the -- the program that is run down
14 there is so much of the time is spent just within the
15 Imperial Sand Dunes. And don't get me wrong, I realize on
16 major weekends that that area gets -- it becomes a city in
17 itself, and it needs a police force to enforce it. But what

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18 also occurs is there are areas outside of the Imperial Sand
19 Dunes that do not get the support that they need. And the
20 people that don't want to go there start riding in other
21 places, and no one's ever out there to enforce the illegal
22 areas at the same time.

23 So that and also given the fact that if you look at
24 this one and the next one we're going to be discussing, which
25 is the El Centro Field Office law enforcement grant, the two

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1 of those combined out -- come out to over \$2 million, which
2 is half of the funds available. Obviously the area needs to
3 be enforced; it gets a lot of use. But the question I have
4 is, does half of the use in the entire state occur in this
5 one area, both legal and illegal? And the question that --
6 that comes to my mind is, probably not. I mean yes, it gets
7 a lot of use, but -- and I realize -- I don't want to get
8 into a debate about, well, certain percentages are here, so
9 they get a certain percentage -- I don't want to get into
10 that debate. But more -- if we're -- for the -- for the
11 El -- for the Imperial Sand Dunes, we're probably going to
12 say keep it as -- where it's at. And when we get to the
13 next, we'll probably have some questions about that one in
14 more detail. But for this one, you know, obviously they need
15 the funds to enforce both inside and outside of it, and we
16 would encourage you at this point to keep the Imperial County

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17 one at its current levels. And we'll address -- since I'm
18 almost out of time -- address the El Centro one when we get
19 to that one next.

20 Thank you.

21 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Anyone else on this grant?

22 MS. ROACH: Next grant is BLM El Centro Field Office
23 with a request amount of 1,767,787. A Division score of 82
24 at 80 percent, would be the current recommended funding at
25 1,414,230.

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1 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay.

2 MR. TAMMONE: Okay. It's Tom Tammone. I wanted to
3 speak on the last one. I'll speak on this one.

4 I need to echo some of the concerns of the last
5 speaker. You know, Neil did a great job on his grant this
6 year. He followed the process. And the area definitely gets
7 an awful lot of use. I'd been out there last month, and
8 the -- the Glamis Dunes and our ISDRA recreation area is just
9 absolutely huge. The amount of fuel that's consumed in motor
10 homes driving on non-paved roads just getting into the -- in
11 and out of the area has got to overrun whatever figures they
12 come up with in the Fuel Tax Survey. They definitely deserve
13 the money.

14 But in the future, we definitely want to be concerned
15 that some of the amounts that are getting requested are
16 unrealistic. Unlike the recreation -- unlike the -- the

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17 restoration grants where they have NEPAs they have to go by,
18 my concern is, not that I'm accusing anybody of doing this,
19 is that people would just simply be asking for 150 percent of
20 what they know they could actually use. And I just want to
21 be sure that in the future through this process that we're
22 making sure that the amounts that the -- that the applicants
23 are asking for are reasonable.

24 And I'd also like to see the scoring criteria for
25 each grant on the monitors so we could comment. I understand

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1 that Brissenden didn't want us doing that. I don't see why
2 because a lot of us just simply can't drive up north for the
3 other meeting. So if I have input on scoring changes, this
4 is the only opportunity I may have to do it being down in the
5 south. So I would like to see the grants posted on the
6 screens, the actual scores for all the grants so I could give
7 proper comment with the scoring criteria that the Division
8 came up with.

9 Thank you.

10 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Mr. Tammone, you still have the
11 opportunity to send comments. Okay?

12 MR. TAMMONE: I could send comments, but the whole
13 point is, is that this is the only atmosphere I could have to
14 be speaking with the applicants, to be asking them questions
15 about their grants, and it's the only place where I'm going

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16 to get a chance to see what Division's score is, ask the
17 applicants what they think about it, question the applicants,
18 and give proper input on what I think the score should be.

19 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Why can't you do that on a
20 side bar just any day of the week, pick up the phone and call
21 the Imperial Valley Sheriff and talk about his --

22 MR. TAMMONE: I have done several side-bar
23 conversations with several people. This is public record.
24 This is recorded.

25 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Okay.

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1 MR. TAMMONE: There's a court reporter here taking
2 the comments. This is real. This is where it matters.

3 Thanks.

4 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay.

5 MS. ROACH: Next project --

6 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Anyone else on this grant?

7 MR. BEENE: Good morning. My name is Clark Beene.
8 I'm a criminal investigator, Acting Chief Ranger for the
9 El Centro Field Office.

10 And we thank you for scoring this grant. Please pay
11 attention to the verbiage in the grant. We focused on the
12 Yuha Desert. We focused on the Superstition Mountain area.
13 We focused on McCain Valley, and we focused on the Wilderness
14 areas. We are utilizing our fee monies in the Imperial Sand
15 Dunes quite efficiently and quite well with the cooperation

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16 with the Sheriff's Department. The problem we are having now
17 is our efforts in Imperial Sand Dunes have created an impact
18 in our other areas, and that is where we're focusing on with
19 this grant. We have some real problems in these areas due to
20 spillover from the Imperial Sand Dunes. So I appreciate the
21 comments, but if you will read our grant in more detail, that
22 is what we focused on.

23 Thank you. We wish to remain on Consent.

24 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I -- I have a question.

25 MR. BEENE: Yes, ma'am.

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1 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Several places within the
2 grants there are references to the fees that are collected at
3 the Dunes.

4 MR. BEENE: Yes.

5 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: And I think I saw in one
6 location a discussion about the Technical Review Team was
7 looking over the expenditures from that fund --

8 MR. BEENE: Correct.

9 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: -- and keeping track of it.
10 Was that information ever provided in any central location
11 to -- where the public might have -- other -- other than the
12 people who are on the Technical Review Team?

13 MR. BEENE: I will refer that answer to Neil Hamada.

14 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: It -- it doesn't necessarily

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15 refer to enforcement, but wherever the fees are going.

16 MR. HAMADA: Good morning, Commissioners and staff.
17 Neil Hamada, Dunes Manager, El Centro Field Office.

18 To answer your question, yes, we work cooperatively
19 with TRT, and they post the -- all the information for
20 Imperial Sand Dunes budgetwise for the Fee Program, for the
21 federal side and for the grants on the internet.

22 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. On their -- on -- on
23 which web site?

24 MR. HAMADA: Isdratrt.org.

25 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. So it's on the Technical

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1 Review Team's web site.

2 MR. HAMADA: Correct.

3 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Because I'm -- I'm
4 looking at this grant, and there is no indication of any kind
5 of an agency contribution. Does that mean that none of the
6 fees are going into law enforcement?

7 MR. HAMADA: No, ma'am. We didn't fill that section
8 in, and I apologize for that. However, the amount of fees
9 that go into law enforcement for our permits and for the
10 holiday weekends at this point is about a million dollars.

11 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Collectively. Okay. Well,
12 it's -- it might bump your score up if you indicated -- if
13 you indicated where -- that you were spending other money of
14 your own someplace. It's hard to -- it's hard to get a feel

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15 of exactly how much it costs to run the program in the
16 Imperial Sand Dunes if we don't see the full cost of -- of
17 how much BLM is putting in on a matching basis. You
18 understand what I'm saying?

19 MR. HAMADA: Yes.

20 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay.

21 MR. HAMADA: So we're happy to stay on Consent with
22 this scoring.

23 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Anyone else on this
24 grant?

25 COMMISSIONER WALDHEIM: Ed Waldheim, CORVA,

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1 District 37.

2 This is a hard grant because of the amount of dollars
3 between the Sheriff and the BLM that are gobbling up. You
4 will notice in the sheet there's over 35 different agencies
5 will get zero because of one-half of our money goes to one
6 location only. On the chances of everybody's going to get
7 mad at CORVA or District 37, we still have to be fair in the
8 state of California of where our funds are going so we get
9 the maximum effort for our dollars.

10 Imperial County has issues. They have also income.
11 If you go to your Waldheim budget -- and I hope you guys
12 start using that budget because it's put there for a
13 reason -- their total program is \$6.6 million in Imperial --

14 in -- in El Centro Field Office. They're collecting fees of
15 around \$3.2 million. There's a source of income in there.
16 The appropriated dollars -- the appropriated dollars that the
17 federal government is putting in is negligible, \$375,000.
18 Now, some will say, "Why are you saying it's only 375?"
19 These are numbers that the agencies have given to me, and you
20 can ditto it for the Forest Service and the BLM; the same
21 speech goes for all the agencies. The federal government is
22 negligent in providing the funds for the recreational public
23 to use the public lands. That's one issue we're going to
24 have to deal with in Sacramento now that we have new
25 leadership, and hopefully with the new speaker from

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1 San Francisco we can get the message across to those folks up
2 there.

3 But back to the issue here. Commissioners, you're
4 going to have to have a very serious discussion on are we
5 going to drop out 40 other different grants and -- to give
6 money just to one agency? Legally, they have every right to
7 receive totally these funds because they've done it on a
8 competitive business way. Morally, there's something wrong
9 with this whole process. And this is something you're going
10 to have to deal with. And I'm glad I'm not sitting up there
11 like I was in the past, because you're going to have a lot of
12 folks with a lot of issues and law enforcement issues all
13 over the state of California that if we give this money the

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14 way it is allocated at this point, and that's the question of
15 deliberation you're going to have to do in December -- so
16 it's a serious issue when you just look at these numbers.

17 Thank you.

18 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Anyone else on this grant?

19 MR. FRIED: You may have a heart attack when you hear
20 that I'm going to agree with a lot of what Ed Waldheim said.
21 I realize our two sides don't always get along, but he
22 brought up a very good point, and I made it on the El Centro
23 one: Half our money is going to one part of the -- of the
24 state, and we need to make sure that we're being equitable
25 with -- I mean the fuel tax and all the money that comes into

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1 this comes from people from across the state not just one
2 part of it. And I do feel the pain. I mean I know Neil does
3 as good of a job as anyone possibly can in trying to -- to
4 manage the areas that he does. I know that the -- that the
5 Sheriffs do their best job as well. So in no way do I want
6 to seem like I'm knocking them for doing their job. But
7 this -- the grant is -- is a little too -- is a little high
8 and a little more than what I think this grant process can
9 honestly support. I mean what happens one day when someone
10 decides, "I'm going to go out and hire a professional grant
11 writer, put a grant together that's for \$4 million and get a
12 score of 100. I'm going to take the entire grants funding

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13 level for one grant." There -- there needs to be a way --
14 and I realize it may not be in the current process, but there
15 needs to be a way that that type of issue is addressed.

16 Some issues about the scores. I realize Neil
17 mentioned here, and it's not in his grant, that there is
18 money coming from other places and they just did not include
19 that in there. I think that's an important thing that the
20 Commission needs to find out, exactly how much money is -- is
21 coming from the fees program and is going back into paying
22 for law enforcement and some of the other stuff that goes
23 into this area, because I think that is a key thing, that
24 people are paying money to get into these areas; that money
25 should be paying to support the areas. And if it's not -- if

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1 it's become -- because they haven't raised the fee in a
2 while, perhaps that's one of the issues. And I've talked
3 with off-roaders who use that area, and they said they'd be
4 more than happy to pay a few extra bucks every year if it
5 went back into that area. And I think that that is something
6 that needs to be addressed. Obviously you guys here can't
7 address that; it's not your domain to do. But that is
8 something, when you're looking at this grant, you know, you
9 need to look at.

10 And I would actually recommend you take it off of
11 Consent because there are ways that this grant can be -- the
12 score can be lowered a little bit for two purposes: One, so

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13 they're not taking as much of a percent of the money
14 available and be able to allow others to -- to have their
15 grant bumped up above theirs and be able to get some money
16 into the -- the other programs.

17 Thank you.

18 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Anyone else on this grant?

19 Okay. Next.

20 MS. ROACH: Next project, Inyo National -- U. S.
21 Forest Service, Inyo National Forest. Request amount of
22 130,553. Division score of 79 at 70 percent. Current
23 recommended funding, \$91,387.

24 MR. HORNICK: Thank you. I'm Marty Hornick from the
25 Inyo National Forest.

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1 While we think we could have done a little better job
2 of presenting our case, we -- we would like to remain on the
3 Consent Calendar.

4 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Anyone else on this grant?

5 MR. STEWART: John Stewart, California Association of
6 Four-Wheel Drive Clubs, United Four-Wheel Drive Clubs.

7 We concur with the Inyo Forest. I've worked with
8 them extensively over the last few months. And while we
9 would like to see it higher, we do realize that this is the
10 appropriate level and this -- this satisfies the -- the
11 immediate needs.

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12 Thank you.

13 MS. ROACH: Next project, U.S. Forest Service,
14 Cleveland National Forest. Request amount of 125,488.
15 Division score of 78 at 70 percent. Current recommended
16 funding, \$87,842.

17 MS. CAREY: Good morning. Ann Carey, Recreation
18 Officer on the Cleveland National Forest.

19 This amount is adequate for our budget, and we would
20 like to stay on the Consent Calendar. We handed out some
21 rationale for why we thought we could have scored higher
22 knowing that we have 30 or 40 agencies that are going to be
23 trying to up their score however the process works. So at
24 this time we would like to stay on the Consent Calendar, and
25 that's just our rationale if -- if we were to need to

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1 increase our score.

2 Are there any questions?

3 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Wait a minute. I'm -- I'm
4 looking for the -- I'm looking for the volume that contains
5 your grant.

6 MS. ROACH: That would be Volume 4.

7 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I seem -- yes, I know. I seem
8 to have left one of my volumes --

9 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: There you go.

10 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: -- one of my volumes at home.

11 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Armed with paper.

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12 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes, but unfortunately -- no,
13 this is not the -- I thought we were looking --

14 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: It's 469.

15 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I thought we were talking about
16 Inyo -- no --

17 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: No. We're at Cleveland.

18 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: -- Cleveland. Excuse me.

19 MS. CAREY: It's -- it's -- it's the Cleveland.

20 We're very -- we're down south.

21 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes, I -- I do know that. But
22 I got -- I'm sorry. I think -- I think I may have some
23 questions, so don't go too far here.

24 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Sixty-nine.

25 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Since we're marching right

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1 along, I'm not going to worry about taking a minute here.

2 I'm looking for my one -- I thought -- well, nope,
3 you're okay. I -- I don't have questions.

4 All right.

5 MS. CAREY: Thank you.

6 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Thank you for giving me a
7 tour a couple months ago.

8 MS. CAREY: Thank you.

9 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Anyone else on this grant,
10 Cleveland?

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11 MR. TAMMONE: Hi. I'm Tom Tammone.
12 I've been kind of working a lot with the Cleveland
13 lately trying to get their volunteer operations supplemented.
14 And they definitely have a need out there for law
15 enforcement. And I'll agree with their rationale. The --
16 the scoring could be better. But for now they'll leave it on
17 the Consent Calendar and, you know, leave the door open at
18 the next meeting if they decide they want to do a re-score.
19 But there's definitely need out there. It's -- it's an
20 urban-interface forest just like San Bernardino. And I've
21 spent a lot of time at Wildomar. And unfortunately Corral
22 Canyon was closed due to the fire, but the need's definitely
23 there. The forest is huge. It stretches from the Mexican
24 border well up into Orange County. So it's -- it's actually
25 a very large forest. So they definitely -- they definitely

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1 need the money.
2 Thank you.
3 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Next.
4 MR. STEWART: John Stewart, California Association of
5 Four-Wheel Drive Clubs, United Four-Wheel Drive Associations.
6 We concur with Cleveland's request to keep it on
7 Consent. We've been working very much with -- or heavily
8 with them and starting to come up with a Volunteer Trail
9 Patrol Program in the area. And having it at that level --
10 funded at this level is going to help that effort along. So

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11 we would appreciate keeping this on Consent.

12 Thank you.

13 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Anyone else on this grant?

14 MS. ROACH: Next grant, BLM Ridgecrest Field Office.

15 Request amount of 260,860. Division score of 78 at 70

16 percent. Recommended funding, \$182,602.

17 MR. MARGUART: Hi. My name is Mike Marguart. I'm

18 the Chief Ranger for the Ridgecrest Field Office.

19 I'm satisfied with the Division's -- Division's

20 recommendation, and so I'd like to have this grant stay on

21 the Consent Calendar.

22 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Anyone else on this grant?

23 MR. FRIED: Hi. Jason Fried.

24 We believe that this program at the Ridgecrest Law

25 Enforcement Agency does -- is a -- is a model program. We

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1 would actually -- have been trying to encourage them to
2 request that their score be bumped up. They have a very good
3 program. It's very well balanced between making sure that
4 the legal riding areas are well maintained and policed and
5 illegal areas that people like to go ride in are also policed
6 and that the tickets are issued to people in those areas.
7 They use, you know, citizens and concerned people from around
8 the area to help them do some of these programs. And I have
9 volunteered with this program myself and would actually

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10 encourage you to pull it off of Consent and so that way it
11 would be allowed to be -- a higher score given to it. I did
12 not bring my rationale today to exactly how the score could
13 be raised, but I will definitely get that to you guys before
14 the December meeting.

15 Thank you.

16 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Anyone else on this grant?

17 Just a moment, please, before you go on. I had a
18 question on this one. Within -- within the enforcement
19 there's a -- there's an Interior LE vehicle lease at \$43,000.
20 Is there some reason why you -- is this your -- is this your
21 only way of getting this vehicle, or -- or is this one
22 dedicated, or does it have special equipment or --

23 MR. MARGUART: Well, proportionally the majority of
24 our field work encompasses about 70, 80 percent of OHV
25 enforcement for our resource area. So when I decided to

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1 include that, it was at -- we have a set sum that we pay for
2 each particular vehicle. So I divided it in half and -- and
3 asked for funds to support the other costs affected with --

4 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: So the -- okay. So this is
5 coming from the Department of Interior, is that what you mean
6 by "Interior" here?

7 MR. MARGUART: Yes.

8 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: So it's an inter-agency
9 vehicle?

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10 MR. MARGUART: It's an Interior vehicle.

11 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. And they regularly
12 charge you \$80,000? If this is half, the \$80,000 a year --

13 MR. MARGUART: We have to pay a sum for those
14 vehicles, and it's -- it's a set sum that I got those fee --
15 or those figures from our admin lady.

16 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: That -- that just seems very
17 expensive to me that --

18 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: That's one car?

19 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes.

20 MR. MARGUART: For one -- 80,000? No.

21 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: That's -- that's her
22 question.

23 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. That's my question.

24 MR. MARGUART: Oh, no. It's -- it's on an annual
25 basis, I can't recall offhand, but it's several hundred

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1 dollars per month.

2 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. So how many vehicles are
3 we talking about here?

4 MR. MARGUART: I have a total of nine.

5 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Nine. Okay. That makes it
6 more efficient. I couldn't figure -- it sounded like -- it
7 sounded like one vehicle, and I was wondering how --

8 MR. MARGUART: No.

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9 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Sounds like my BMW.

10 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: -- why you would pay \$43,000
11 for half of a vehicle. Okay. Now, you're talking about half
12 of nine. That makes more sense. Okay.

13 MR. WALDHEIM: Madam Chairman, Ed Waldheim. Also,
14 Friends of Jawbone.

15 I found out that the vehicles that the Bureau of Land
16 Management have, they get penalized for owning their vehicles
17 from Headquarters through -- or Washington, D.C., or Denver,
18 Colorado. For every vehicle they have, they get charged a
19 certain amount of mileage per year for that vehicle. They
20 get charged a replacement value for that vehicle. And even
21 if the vehicle is good or not, they'll take it away from them
22 after two, three -- three years or four years and replace it
23 with another vehicle. So it is very, very expensive. That's
24 what -- the reason for the expense. The reason I know that,
25 we bought two water trucks yesterday for Barstow. We found

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1 out it's better we just put them in the Friends of El Mirage
2 name so that we can keep them for 20 years and -- rather than
3 loose them in three years and get charged 25 -- \$28,000 a
4 year for the two water trucks.

5 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: For replacement. I see.

6 MR. WALDHEIM: For replacement. So this is -- this
7 is -- this is the -- the -- the trouble of doing business
8 with the government. Those are the fees that they have put

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9 in there, kind of fixed fees.

10 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Thank you. That
11 clarified my question on that one.

12 Anyone else on this grant?

13 Next.

14 MS. ROACH: Next grant, BLM Bishop Field Office.
15 Request amount of 81,855. Division score of 73 at
16 70 percent. Current recommended funding is \$57,299.

17 MR. WILLIAMS: Good morning. Richard Williams --

18 MS. ROACH: It's 57,000.

19 MR. WILLIAMS: -- Bishop --

20 MS. ROACH: Sorry.

21 MR. WILLIAMS: -- Bishop Field Office. You got that,
22 "Richards Williams," right?

23 I would like to request to please have this removed
24 from the Consent list. I believe our score should be a
25 little higher. Several things in the scoring criteria: It

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1 seems -- or appears to me that some things might have been
2 overlooked. I can go through those one by one, if the
3 Commission would like.

4 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: If you can do so briefly, sure.

5 MR. WILLIAMS: I can do so briefly. Scoring
6 Criteria 1, I believe that should be 30 out of 35, which is
7 an increase of 3 points. A -- under A, the resource

8 damage --

9 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Why?

10 MR. WILLIAMS: Why?

11 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Yes.

12 MR. WILLIAMS: Well, I believe our patrol presence,
13 our repair of damaged areas. We -- we try and repair damaged
14 areas to prevent further resource damage. And the park
15 ranger and the law enforcement ranger both assist in this
16 when we find them. We immediately try to fix areas. That's
17 on page 1 of the application. We have a strong volunteer
18 effort; 700 hours of educational time was spent with
19 volunteers -- OHV volunteers patrolling on motorcycles. And
20 we have a total of 2,200 hours of volunteer time. Again,
21 that was referenced on page 1.

22 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Okay.

23 MR. WILLIAMS: Quickly -- moving quickly, the closed
24 area, intrusion into wilderness, closed area, or private
25 property, we work very closely with Los Angeles City

1 Department of Water and Power who own 400,000 acres in the
2 Eastern Sierra. They're part of our High Desert Plan.

3 Moving along here, No. 2, the project demonstrates
4 how law enforcement efforts will address OHV-related public
5 safety issues, 21 out of 30, an increase of 1 point. C,
6 Search and Rescue: The BLM personnel work closely and
7 participate in rescues with Inyo County Search and Rescue,

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8 not San Bernardino, as its states there.

9 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I noticed that, too.

10 MR. WILLIAMS: And then we do also have educational
11 information on our web site. Also -- let's see, No. 3, the
12 score should be 20 out of 20, an increase of 3 points because
13 our partnerships are just outstanding. Friends of the Inyo,
14 Sierra Club, Inyo County, Mono County, Mammoth Lake Eastern
15 Sierra Four-Wheel Drive Club, Eastern Sierra Quail Unlimited,
16 Native Plants Society, they all donate time and effort for
17 our OHV Program. Also, our use of funds -- in-lieu funds,
18 there's a match -- agency match of 11 -- of \$118,600 to --
19 for this grant.

20 We take this grant very seriously -- or this -- this
21 program very seriously. It's the cornerstone of our OHV
22 Program.

23 And finally, on No. 4, the score should be 11 out of
24 15. And basically the same requirements were scored in our
25 Conservation application, and it scored 11 out of 15. I

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1 believe we've shown strong fiscal responsibility, turned in
2 all our reports on time.

3 And finally, we believe that our commitment to the
4 OHV Program is very strong as we have maintained the same
5 level of opportunity with no loss for over 20 years. And I
6 believe that speaks volumes to our commitment.

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7 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: You've provided us with this in
8 written form?

9 MR. WILLIAMS: Yes. Mardi has it.

10 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Thank you.

11 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Thank you.

12 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Anyone else on this grant?

13 MR. ELLSWORTH: Good morning. This is Todd
14 Ellsworth, Inyo National Forest.

15 We also work very closely with the Bureau of Land
16 Management in managing our public lands in the Eastern Sierra
17 as cooperators. I would recommend Rich's re-scoring.

18 Thanks.

19 MR. STEWART: John Stewart, California Association of
20 Four-Wheel Drive Clubs, United Four-Wheel Drive Associations.

21 I concur with the Bishop Field Office request to pull
22 this off of Consent and to re-score it. Yeah, they have a
23 very strong working relationship with the National Forest
24 people in that area. As a matter of fact, they even share
25 the same building and -- for office space. So there's a good

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1 close tight relationship with the area. There is a lot of
2 overlap from one -- one to another with -- because the
3 borders are right there. Also with the private property
4 rights through the L.A. County Water and Power, they're
5 working very closely with them, and with the city and the
6 county.

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7 So as Rich noted, their score should be higher in
8 order to reflect a higher score. And I think Rich did
9 adequately identify the proper numbers.

10 Thank you.

11 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Anyone else on this grant?

12 MS. ROACH: Next grant, BLM Palm Springs South Coast
13 Field Office. Request amount of \$206,992. Division score of
14 73 at 70 percent. Current recommended funding of 144,894.

15 MS. DANIELS: Hello. My name is Mona Daniels. I'm
16 the Outdoor Recreation Planner for the Palm Springs South
17 Coast Field Office. I've got Officer John Blatchley with me
18 today.

19 We feel that we did an outstanding job on this grant.
20 We feel our scores are low. We'd like it to be pulled off
21 Consent and be reconsidered.

22 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Do you have some supporting
23 information?

24 MS. DANIELS: What -- what we feel was overlooked was
25 the -- the health and safety issue within the grant and the

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1 fact that many of our officers, our EMT hold a higher level
2 of first-responder training than most other areas. They are
3 responding as first calls before EMS systems are even
4 activated, therefore reducing the number of search-and-rescue
5 calls that come into our area. Officer Blatchley also has

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6 some information he'd like to share on this.

7 MR. BLATCHLEY: An example of this emergency medical
8 response happened last Sunday where E-911 calls on cell
9 phones go into CHP. CHP historically has turned those calls
10 back over to our dispatch because we're the ones with the
11 knowledge when there's a medical-aid OHV accident on
12 Haley-Todd Trail. We're the ones that know where it's at.
13 It comes into our dispatch, and then we coordinate with our
14 partnerships with Riverside Sheriffs or San Diego Sheriffs to
15 respond also with that. We are -- the majority of my rangers
16 are emergency medical technicians. And we in Palm Springs
17 every other year put on the Emergency Medical Technician
18 Refresher Course; it's coordinated out of our office.

19 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. If you could provide us
20 with some written information --

21 MS. DANIELS: Documentation?

22 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: -- please.

23 MS. DANIELS: Will do. Thank you.

24 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I say that because usually it
25 takes quite a while for the minutes from this meeting to get

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1 to Commissioners. So if we want -- if you want us to look at
2 it, we need to get it --

3 MS. DANIELS: Will do.

4 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: -- directly.

5 MS. DANIELS: Thank you.

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6 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Thank you.

7 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Anyone else on this grant?

8 MR. FRIED: Hi. Jason Fried with -- once again.

9 I wanted to let you know we agree with them in
10 increasing their score. I actually think they're being too
11 polite in their assessment of their own grant. They do a lot
12 of cooperative work. I -- I regularly sit in on the
13 Coachella Valley Association of Governments' OHV Task Force,
14 and there is always someone from the Palm Springs BLM Office,
15 whether it's law enforcement or staff, to work with the local
16 communities about off-road vehicle problems that are
17 occurring in and around the cities of that area. They just
18 do a great job. And I would encourage you to do it. And I
19 know -- and we will get you comments as well as to exactly
20 how to re-score this. I know that they've kind of put
21 together a spreadsheet, but I don't think they've brought
22 enough copies today to hand out to people. But we will get
23 you -- we'll make sure that you get a copy of that for your
24 review.

25 Thank you.

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1 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Anyone else?

2 MR. STEWART: John Stewart, California Association of
3 Four-Wheel Drive Clubs, United Four-Wheel Drive Associations.

4 We concur with the fact this grant needs to be

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5 re-scored. And a little bit closer attention needs to be
6 paid to the commitment of staff to the OHV Program. The
7 staff has a dedicated person for their OHV Recreation, and
8 they've also some -- they're also instituting a very vigorous
9 Adopt a Trail Volunteer Trail Patrol Program with some of the
10 local OHV Clubs in the area in order to provide some
11 on-the-ground eyes and ears to help on this law enforcement.
12 So they are making good use of their -- their people and
13 their volunteers. And we believe that's the section that was
14 really not scored appropriately, and it should be higher.

15 And, again -- again, on the scores, the importance of
16 the emergency response that they do, that's -- that area is a
17 very remote area, and they do handle a lot of the emergency
18 responses for everybody for -- out there. So that's a very
19 critical area, very important. So that does deserve a higher
20 score.

21 Thank you.

22 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Next.

23 MR. FLOYD: Good morning. My name is Kim Floyd. I'm
24 here representing the Sierra Club.

25 We have an excellent working relationship with the

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1 Palm Springs office of BLM. There is evidence that -- from
2 our experience that they're working hard to achieve the
3 objectives of protecting both public and -- and private lands
4 in that area. And we would support taking this item off

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5 Consent.

6 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Thank you.

7 Okay. I'll say it again, please get the information
8 to us in writing.

9 All right. Next.

10 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Is that an airplane?

11 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I think so.

12 MS. ROACH: Next project, U. S. Forest Service, Inyo
13 National Forest. Request amount of 60,692. Division score
14 of 71 at 70 percent. Current recommended funding, \$42,484.

15 MR. HORNICK: Thank you. This is Marty Hornick from
16 the Inyo National Forest.

17 The last grant that we were talking about was our
18 summer OHV law enforcement. This one's our OSV law
19 enforcement grant. We believe that -- well, we -- we would
20 like to have this re-scored. And I've handed some
21 documentation out, including page numbers of -- of things
22 that we think may have been overlooked a little bit. I also
23 handed out a -- I hope folks got a copy of that, too -- is
24 our Winter Recreation map, which we referred to repeatedly in
25 the -- in the grant. But a -- a map doesn't sound like much

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1 until you see what we've got on that, which we -- we feel
2 should bump up a lot of the scores in a general sense. It --
3 it has ethics, you know, user-responsibility-type ethics,

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4 messages. It has wilderness boundaries. It has a whole
5 bunch of information that we think helps address some of the
6 criteria. If you'd like, I could -- I could go through --
7 we -- we'd ultimately like to see the score bumped up from a
8 71 to an 87.

9 But in Item No. 1, we -- we believe we deserve a
10 score of -- of 30 on that in part because of the -- some of
11 the information that's in that map. The -- I point out that
12 that map -- well -- sorry, bouncing around here a little bit.
13 But we've also done a whole lot of signing of wilderness
14 boundaries and other closed areas on the forest. We've --
15 we've put a ton of effort into that and -- and would continue
16 to do that with this -- with these funds. We have done a lot
17 with volunteer patrols of both Nordic non-motorized patrols
18 and -- and motorized patrols.

19 And Item No. 2, we'd like to see that bumped up to 25
20 from 21. Again, I think this map helps address some of those
21 issues. But we've -- the signage wasn't pointed out by
22 the -- by the Division staff the extent to which we've been
23 trying to do that.

24 Item No. 3 dealing with the partnerships and such,
25 the map itself was produced in partnership with the Town of

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1 Mammoth Lakes. We -- we've got some -- some pretty amazing
2 partnerships. I -- I think that -- that that deserves a -- a
3 bump up to a 20 out of 20.

4 And we -- in terms of Item No. 4, we believe that
5 with 20 years or close to it of -- of successful grant
6 implementation that we -- we have a pretty good history of
7 efficient and effective use. And on the rare occasions when
8 we've blown it a little bit financially, we've caught that
9 ourselves, and we've addressed it and made sure that -- that
10 the forest covered overspending.

11 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Thank you.

12 MR. HORNICK: Any questions?

13 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Any -- anyone else on this
14 grant?

15 MR. HORNICK: Thanks for the consideration.

16 MR. STEWART: John Stewart, California Association of
17 Four-Wheel Drive Clubs, United Four-Wheel Drive Associations.

18 I've had discussions with the snowmobile community on
19 this, and they also believe that -- and wanted me to express
20 to you that their volunteer efforts need to be reconsidered
21 as being more of value than what is reflected in the current
22 scoring. The -- this law enforcement effort does do a lot of
23 work, as noted on this map, about signage for the area, and
24 consideration -- that needs to be re-evaluated. And the
25 overall effectiveness and the public response of -- yeah, the

1 emergency response of search and rescue for the wintertime
2 operations is very important up in that area. This grant, as

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3 pointed out, does need to be re-scored to a higher level.

4 Thank you.

5 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Anyone else on this
6 grant?

7 MR. HORNICK: I just wanted to make sure that
8 formally that was taken off the Consent Calendar. Was that
9 clear, what I said --

10 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: We'll get that -- we'll get
11 that to the -- when we're done with all of them.

12 MR. HORNICK: Okay. Thank you.

13 MS. ROACH: Next project, BLM Barstow Field Office.
14 Request amount of 671,460. Division score of 68 at
15 60 percent. Current recommended funding, \$402,876.

16 MR. AHRENS: Good morning. Mike Ahrens, Barstow
17 Field Office.

18 We've provided a package of information for you,
19 looks very much like this one. We don't -- we're -- we're
20 not -- going to ask that this grant be taken off of Consent.
21 And to go over this package, I brought our Chief Ranger Dan
22 Briot.

23 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: You are or are not?

24 MR. AHRENS: We would like it taken off of the
25 Consent.

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1 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Okay.

2 MR. BRIOT: Good morning. Specifically, we'd like to
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3 address the -- the scoring of this grant. Right now it's
4 currently at 68, and we'd like it to go to 77. And
5 specifically Criteria No. 1 where we were scored 20 out of
6 35, we suggest the score should be 29 out of 35. And under
7 Criteria 1 where the project demonstrates law enforcement
8 efforts will sustain long-term OHV recreation, "A" suggests
9 that reducing resource damage or potential resource damage
10 through corrective measures or education efforts. The grant
11 failed to point out that several million acres of the land
12 are protected through the Desert Wildlife Management Areas
13 designation. Within these areas, there's vehicle uses
14 allowed on strictly enforced designated routes. Without this
15 grant, we cannot maintain those vehicles on those designated
16 routes, and would suggest that the desert tortoise
17 conservation strategies are then thereby harmed.

18 Additionally, the grant should have indicated more
19 clearly how the designation of the open areas within Barstow,
20 of which there's 300,000 acres of open area within the
21 Barstow Field Office, by maintaining control and enforcement
22 in these areas, we're allowed to keep the people recreating
23 in a safe, efficient manner and keep those people in that
24 area thereby not causing any further resource damage. We get
25 a huge amount of use from the urban-interface from

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1 Los Angeles area, Orange County, Inland Empire, and the High

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2 Desert itself. Criteria 1(b), Wilderness intrusions, private
3 property trespass issues, these -- these problems are ramped
4 throughout the law enforcement areas, Barstow Field Office,
5 especially since much of the land is designated public land
6 is intermixed with private land. And we work closely with
7 the San Bernardino County Sheriff and CHP to provide law
8 enforcement in these areas, especially on holiday weekends.
9 And by funding this grant, there's a portion of the grant
10 where we would do a law enforcement agreement and assist the
11 San Bernardino County Sheriff with some funding.

12 And lastly, reducing conflict between various
13 recreation interests, we've attached for you -- and I won't
14 discuss every bit of it due to time, but comparison
15 information provided by all the grant applicants through the
16 Project Activity Reports. And basically, the size, breadth,
17 and the complexity of the Barstow Field Office Program is
18 demonstrated by the park comparisons that you'll see there
19 that were handed to you.

20 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay.

21 MR. BRIOT: Thank you.

22 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Anyone else on this grant?

23 MR. FRIED: Hi. Jason Fried.

24 We -- we like the way this grant is written out.

25 It -- it does show how they're going to enforce inside and

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1 outside of legal OHV areas and protecting areas that they --
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2 that need protection. The -- our one concern is that we --
3 we don't feel they're doing enough work on the areas outside
4 of the legal riding areas. There's a lot of rampant problems
5 in areas. For example, there's Juniper Flats area that has
6 an intermix of public and private lands together. And the
7 off-roaders, you know, when they're going from public to
8 private all of a sudden -- you know, it's -- it's causing a
9 lot of issues. We, of course, would like to see more
10 enforcement there.

11 As far as increasing the score, we do believe that
12 they probably were scored a little low. They -- they do have
13 a big problem and would like to see their score raised. I
14 believe that they -- if they haven't, they should be getting
15 to you some comments about that. And once we've seen those
16 comments, we'll get you our written comments for your
17 consideration for the December meeting.

18 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Thank you.

19 Anyone else on this grant?

20 MR. VAN VOORHIS: Dave Van Voorhis, Juniper Flats
21 property owner.

22 I support the re-scoring of this grant consideration.
23 Chief Ranger Briot's assessment was 100 percent right-on in
24 this situation.

25 Thank you.

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1 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Anyone else? Oh, here comes
2 Mr. Waldheim.

3 COMMISSIONER WALDHEIM: Ed Waldheim, District 37,
4 CORVA, and Friends of El Mirage.

5 This grant is very important. I thought I had the
6 map I wanted to show to you, but Johnson left. Last night at
7 the Route Inventory we brought the -- the CTUC -- the
8 California Trail Users Coalition -- the map that we're making
9 for the different areas. And the first one is nothing like
10 spaghetti, and now we have with the new one coming out with
11 all the routes on them. And it's absolutely mind boggling
12 when you see the hundreds and hundreds of numbers and routes
13 that are out there. The enforcement is going to be a key for
14 us to be able to implement the West Mojave Plan and get the
15 routes going on it. From our point of view, we'll do
16 everything in our power to help with maps. We're putting in
17 RPT grants for -- for signage and -- and volunteers to help.
18 They definitely need to get this off of Consent and increase
19 the scoring on those areas because this is going to be a key
20 for the implementation of the West Mojave Plan.

21 MS. ROACH: Next --

22 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Anyone else approaching the
23 microphone?

24 Okay. Move to the next one.

25 MS. ROACH: Next grant, U.S. Forest Service,

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1 Los Padres National Forest in the requested amount of
2 508,736. Division score of 66 at 60 percent. Current
3 recommended funding \$305,242.

4 MR. EVANS: Thank you, Commissioners. My name's
5 Bruce Evans, Recreation Staff Officer of the Los Padres
6 Forest.

7 And as you heard, the current score for this
8 application is at 66. And we're requesting that you pull
9 this grant from the Consent agenda and consider our
10 documentation that I presented to your secretary for you and
11 your staff which would request a revised score of 82. It's a
12 multi-page rationale that was presented to the secretary.

13 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: That we have?

14 MR. EVANS: Yes, sir.

15 And on another note, just an aside from what was in
16 our application in terms of change of our situation out on
17 our forest as a result of the Large Day Fire that burned over
18 162,000 acres, almost half of the OHV routes that have joined
19 the Hungry Valley State Recreation Trail are closed presently
20 and will remain closed for some time, into the spring at
21 least while there's restoration work going on and while
22 hazards are cleared. We're concerned that that's going to
23 cause a -- a high impact on the remaining open OHV routes
24 both in that area and throughout the rest of the forest. And
25 this grant's going to be very important for us to stay on top

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1 of OHV use.

2 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Is -- is this -- are these
3 closures well known?

4 MR. EVANS: Yes. They're -- they're made very clear
5 especially in coordination with Hungry Valley so that the
6 users there are aware of the limitations right now. The fire
7 has not even been controlled yet. The center of the fire is
8 still burning in the areas where the trails are located.
9 They're still in the fire area. Probably be burning until
10 the rains come. And the closures are very clear. We have a
11 pretty extensive educational program underway right now to
12 provide written information for the users coming from Hungry
13 Valley, but also throughout the rest of the forest.

14 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Do you have a mechanism for
15 reaching the public before they drive out to someplace and
16 discover this problem?

17 MR. EVANS: They're encouraged to use our web site or
18 to call the district offices or headquarters. We're in
19 communication regularly with our OHV user groups through
20 quarterly meetings, and we met just recently and have talked
21 to various clubs and groups and CORVA. And they were giving
22 good suggestions about doing exactly what you're asking, that
23 is, getting the word out.

24 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: This is not the first forest
25 with a big fire problem. One of those that chronically

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1 happens at least within shallow-rock ecosystems is that you
2 burn off all the brush and all of a sudden it looks open,
3 where previously users would complain about the trails and
4 routes because there was too much brush to go elsewhere.

5 How are you going to address that confusion?

6 MR. EVANS: As you said, I don't think --

7 (Multiple speakers.)

8 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I know that's not exactly law
9 enforcement. But --

10 MR. EVANS: Well, in a sense it is, and that is
11 trying to keep people on open designated routes, not going
12 across country in these areas that are more accessible now
13 that the vegetation is gone. So we're going to do what we
14 can. And this -- this grant is very important for us to do
15 that.

16 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. We'll be following that
17 carefully. Thank you.

18 MR. EVANS: Thank you.

19 MS. ROACH: Next grant, Riverside County Sheriff in
20 the requested amount of 138,739. Division score of 63 at
21 60 percent. Current recommended funding, \$83,243.

22 MR. LAGROU: Good morning. My name's Ron Lagrou,
23 Riverside Sheriff's Department.

24 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Just a moment, please. I want
25 to pay attention to you, but I need to turn this off.

1 (Vice-Chair Anderson and Commissioner McMillin
2 conferred.)

3 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Thank you. I'm sorry, go
4 ahead.

5 MR. LAGROU: No problem.

6 I just would like to request that it be taken off the
7 Consent Calendar as well and re-calculated or re-scored. Our
8 county is a very large county within -- Riverside County
9 within the southern area of this state. And we have a lot of
10 efforts already in off-road vehicle enforcement area, much of
11 that may or may not have been mentioned specifically in the
12 grant. And when I reviewed the scoring of the grant, some of
13 that was not accounted for, I believe. I will provide you a
14 written analysis of the grant. I don't have it at this time,
15 but I will provide you with one. And I would just ask that
16 it be re-scored and considered. We did not ask for the -- as
17 was mentioned, 150 percent of what we needed. We had a
18 modest request. That modest request was taken in
19 consideration with the efforts we already have in place. And
20 it's much needed, though, in order to complete the program.
21 We have lots of equipment, and this would be for salaries,
22 for individuals out there actually working the Enforcement
23 Program. So any re-consideration would be appreciated. And
24 I'll give you that analysis in writing.

25 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Can you -- can you give me a

1 little bit more information on what your county ordinances
2 are?

3 MR. LAGROU: Yeah. We -- we've been working actually
4 with our cities and our counties and also with state
5 legislators trying to enact ordinances to help prevent the
6 problems that are created by illegal off-roading. Our county
7 is currently in the process of re-drafting the off-road
8 vehicle ordinance. It's not complete yet. We're still
9 working the details out with the Board of Supervisors. We're
10 actively participating in that process. We also coordinate
11 with all of the cities that we work with within the County of
12 Riverside to get ordinances that will be in place to help
13 prevent and give us some meat behind the enforcement of the
14 off-road -- illegal off-road vehicle.

15 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. So this -- where it
16 says, I don't know, page 12 of your application on this
17 grant, it says you have an OHV ordinance.

18 MR. LAGROU: Yes, we do. We're actually --

19 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. If -- oh, okay.

20 MR. LAGROU: -- moving --

21 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: So you haven't --

22 MR. LAGROU: We're moving to revise it as well.

23 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: All right. I missed -- I guess
24 I misread this. The proposals that you're putting here would
25 include addressing private property and --

1 MR. LAGROU: Yes, ma'am.

2 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: -- and using --

3 MR. LAGROU: I believe that --

4 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: -- using vehicles --

5 MR. LAGROU: -- was mentioned briefly in the
6 application.

7 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Right. That's what I'm looking
8 at.

9 MR. LAGROU: Yeah. We -- we have a strong
10 partnership with private homeowners who have large acreage
11 where the problems occur, including gathering them up in --
12 in community meetings discussing how we can prevent the
13 illegal use of off-road vehicles and the like. So I can get
14 you further information on those specifics.

15 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: There was mention in your
16 application of something called a County Commission -- an OHV
17 Commission. What is that?

18 MR. LAGROU: Yeah. It's -- it's a group that has --
19 has come together for partners within the county to address
20 off-road -- illegal off-road vehicle problems.

21 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Is this an official county
22 commission or --

23 MR. FRIED: Yes.

24 MR. LAGROU: Yes, ma'am.

25 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. So the representatives

1 come from all the -- all the communities?

2 MR. LAGROU: There is stakeholders within the --
3 within the county, yes.

4 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: So what kinds of things are
5 they doing?

6 MR. LAGROU: Well, I'm not completely familiar with
7 all the specifics of what they're actually undertaking now.
8 I'm just aware of the Commission. I believe an individual in
9 the audience has mentioned he -- he's more familiar with
10 them.

11 MR. FRIED: I'm a member of it.

12 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. That would be helpful
13 because I've -- I thought perhaps the existence of that might
14 show up in one of those -- as a matching on one of your grant
15 applications. But I -- I only saw it in one place. Okay.

16 MR. LAGROU: Thank you.

17 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: All right. Anyone else
18 commenting on this grant?

19 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: I have a question for Jason,
20 then. Is this the group that has made it illegal for people
21 to ride on their private property with -- under a certain
22 acreage even a young buck on a mini bike?

23 MR. FRIED: No. The OHV Commission was formed in
24 March, and next week we'll be meeting for the first time. So
25 the Commission has yet to physically meet or do any

1 activities. What you're talking about, Riverside County
2 passed an ordinance in -- I want to say April, but don't
3 quote me on that, beginning of this year. To my knowledge,
4 the ordinance has never been put into effect. It's never
5 been used in any manner. They -- the county originally was
6 claiming that they wanted -- they were doing all this
7 rezoning, and they wanted to complete the rezoning process
8 before they did anything. I honestly don't know where or
9 what the process --

10 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Okay.

11 MR. FRIED: -- the status is of -- of the -- of that.
12 So I wish I could answer that question for you more. The
13 Commission itself, just so you're aware, is made up of five
14 representatives. Each supervisor gets to appoint one person
15 to that. And the original goal of the Commission was kind of
16 based off of a comment that was made last year by
17 Mr. Waldheim when he was a Commissioner about the Riverside
18 County has no riding opportunities. The supervisors took
19 that seriously and created a Commission to look at the
20 feasibility of creating off-road vehicle areas within the
21 county. To that degree, when they were discussing all the
22 ordinances, it kind of -- somehow the Commission may be
23 working on that. But like I said, we have yet to actually
24 meet, so I can't answer exactly what our duties are yet until
25 we have met for the first time.

1 But now back to my comments actually on the Riverside
2 Sheriff's grant. We -- last year this was one of the grants
3 that got kicked out of the system altogether by the Division
4 for technical reasons, and they've still continued to figure
5 out a way to run the program, not to the level that we would
6 have liked to have seen. But they do a lot of work with
7 the -- dealing with the problems that occur between property
8 owners, you know, people that maybe are riding illegally on
9 someone else's property, the -- the checker-boarding that
10 occurs out in the desert. They work very well with the BLM.
11 I was mentioning before the Coachella Valley Association of
12 Governments, the law -- the Riverside County Sheriffs are
13 always at those meetings to discuss issues that are going on.
14 They do a good job. They do what they can, and they've been
15 doing what they can without having the grant funding last
16 year. We'd like to see them -- their score raised. And I'll
17 be talking with them to make sure we get comments to you
18 about how exactly that score can be raised and make it more
19 effective.

20 One of the things to keep in mind is that -- and I'll
21 just make this as a more general comment -- on all of the
22 grants as they're getting scored by at least the Sheriffs'
23 offices, a lot of them, when you look at the -- some of the
24 criteria, it says, "Answer one or more," and they answered
25 one of them or maybe two of them, and there were four

1 categories. And it seems like in a lot of those cases when
2 they only answered one or two, they were given a very low
3 score. And they were simply following the instructions that
4 were given in the -- in the grant application. And it seems
5 across the board that that was an occurrence. And so we will
6 be showing how just because they only answered one or two of
7 them doesn't mean that they aren't maybe covering all four
8 or, in some cases, they did in some answer just not as
9 directly as we would have liked to have seen.

10 Thank you.

11 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Thank you.

12 MS. MILLER: Commissioner Anderson, I'd like to
13 address that last comment.

14 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Sure.

15 MS. MILLER: This came up at the last subcommittee.
16 And in the criteria where it says you may address one or more
17 and -- the possibility exists that if you address one, you
18 could get full points; the possibility exists if you address
19 two or more, you could get full points. But it's not just
20 the fact that you address them; it's how well you address
21 them, how much specificity, and how much detail. So I -- I
22 really want to stress that. Because it seems to me that
23 there is kind of an assumption that if you answered one or
24 two, then you should get full points, and that -- that really
25 isn't the way that they were scored. So I just want to

1 clarify that.

2 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Other comments on this
3 grant?

4 MR. TAMMONE: Okay. I like the idea of them finally
5 having -- Tom Tammone.

6 I like the idea of them having a commission in
7 Riverside. But as far as the ordinances, they've kind of put
8 the cart behind the horse -- or, actually, we all kind of
9 did. I do a lot of work at noise mitigation --

10 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Tom, is this on the specific
11 grant, or is this more of a general comment?

12 MR. TAMMONE: Well, this is a comment -- well, this
13 is a comment to their comment because I'm talking about the
14 commission.

15 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Okay. I think -- we need to
16 stick to --

17 MR. TAMMONE: But what I want -- just wanted to
18 say --

19 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: -- the grants.

20 MR. TAMMONE: -- one thing, and that is, we need to
21 work with these problems and mitigate noise issues before
22 people get together and start writing ordinances that don't
23 make any sense. Now we have an ordinance that doesn't make
24 any sense. I can tell you, somebody has done a lot of
25 selling work. It's impossible to comply with, with any kind

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1 of a motorcycle. I don't care if it's a stock, street legal,
2 dual-sport motorcycle, it will not comply with this ordinance
3 the way it is written. We need to get out there and do this
4 kind of work before these problems come about. This would
5 have been very easy to mitigate if this organization existed.

6 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Tom -- Tom, you can talk about
7 this at length at 11:00.

8 MR. TAMMONE: Well, I'm just responding to previous
9 comments. And nobody --

10 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes, I --

11 MR. TAMMONE: -- else -- no --

12 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I understand.

13 MR. TAMMONE: Okay. Nobody else -- nobody else had
14 any problems with those previous comments that were not in
15 line with the criteria.

16 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I understand.

17 MR. TAMMONE: So I'm commenting on those comments.

18 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Commissioners asked questions,
19 and they were responding to our questions.

20 MR. TAMMONE: Okay. Well, I'm responding to
21 questions and other comments.

22 But anyway, this grant --

23 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Tom, you're done.

24 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: This is not --

25 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Thank you.

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1 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: This is not --
2 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Thank you.
3 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: This is not the forum --
4 MR. TAMMONE: I get my two minutes, sir. Thank you.
5 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: This is not back and forth.
6 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: You get your two minutes at
7 11:00.
8 MR. TAMMONE: I get my two minutes. I get my two
9 minutes. You don't tell me I'm done. I get my two minutes.
10 I'm not doing anything out of line.
11 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Please stick to the agenda
12 item.
13 MR. TAMMONE: I get my two minutes, sir.
14 All right. Well, anyway, I do support this score as
15 written.
16 Thank you.
17 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Ed, we're on the Riverside
18 County grants. Okay?
19 MR. WALDHEIM: I know we're on the Riverside County.
20 They turned the mike off. Hey, that's one way to do it. I
21 love it. That's one way to do it. Yeah, it's off.
22 Anyway, I used to live in Riverside County. And
23 Riverside County has a lot of off-roaders. And -- but the
24 Riverside County is one of my biggest disappointments because
25 they do not provide any opportunity unless Mona Daniels in

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1 the Palm Springs office provides it down in Coachella Valley
2 down -- that's the only place you can go ride because
3 systematically Riverside County is denying opportunity to OHV
4 folks. So I would say leave the score the way it is. They
5 don't deserve any more until they start coming forward and
6 providing some opportunity. Then we'll talk. But right now
7 the score they have right now, that's okay. Leave it as is.

8 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Other comments on this grant?

9 MR. BLASH: Yes. I'm John Blash. I'm the Chief
10 Ranger for Bureau of Land Management, Palm Springs, South
11 Coast.

12 We support a higher score for Riverside County
13 Sheriff. Our ability to protect public lands and go out
14 there and enforce OHV is in partnership with Riverside County
15 Sheriffs. We are together with their road Group. We're
16 under process right now of putting together a ranger and a
17 deputy. We're going to put two teams out there, not just
18 to -- to enforce closures, but to go out there and educate
19 the public. Riverside County has allowed us to utilize their
20 training facilities at Ben Clark Training Center. Every
21 ranger under our command has been trained in OHV riding
22 because of the Sheriffs. We're the only BLM office in
23 Southern California that has a contract to utilize their
24 radio system so our partnerships can work. We need the grant
25 for them to work in partnership with us to protect public

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1 lands.

2 Thank you.

3 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: All right. Again, if you can
4 have your office supply us with some specific information
5 about where you -- where you would suggest different numbers
6 and -- and the rationale.

7 MR. BLASH: Okay. Thank you.

8 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Thank you.

9 Anyone else on this grant?

10 MS. ROACH: Next project, U.S. Forest Service --
11 excuse me -- San Bernardino County Sheriff Barstow. Request
12 amount of 82,420. Division score of 63 at 60 percent.
13 Current recommended funding, \$49,452.

14 MR. HUBBARD: Thank you. Sgt. Douglas Hubbard with the
15 San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department at Barstow
16 Station.

17 We, too, would like to have our application removed
18 from the Consent Calendar and be re-considered for a higher
19 score. We feel that our -- our request was reasonable, what
20 we had put in our application. I provided some documentation
21 where we feel our score should be adjusted and I believe
22 everyone has it.

23 And I'll go through them briefly on the score
24 rationale or what we feel our score should be. We were

25 originally given a score of 63 out of 100. We feel our score

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1 should be higher. We feel we put a tremendous amount of
2 effort into our grant, and that the information was actually
3 included in the application. I've -- as some of the other
4 documents that you've received to -- to re-evaluate scores,
5 you'll see on the right-hand side where I've -- I've made
6 recommendations of -- I have actual page numbers even to
7 refer to in the grant where we feel the information was
8 there.

9 In respect to question No. 1, the -- the rationale
10 used was very generic that was given on the score sheets that
11 were sent out. We feel that we -- we've met that requirement
12 and beyond. And we feel that we -- we deserve a score of 35
13 out of 35 in that area and throughout that whole question of
14 question No. 1. We feel we've -- we answered those questions
15 and that it's in our grant. We've reduced complaints and
16 problems in our area by 50 percent from the last grant cycle,
17 and we -- we feel that was outlined.

18 In Section 2, we were given a score of 22 of 30. We
19 somewhat agree with that score; however, I did make a couple
20 of marks where some re-consideration at -- at the discretion,
21 of course. But we -- we just would like to make it clear
22 that the Commission understands that we police an area of
23 10,000 square miles, and that the -- the demonstration of how
24 law enforcement efforts address OHV-related public safety

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25 issues in a 10,000-square-mile jurisdiction is -- we feel is

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1 very evident in our application.

2 And then as to question 3, we were given a score of
3 15 out of 20. We feel that at the very least a score of 17
4 out of 20 would be appropriate.

5 And quickly going through these, our partnerships
6 throughout our jurisdiction and the County of San Bernardino,
7 with BLM, the Highway Patrol, County Fire, all of these other
8 agencies is -- is far beyond what -- what a lot of places are
9 able to do.

10 Reducing the future costs, we feel that there was a
11 clear description of our continuing efforts to reduce future
12 costs by ongoing efforts of use of volunteers and -- and
13 we've begun soliciting donations to try to increase some of
14 our funds, and we feel that we met that requirement.

15 And appropriate use of equipment, we, too, feel that
16 we have a clear outline in our application of a long-standing
17 appropriate use of our equipment that we've received through
18 grant funding and that we use it regularly.

19 And on the last one, question 4, we were given a 7
20 out of 15. We feel we deserve a score of 15 out of 15.
21 We -- we truly believe that our -- our project demonstrates a
22 successful implementation of prior projects. We -- we didn't
23 specifically, I suppose, list each year's project and its

24 number, but I think we covered it. And those are -- those
25 page numbers are listed as well.

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1 And -- and for those reasons, we just request that it
2 be reviewed. We're requesting a score of 89 out of 100. And
3 we'd appreciate your support in doing that.

4 Thank you.

5 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Anyone else on this
6 grant?

7 MR. FRIED: Hi. My name is Jason Fried.

8 San Bernardino -- what he did not mention,
9 San Bernardino County recently also passed an ordinance
10 dealing with off-road vehicle issues. This ordinance was the
11 one that was supported by both off-roaders,
12 environmentalists, property owners, and other user groups,
13 and I think is a very good example of -- of what needs to be
14 done. So some of the stuff that was -- that could not
15 necessarily be put into this application because the
16 ordinance didn't take effect until July 1st and -- so
17 everyone's still trying to exactly work out the exact details
18 of how to enforce that ordinance. The score -- I have had a
19 chance to review the scores that he gave you and how he
20 thinks the re-scoring should occur, and I would agree
21 100 percent with his scoring levels and would encourage you
22 to take this off Consent and, in the end, go with the scoring
23 levels that he provided to you.

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24 Thank you.

25 MR. VAN VOORHIS: Dave Van Voorhis, San Bernardino

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1 County property owner.

2 You know, Chief Ranger Briot recently mentioned that
3 there's over 300,000 acres of legal unrestricted OHV riding
4 opportunity in San Bernardino County, and Ed Waldheim
5 recently mentioned that there's thousands of miles of legally
6 designated OHV trails for the public to recreate on.
7 However, we still have a huge problem in San Bernardino
8 County with -- with non-compliance and trespass on private
9 property. And the Sheriffs are doing a heck of a job here,
10 but they're -- they're kind of overwhelmed. They have a huge
11 territory to -- to patrol, limited funding, and they've got a
12 tiger by the tail, literally.

13 The problem is, is this fringe element that just
14 refuses to abide by the rules. They trespass on private
15 property. There's been numerous instances when property
16 owners come out to confront these people. They aim their
17 bikes right at them trying to run them over. Their faces are
18 concealed with masks. They're highly mobile. And we think
19 some of them are on drugs, and they just -- they just don't
20 care. And this is a job for the Sheriff. And these -- these
21 are the type of people who give every single off-roader a bad
22 name. The vast majority of off-roaders I've run into are --

23 are legal --

24 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: I've got to make a comment.

25 And I -- I -- I appreciate the law enforcement side of things

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1 probably more so than anything with my home court being the
2 Imperial Valley Sand Dunes. But I think if we're going to
3 get through this today -- everybody started out very, very
4 well -- and I appreciate comments, Dave, and I think the
5 homeowners, landowners, private landowners being here is
6 important, but I just think it's very important that we stick
7 to the specifics of the criteria upon which the grants were
8 scored. We can argue about that criteria in December and in
9 the January meeting. We can -- it's soon going to be 11:00,
10 and I'm going to hear from everybody about how the CESA and
11 the non-CESA money is upside down, but there's nothing we can
12 do about that here today. And I -- I agree wholeheartedly
13 with everything you said. But I think if we don't stick to
14 the specific criteria of what staff has graded these on so
15 that we can have specific information to be able to re-look
16 at these before we come back in December --

17 MR. VAN VOORHIS: Okay. I'll keep it very simple. I
18 support the -- the re-scoring of this grant.

19 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Yes.

20 MR. VAN VOORHIS: And if they need a chance to
21 sharpen their pencil a little bit and re-score it, I
22 wholeheartedly support that.

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23 Thank you.

24 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Thank you. I think
25 everybody's doing a great job. I just -- and I'd be here for

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1 three days straight if I had the time today.

2 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Next.

3 MR. WALDHEIM: Ed Waldheim, CORVA, District 37, and
4 Friends of El Mirage.

5 These folks hear the scoring, as the Sheriff told
6 you, probably -- is probably a good way to do it. We do
7 definitely have the need again for the route inventory. We
8 have Dumont Dunes, and we have El Mirage. These are areas
9 that they assist us in, and the visitors are almost reaching
10 the 2 million mark. So there has to be a relationship
11 between the amount of visitors who come, the amount of
12 opportunity there is, and the amount of enforcement that is
13 needed. So I would suggest we review the scores that they've
14 provided you.

15 Thank you.

16 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Next.

17 MR. BRIOT: Good morning. Dan Briot, Chief Ranger
18 Barstow BLM.

19 I support the scoring changes that were referred to
20 by Sgt. Hubbard of the San Bernardino County Sheriff Barstow
21 Station.

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22 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Anyone else?

23 Okay. Next.

24 MS. ROACH: Kern County Sheriff with a request amount
25 of 262,715. Division score of 62 at 60 percent. Current

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1 recommended funding, \$157,629.

2 MR. WIMBISH: Good morning. Mack Wimbi sh. I'm the
3 elected Sheriff of Kern County.

4 And we're here today to request that you remove this
5 from the Consent. And I have four specific areas to cover on
6 this grant for you that I feel have changed. First one is
7 listed under 2(a) -- "A," as in "Adam." "Enforce laws and
8 regulations at a minimum in CVC or other OHV-related codes."
9 After submitting the grant, the Kern County Sheriff's
10 Department was advised of a problem within the County of Kern
11 near the townships of Randsburg and Johannesburg. Bureau of
12 Land Management reported approximately 230 acres is
13 contaminated with arsenic in the ground soil caused from
14 years of mining in the area. The concern is that off-highway
15 vehicles are disturbing the ground soil causing it to become
16 airborne, thus causing health problems within these two
17 communities. BLM is in the process of coordinating their
18 efforts to chain link and post signs at some of the affected
19 areas. BLM has asked the Sheriff's Department for extra
20 staff and extra OHV deployments to assist in patrols in the
21 affected areas. We can have as many as 100,000 people on

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22 holidays at -- in this area patrolled by eight to ten
23 deputies, half of these are volunteers. Because of this new
24 problem, we ask the Commission to raise the score in this
25 area from 22 to 30.

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1 The second one is reducing future costs. The Kern
2 County Sheriff's Department is in the process of recruiting
3 more volunteers, specifically reserves, citizen service
4 members to the OHV Team to use during deployments. This
5 would directly eliminate the amount of paid employees
6 directed during any deployment. Recently the Sheriff's
7 Department has assigned an additional deputy to the
8 Ridgecrest Substation which patrols the OHV areas of Jawbone
9 Canyon and Dove Springs. This provides additional patrol to
10 the OHV areas without deploying the OHV Team. We ask that
11 the Commission raise this score from 10 to 15 points.

12 The third is ability to complete the projects within
13 a time frame given. The Kern County Sheriff's Department OHV
14 Team has been granted funding for the -- by the state five of
15 the six years of operation. All but two of the grant
16 projects were completed within the time frame given. The
17 remaining two were given extensions and completed within the
18 extension time frame. And I'll better explain that in the
19 last.

20 The fourth one is 4(b) -- as in "boy." History of

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21 fiscal accountability with similar grants of projects. Kern
22 County Sheriff's Department OHV Team has been in existence
23 for six years receiving grant funding from the state for five
24 of the six. During this time, the Sheriff's Department has
25 always followed the Department of Parks and Recreation's

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1 guidelines regarding the grant procedures. On two occasions
2 the Sheriff's Department required extensions for existing
3 grants and were granted the extensions, the first extension
4 was requested because the movement of the OHV substation from
5 Rosamond Substation to Inyokern to better serve that
6 community. The second extension was requested and granted
7 because of a difference in the budget year between county and
8 state. Once granted, the extensions were completed within
9 the time frame of the extension. And I ask that this one be
10 raised from 1 point to 3.

11 Hard copies of all of this will be explained and
12 provided to the Commission in the very near future.

13 If you have any questions of anything...

14 Thank you very much.

15 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Thank you.

16 Other -- other comments?

17 MR. FRIED: Hi. Jason Fried again.

18 Kern County Sheriff is an interesting dilemma for us.
19 They do some very good work in some areas, and in other areas
20 we don't see them doing the enforcement that we would like

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21 to -- to see done. We definitely agree that they do deserve
22 to get -- to have their score raised up. And while I haven't
23 seen their -- their exact reasoning, I did hear what they had
24 to say. And at this point I'd like to have them taken off
25 Consent so we could at least in the future have the ability

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1 to discuss this in more detail.

2 Thank you.

3 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Thank you.

4 Next.

5 MR. MARGUART: Mike Marguart, Chief Ranger for
6 Ridgecrest Field Office, BLM.

7 I'm in support of a higher score for Kern County
8 Sheriff's Department as well. And I'd like to bring a couple
9 of things to light for the Commission to hear.

10 Under Category 1(b), Kern County Sheriff's Office is
11 an active participant in our annual stings and patrol efforts
12 in and around wilderness areas, closed areas, as well as
13 limited-use areas. They also provide a helicopter for these
14 efforts during these operations. In addition to that, we've
15 done some operations collectively together on a chunk of
16 private property that borders public lands. And due to these
17 efforts, we've been able to slow down some of the intrusions
18 not only on public lands, but also on the private property.

19 Under Category 2(a), Sheriff's Department is --

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20 they're great in assisting in special operations to include
21 resource protection, wilderness intrusions, as well as
22 off-route enforcement. They also -- we work together great
23 as a team when we go out because we do joint patrols on quads
24 as well as on foot to contact people and visitors that visit
25 the Jawbone Desert Springs area, as well as collectively the

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1 Ridgecrest Resource area.

2 Under Category 3(a), as Sheriff Wimbi sh talked about
3 is that we've got an arsenic mine land closure coming into
4 effect here soon, and Kern County Sheriff's Department has
5 agreed to assist us in monitoring and preventing some of the
6 encroachments of this BLM enclosure.

7 And then another point I'd like to bring up as well
8 is that we have an MOU, which is a Memorandum of
9 Understanding, with the Sheriff's Department that grants us
10 law enforcement authority to enforce state laws.

11 The second thing, too, is the Law Enforcement
12 Agreement. We have two of them in effect for the use of the
13 Kern County helicopter as well as for the payment of some
14 additional deputies that come out and give us a hand.

15 And then the Sheriff's Department also has granted us
16 the authority to utilize their radio frequencies so we can
17 talk to each other when we're doing joint patrols.

18 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Again, I'll keep
19 reminding people, provide us some written backup, please.

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20 MR. MARGUART: Okay.

21 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. I want to finish the
22 comments on this grant, and then we'll take the open comment
23 period.

24 MR. WALDHEIM: Thank you, Madam Chairman. Ed
25 Waldheim, Friends of Jawbone, CORVA, District 37.

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1 Kern County is a partner with us in that whole BLM
2 Ridgecrest Field Office which includes also California City,
3 BLM, and Kern County. Their score should be up to 75 points.
4 Sheriff Wimbish brought it out pretty clearly, but I want you
5 to know that that's one area that I personally, with our
6 friends from Friends of Jawbone, we have been spending an
7 incredible amount of time to help to keep the folks on the
8 trails. We've received grants from Kern County -- Kern
9 County Parks & Recreation. We've received grants from -- the
10 RTP grants of \$230,000; we're going to put up fences for
11 people to stay off the areas they shouldn't be on there.

12 This is an area where law enforcement is the key.
13 Last year they got zero law enforcement because the grant
14 didn't get in in time or -- I think this is the one where we
15 had a page over or something like that. But I think they
16 should be at 75 points at least, and especially when we're
17 talking about the arsenic issue, which is blowing completely
18 out of proportion. Because if you want to have longevity of

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19 life, go live in the Randsburg area because everybody over
20 there is over 85 and they're as healthy as you can get. So
21 there's something in the arsenic that keeps -- that prolongs
22 life. But the bureau -- but bureau -- slow amounts of
23 small -- slow amounts -- low amounts of arsenic seems to keep
24 these people alive. And so this is something that's blown
25 totally out of proportion.

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1 But nevertheless, this is an issue we have to deal
2 with. And the Sheriffs have been -- Sheriff Dumas has been
3 very good with helping us. This Thanksgiving Day weekend we
4 have five volunteers working the city to control the traffic.
5 The Sheriff will be in the perimeters and helping us to make
6 sure we have no problems with the private property owners.
7 We've signed it all; we're doing everything in our power to
8 make sure everything works together.

9 But the Sheriff, California City Police, and the
10 Bureau of Land Management, they're the key. We meet every
11 month. Every month those agencies come together with the
12 Friends of Jawbone and we discuss strategy, we discuss
13 schedules, we discuss what we're going to do between
14 helicopter and radios.

15 So the scores that they're asking you to change,
16 please consider them.

17 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Anyone else on this grant?

18 MR. TAMMONE: Tom Tammone.

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19 Yeah, anyway, scoring changes I would support for
20 this grant. They did lose out last year. I don't know, I
21 thought the reason was it died in the criteria. But they
22 definitely do need the money, especially with -- with all
23 the -- the arson fires they're having out there. And I would
24 support whatever their decision is and whatever their wishes
25 are with their grant.

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1 Thank you.

2 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Anyone else on this grant?

3 Okay. We're going to give our transcriber a break,
4 and then we'll come to public comments. Let's -- what do you
5 want, five minutes? Five-minute break.

6 (Brief recess.)

7 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. For those of you --
8 trying to think about lunch. I'm going to -- after we finish
9 open comment period, I'll give you an indication of what
10 grants we're going to cover in about the next 45 minutes.
11 And if you're not involved in that, may I suggest that you go
12 out and scout up some lunch. Mark and I and the staff, I
13 believe, are going to have lunches delivered here for us, so
14 we'll probably be working sort of through and taking maybe
15 not more than a half an hour for -- for us. So I'll give you
16 a time frame and which grants we're going to cover during
17 that time frame. And then if you want to -- if you're not

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18 involved in those, you can wander off and find a -- find a
19 restaurant or bring in your sack lunch or whatever. So
20 you'll still -- won't miss anything. I don't want to
21 preclude anybody from an opportunity to comment. But I'd
22 like to have Mark sitting here as long as possible, and he
23 has to leave around 2:00. So...

24 All right. We'll begin public comment. And I'm not
25 sure -- staff, did you -- do we have a specific package here

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1 for -- is there a colored slip for open -- it's the blue one.
2 All right. That's what I was wondering. Thank you. All
3 right. Make sure I haven't missed any here. Okay. Just
4 want to make sure I haven't lost any over there.

5 Okay. Not so many. This was the last -- oh, here's
6 a -- here's one without a name on it. I'm not quite sure
7 what I'm going to do with this.

8 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Is that person here?

9 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Somebody -- somebody...

10 Okay. Rich O'Neil.

11 MR. O'Neil: Yes. Right here.

12 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes.

13 MR. O'Neil: I have some copies of my comments.

14 MR. LaFRANCHI: Mardi.

15 MR. O'Neil: Good morning. My name is Rich O'Neil.
16 I'm a resident of Bakersfield, California. And I'm here to
17 express --

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18 (Lighting malfunction.)
19 MR. O'Neil: Do I talk in the dark or wait?
20 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Keep going.
21 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Just keep going.
22 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: I can hear you.
23 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Everything's -- everything's
24 working except the lights.
25 MR. O'Neil: Okay. I'll keep talking.

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1 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Somebody's leaning on them.
2 MR. O'Neil: I'm here -- my name is Rich O'Neil.
3 I'm here to express my opposition to the siting of an
4 OHV park proposed near the City of Bakersfield. I was a
5 member of the Citizens Advisory Committee to locate an OHV
6 site in our area. At first the environmentalists worked
7 with -- cooperatively with OHV enthusiasts; then we developed
8 a list of opportunities and constraints which we all agreed
9 upon. Then the OHV people re-worked the wordings on the
10 constraints to give them wiggle room. Then they ignored the
11 constraints entirely and selected the site, especially the
12 archeological sites, the Poso Creek Watershed, the riparian
13 woodland, and protecting our health most importantly. The
14 selection process was flawed. The preliminary programmed EIR
15 is flawed and insufficient.
16 I think that Mr. Jeff Herman and Deputy Greene of the

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17 State Recreation OHV Division have chosen the wrong location
18 for their proposed OHV park near Bakersfield. This
19 11,000-acre OHV park if developed will place approximately
20 2,400 tons of dust into our valley air basin each year.
21 That's before mitigation. Our San Joaquin Valley already has
22 a difficult time in meeting federal and valley Clean Air
23 Standards. We need to cut pollutants further, not to
24 increase them. This OHV park estimated 6 tons per day of
25 dirt added to our air will make the park one of the dirtiest

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1 industries in our community.

2 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Can you finish up since
3 we have a written comment here?

4 MR. O'Neil: Okay. Off-site mitigations to offset
5 these negative impacts will now suffice to satisfy the intent
6 of CEQA requirements in the Kern County General Plan.

7 Park users, nearby ranch families, and over a million
8 citizens directly downwind must have mitigations on the site.
9 They won't be protected with off-site mitigations. With
10 every cloud --

11 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Hold. Hold.

12 MR. O'Neil: -- or aerolized dirt are valley fever
13 spores.

14 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Hold it. Okay. This is --
15 there's two minutes. The little red --

16 MR. O'Neil: Oh, is that two minutes?

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17 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes. That's what that --
18 MR. O'Neil: Gosh, I don't talk --
19 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: -- little red --
20 MR. O'Neil: -- fast enough.
21 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: -- light was. Okay.
22 MR. O'Neil: All right. Well, thank you very much.
23 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Thank you.
24 Okay. Next, Bill Cooper.
25 MR. COOPER: I'm Bill Cooper with the Kern River

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1 Parkway Committee, an organization in Bakersfield, California
2 that's been working on riparian and environmental issues for
3 over 30 years.

4 After following the developments of the proposed
5 Bakersfield off-highway vehicle park, it is clear that the
6 location couldn't be more flawed. The park would, according
7 to the published Environmental Impact Report, add over a
8 thousand tons of particulate matter to the local air base and
9 pollution problem; that's after mitigation. And as stated
10 before, it would make it the single largest site for
11 particulate pollution in the county, exceeding all our oil
12 facilities.

13 Would you just like me to hand this written statement
14 in and --

15 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: That would be -- that would be

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16 good.

17 MR. COOPER: Okay.

18 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: All right.

19 MR. COOPER: Thank you.

20 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Jason Fried.

21 MR. FRIED: Hi. Hi. Jason Fried again.

22 Wanted to make some comments about the processes that
23 are going on with the grants. One of the things that I would
24 like to see and encourage the Commission to do in the future
25 is, there are some of the grants that are classified as

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1 "Northern California grants" that directly impact Southern
2 California. I'm mainly thinking about the State Forest and
3 State BLM grants. I would like to see those grants have a
4 full discussion here, not just something that someone comes
5 up during public comment period and makes comments about. I
6 can understand while -- why something like the Mendocino
7 National Forest, you wouldn't want to have comments down here
8 because that's up north and doesn't affect us down here. But
9 some of the state BLM and some of the State Forest Service
10 grants do affect us down here in Southern California. And in
11 the future, I would like to see them be classified as both
12 Northern and Southern California and be on the agenda for
13 discussion down here, not just as something that someone can
14 come up and speak about on the side during public comment
15 period.

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16 And one of those grants that I do want to address is
17 on the non-CESA -- is it -- No. 71, which is the Forest
18 Restoration and Planning Grant. I believe that that's been
19 categorized wrong. I believe that that -- that grant should
20 be part of the restoration category, not part of the non-CESA
21 category that it currently is registered in. And I would
22 encourage the Commission to -- to get that grant moved from
23 the -- from the category it's currently in into restoration.
24 I mean it does two things: A, it -- it allows -- it's doing
25 restoration work or allows for the potential restoration

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1 work. You can't do restoration without the planning process,
2 but it also would free up some potential money in the -- in
3 the category it's currently in for other projects.

4 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Which -- what category is it in
5 now?

6 MR. FRIED: I believe it's in the non-CESA category.
7 It's Agenda Item No. 71. I believe there should have been
8 discussions about this in the Northern California hearing
9 last week, but I wanted to bring it up here as well since
10 it -- it does affect us down in this region as well.

11 And then finally, the last thing I wanted to kind of
12 make a quick comment about is, the presentation -- I
13 understand we're doing it different this year than we did
14 last year. I kind of liked the way we did it last year with

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15 having the BLM -- you know, each office do all of their
16 individual grants rather than going through one grant at a
17 time. I think it would -- made for a much -- more effective
18 way because some of the grants are interconnected with each
19 other in some ways. And if one office can just present all
20 of their grants at one time rather than doing it by category,
21 I think it makes it a little bit easier to follow and know,
22 hey, we're dealing with BLM, you know, in the morning and
23 Forest Service in the afternoon or -- or we're mixing it up
24 so we know when we need to be here and don't have to sit here
25 through the entire day if we're not interested in every

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1 single grant like we're having to force everyone to do now.

2 Thank you.

3 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay.

4 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: I have a question for staff.
5 North and south, do the people apply for north and south, or
6 is it a geographical deal?

7 MS. MILLER: It's a geographical -- I guess --

8 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Does the determination -- go
9 ahead.

10 MS. MILLER: The way -- yeah, my understanding is
11 that it's a geographical distribution, and it's been heard.
12 That's the way the subcommittees have been heard in the past,
13 where they hear the northern grants and then the southern
14 grants.

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15 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: So people apply and they
16 check a box --
17 MS. MILLER: No. No, no, they don't apply that way.
18 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: So it's your determination?
19 MS. MILLER: Yes.
20 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Are there some -- does
21 anybody have an opinion on what the gentleman -- his comment?
22 MS. MILLER: John, you want to --
23 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Some might be 'tweeners?
24 MS. MILLER: John, go ahead and comment on that, if
25 you will, please.

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1 MR. PELONIO: There's not much I can say other than
2 if -- we -- we've been -- just been using the same line to
3 cut off north and south as we have for previous years for the
4 most part.
5 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Well, how about his comment
6 about BLM north money affecting the south or vice versa or --
7 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: The statewide grants.
8 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: The statewide --
9 MR. PELONIO: That sounds --
10 MS. MILLER: Well, it certainly --
11 MR. PELONIO: -- sounds like legitimate input that we
12 can consider in our revisions of the permanent regs.
13 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: All right.

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14 MR. GLASPIE: The other time that this is going to
15 come up is in the December meetings when it's combined with
16 north and south. So that's one more opportunity to discuss
17 those concerns then.

18 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Thank you.
19 John Stewart.

20 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Who's next then? Line 'em
21 up.

22 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Mack, you're next.

23 MR. STEWART: Good morning, Commissioners. John
24 Stewart with California Association of Four-Wheel Drive Clubs
25 and United Four-Wheel Drive Associations.

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1 Not to disappoint Commissioner McMillin, but yeah,
2 the CESA, non-CESA are upside down.

3 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Thank you.

4 MR. STEWART: One of the -- one of the things I'd
5 like to really address, though, is that the targets that were
6 signed -- the target funding that was assigned for the
7 different categories appears to be skewed and is blocking
8 some very necessary and some legally mandated processes out
9 of the grant -- grant cycle, being evident with the law
10 enforcement the way it's played out. The target for law
11 enforcement is artificially low and actually should be much
12 higher than what it is in order to comply with the mandates
13 of law. And considering that the restoration is still having

14 trouble finding adequate restoration projects that can use
15 all that money, and yet still you have the balance that sits
16 there that cannot be reprogrammed, re-scoped, or moved to
17 address the -- the real needs.

18 And also within this, there was some discussion this
19 morning about high grant dollar -- or high grant
20 applications. One of the things to look at in the future for
21 this grant process would be to consider a requirement for a
22 matching funds from the agency, whether that matching funds
23 be in hard dollars or in volunteer hours to commit to the
24 process and, you know, address specific grants in -- in a
25 little bit more of an equitable manner such that you will

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1 have a grant funding to it plus an agency matching fund
2 plus -- and that could include a volunteer labor fund to it.

3 Then the grant process itself does not really lend
4 itself to emergency actions that are required. Now, in this
5 case here, this last summer, the horse fire blew through the
6 Cleveland National Forest and damaged approximately
7 80 percent of Corral Canyon OHV area. They're now having
8 trouble finding money in order to reopen that area in an area
9 that is heavily used for recreation. And having a little bit
10 more flexibility into the grant cycle to accommodate the
11 emergency actions where fires come in and destroy areas and
12 to get to them re-opened is something we need to really look

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13 at.

14 Thank you.

15 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Thank you.

16 Mack Wi mbi sh.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I think he left.

18 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Tom Tammone.

19 MR. TAMMONE: I guess I can bother you more about the
20 upside down buckets. This is Tom Tammone for the record.

21 But yeah, we all know the restoration's a problem.

22 I've been doing a lot of calling the Governor's office about
23 it. From what I understand, it's been hung up, and there's
24 been no answers. And I'm not exactly sure whether it's even
25 the right way to go. And that's another thing that ought to

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1 be considered, too, and perhaps legislatively next year.

2 But, you know, first of all, I know this came up
3 during the conference call, it seems like we have an issue
4 with meeting notices. And it didn't get out there in time
5 for everybody to see it, that there was going to be a
6 conference call. And I understand that there is a notice
7 being put out for another one coming up on November 13th.
8 But we need to get these out. This is the second year in a
9 row I requested a hard copy of the grants, and I didn't
10 receive it for whatever reason.

11 And, you know, other than that -- you know, I know --
12 Mark McMillin, I know you're busy, and I don't mean to run

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13 on, but I do appreciate it if I'm allowed to speak for my two
14 minutes, regardless of whatever I have to say.

15 But anyway, you know, first of all, we've got --
16 we've got to open the process up. I said this before. I
17 wanted to see the Commissioners have their own -- their own
18 e-mail addresses on the web site. I don't see any reason why
19 that can't be done. And, you know, at the same time, I'd
20 like to see Division be a little more open with their
21 processes, and at least make sure everybody gets a chance to
22 participate in the Division direction.

23 But another thing that disappeared, I would like to
24 see a little more information on the scoring. I know it's an
25 interest to everyone on how it's scored. Perhaps maybe not

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1 release the names of the panelists, but they're not even
2 telling us what each panelist scored this year. That gotten
3 taken off the web site.

4 But other than, I definitely want to see more
5 openness on all sides. I definitely want to see more
6 interaction between the Commissioners, and then we won't have
7 so much stress to come out here and try to get everything we
8 have to say in our two minutes. We all need to be more
9 involved. And I don't think it would take up all that much
10 time.

11 Thank you.

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12 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Dana Bell.

13 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Thank you, Tom.

14 MS. BELL: Dana Bell, Project Coordinator for the
15 National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council.

16 And I have two items I wanted to bring to the
17 Commissioners' attention. California's currently working on
18 implementing the U.S. Forest Service Route Travel Management
19 Rule. And just to let you know that NOHVCC is conducting
20 workshops regarding the rule across the country. We've
21 conducted three to date. We have three more scheduled before
22 the end of the year, and then we seem to be having quite a
23 group stacking up for next year. And this has been a
24 cooperative effort between NOHVCC, American Motorcyclists
25 Association, Blue Ribbon Coalition, Motorcycle Industry

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1 Council, United Four-Wheel Drive, all of the industries and
2 organizations involved in off-highway vehicle recreation are
3 working on this. And the purpose of the workshops is to
4 assist the agencies in working with the public in
5 implementation -- effective implementation and compliance
6 from the public. And the workshops are two days working with
7 agencies, and then two days working with the public to
8 encourage the public to be effectively involved and give them
9 the tools to work with the agencies.

10 In conjunction with that, too, there is now a GPS
11 Inventory CD out. It's free, and people can simply go to our

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12 web site and get those CDs sent to them for free.

13 And then the final thing is I did want to make you
14 also aware that our Adventure Trail is beginning continuing
15 to be used across the country. And this last year we have
16 our activity books, and I brought one for the Commissioners.
17 And we also have our interactive CD ROM. Both these items
18 are free. And the little CD ROM has games and just all sorts
19 of activities. It's geared for four to eight years old or,
20 if they're not very sophisticated on a computer, it can kind
21 of go up to maybe a 12-year-old.

22 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Thank you. Is this -- this
23 is the route designation process.

24 MS. BELL: Correct.

25 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Okay. I -- I have a -- are

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1 you with the -- you're not with the Forestry Department?

2 MS. BELL: No.

3 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: No. She's --

4 MS. BELL: I'm with --

5 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: They had a meeting last
6 night --

7 MS. BELL: We are a private non-profit --

8 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Okay.

9 MS. BELL: -- and we are conducting these workshops
10 around the country to assist Forest Service offices --

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11 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Okay.

12 MS. BELL: -- and the public to implement the --

13 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: They had a meeting -- yeah, I
14 know. That's -- that's Ms. Mick's sidekick. That's
15 Mick-kick there.

16 I have a question for staff, then. They had a
17 meeting last night that I did get noticed on by somebody
18 because we were not noticed on the one prior to the north
19 grants meeting, and I don't know -- Kathy said that we -- she
20 thought we were. Is this Memorandum of -- of Understanding
21 or Intent with the Forestry Department? Can you explain that
22 to me? We asked that the north grants -- I mean you were
23 going to get us something, and maybe that's coming.

24 MS. MILLER: Actually, I think I'm going to have to
25 defer on this -- on the Memorandum of Intent to Phil or

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1 Daphne -- no? Who would I --

2 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Is -- Daphne, your chair is
3 cold up here.

4 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Thank you.

5 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Because this came up at the
6 last meeting, and I don't fully understand it. And I know
7 the money for it is huge. And I think Gary -- fellow
8 Commissioner Willard and I want to try to understand that
9 better. So sometime between December and now, we've got to
10 get a cheat sheet.

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11 DEPUTY DIRECTOR GREENE: And we will certainly
12 provide you that cheat sheet. My apologies. You should have
13 been in receipt of that Memorandum of Intent. It was agreed
14 upon with the Division and the U.S. Forest Service and the
15 Commission four years ago. This would be a Memorandum of
16 Intent which said that if the monies were, in fact, available
17 that the OHV Division and Commission would allocate to the
18 Forest Service \$2 million a year for the Route Inventory and
19 Designation process. The -- different than the Memorandum of
20 Understanding, and so that is where sometimes you hear it
21 from the public of -- a little bit of confusion. The intent
22 is, if the monies are available.

23 So we are now in the fourth year. That will -- if,
24 in fact, the Commission allocates what the Forest Service is
25 asking for, if -- that \$2 million, it will be completed of

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1 \$8 million for route designation -- Route Inventory and
2 Designation.

3 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: And that's statewide.

4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR GREENE: That is correct. Yes, that
5 is the -- for just California.

6 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: This -- this is the last year.

7 DEPUTY DIRECTOR GREENE: That is correct. And I'm
8 sure Chaz O'Brien can give you any additional information.
9 I'm happy to do so if you would like any more specifics.

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10 So --

11 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Before December, we do.

12 Dana, which group -- give me the name of your group

13 again. Where'd she go?

14 MR. WALDHEIM: AMA and NOHVCC.

15 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: AMA, I got that one.

16 MS. BELL: Which -- the partnership --

17 DEPUTY DIRECTOR GREENE: NOHVCC.

18 MS. BELL: -- (unintelligible)?

19 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: No. Your -- the name of the
20 group that you're representing.

21 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Here.

22 MS. BELL: I'm with the National Off-Highway Vehicle
23 Conservation --

24 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Conservation --

25 MS. BELL: -- Council.

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1 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: -- Council.

2 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Thank you.

3 MS. BELL: Just say "NOHVCC"; it's shorter.

4 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Thank you.

5 Any other questions for Daphne at this point?

6 Mark, you okay?

7 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: No, I'm good.

8 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: You're okay.

9 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: That's -- that's a big one.

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10 We just gotta --

11 DEPUTY DIRECTOR GREENE: Just for clarification on a
12 point that was brought up just a few minutes ago, staff is
13 correct, historically on the north and the south, we
14 identified the north and the south subcommittee meetings in
15 an effort to make it more convenient for the grant
16 application -- applicants and the public to be able to drive
17 to a Commission meeting and then make sure that they have
18 their input. We're certainly flexible. Last year the Inyo
19 and Bishop Field Office asked if they could be -- make sure
20 that they were heard at the same time because they do work so
21 closely with each other. So just for clarification purpose,
22 historically we've really worked, and, you know, what is
23 north, south, and how it's best and easiest for the public
24 and grant applicants to -- to attend those meetings.

25 And then just as a final clarification, last year we

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1 did make it clear to the -- to the public that our efforts in
2 the grant application, if all of you will recall, two years
3 ago, the grant books that came to you, there were 14,000
4 pages. We've reduced that now. Last year it was down to
5 6,000 pages. Last year we did let the public know that we
6 would provide that in a CD form, but the sheer expense and
7 the demand on the resource to provide hard copies other than
8 to the Commission, the staff, the SVRAs, and the -- and the

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9 agencies themselves, it was -- really, it was just an
10 exorbitant cost.

11 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Thank you.

12 DEPUTY DIRECTOR GREENE: Thank you.

13 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Chaz O'Brien.

14 MS. O'BRIEN: Chaz O'Brien with the Pacific Southwest
15 Regional Office.

16 At the northern meetings, we did request that the
17 restoration planning grant be removed from Consent and
18 discussed in light of its classification on CESA.

19 I've been asked to also clarify -- asked for a
20 clarification request on why OR-2-SW-39, the Pacific
21 Southwest Region Scientific Research Grant was also
22 classified in non-CESA. Since that grant's inception, it's
23 been classified in the restoration -- I'm sorry, in the
24 conservation category, and it includes things such as the
25 Goshawk, noise studies, and the Martin studies. So just

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1 for a point of clarification for the record.

2 Thank you.

3 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Thank you.

4 MS. MILLER: And, Commissioner Anderson, if you'd
5 like, I can address that last point.

6 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes, please.

7 MS. MILLER: The -- the scientific research grants,
8 as with all project types, are scored -- or put into the

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9 funding category for which the -- you know, the criteria --
10 the related criteria. So in that case, scientific research
11 is a non-CESA project; it comes out of non-CESA funding. And
12 that is the reason that it's in that funding area rather than
13 conservation. This is in the 2006 Emergency Regulations,
14 which they're operating for the Grants and Cooperative
15 Agreements Program this year. So that is why it was funded
16 that way -- or put into that funding category.

17 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: We have a --

18 MS. O'BRIEN: The Regional Office would like to
19 request that -- the potential for that to be considered in
20 light of the Conservation.

21 Thanks.

22 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Thank you. I need to
23 make a note on mine someplace. That was number --

24 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: There's no name on the next
25 one yet.

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1 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: That was No. 39.

2 Who was this person from CORVA, District 37 who
3 didn't put their name on their -- their --

4 COMMISSIONER WALDHEIM: I wanted to see how awake we
5 were. Ed Waldheim for CORVA, District 37, El Mirage friends,
6 and Jawbone.

7 The funding situation is one that's becoming very

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8 drastic. When we meet -- when you meet with the public --
9 and hopefully we'll have a big meeting in January when we do
10 the allocation of the funds -- we have to completely re-think
11 how we're doing things. And it's very ironic; if you go
12 to -- if you go to the Waldheim budget and you look -- and
13 everybody laughs about the Waldheim budget, but they --
14 they -- they don't -- I don't understand why they're laughing
15 because it's not a funny matter -- \$47 million is what our
16 Off-Highway Vehicle Program is in the state of California,
17 based on the Waldheim budget, given to us by the agencies.
18 The agencies are putting in \$8 million. That's all they're
19 putting in, \$8 million. And it's ironic how close this
20 parallels our grants. We have a total of \$40 million worth
21 of grants and applications, \$40 million. They put in
22 \$8 million; 40 and 8 is the \$47 million, what our program is.
23 Do you understand what I'm saying here? It matches, the need
24 versus what the program is. So it totally verifies, totally
25 justifies what's in this Waldheim budget. And you can go by

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1 agency and agency, break down what they're doing, what the
2 need is.

3 Why am I bringing this up. We have \$40 million worth
4 of requests, non-CESA, \$22 million. We only allocate
5 \$5.5 million, and of that we expect to pay \$2 million for
6 route inventory. I would submit to you that the National
7 Forest pay for that route inventory, and let us have the

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8 \$5.5 million. We have been starving the essence of what
9 makes our program survive for four years now. Enough is
10 enough. If we continue doing this, then we cannot be held
11 responsible what happens out there in the field.

12 Law enforcement, \$10 million of requests, and we're
13 giving them a piddly \$4 million. No wonder these grants are
14 being -- not going to be funded.

15 So, please, at the next meeting, make sure that you
16 turn it upside down. We need to do more law enforcement; we
17 need to do more non-CESA. That's where the rubber meets the
18 road. Everything else comes after that. We've got it
19 totally backwards.

20 So I appreciate if you would fix that.

21 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. That concludes the
22 requests that I had for speaking in the public comment
23 period.

24 MS. MILLER: Commissioner Anderson, may I make one
25 more comment, please?

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1 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes.

2 MS. MILLER: Back on that last issue on the
3 scientific research, just -- I want to make a note for the
4 record, also on our web site we had a Frequently Asked
5 Questions section, and there is a specific question that
6 addressed that under the Miscellaneous section about what

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7 funding category does a scientific research fall in. So it
8 was -- it was clear on there that it would fall into the
9 non-CESA category, just for your information.

10 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. I'm closing the public
11 comment period.

12 And we're going to resume on law enforcement grants.
13 The next one, I believe, is San Diego.

14 MS. ROACH: San Diego County Sheriff with a request
15 amount of 89,359. Division score of 58 at 50 percent.
16 Current recommended funding is \$44,680.

17 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Anyone speaking on this grant?

18 MS. ROACH: Next project, U.S. Forest Service --

19 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Wait a minute. I think she's
20 coming to the microphone.

21 MS. WEINER: Hi. I'm Terry Weiner. I am not
22 speaking on behalf of the Forest Service; I'm speaking --

23 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: No, this is Sheriff --
24 (Multiple speakers.)

25 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: San Diego Sheriff.

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1 MS. WEINER: I'm sorry, that's what I meant to say.

2 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: San Diego grant.

3 MS. WEINER: I'm sorry. Terry Weiner, San Diego
4 County resident to address the San Diego County Sheriff's law
5 enforcement grant.

6 I would definitely support full funding, and I'd like
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7 to take -- to request that you take it off of the Consent
8 Calendar so that we can go back and work with San Diego
9 County to see what they can do to increase their scoring.

10 I'm a member of a stakeholder group in San Diego
11 County. We are conservationists and off-road vehicle people
12 meeting to try to find an appropriate site for another
13 off-road vehicle park in San Diego County. And part of what
14 is really needed in San Diego County, in -- in addition to a
15 park is law enforcement. We have a lot of multiple-species
16 habitat land, nature conservancy preserve lands, other Fish &
17 Game preserve lands, and vernal pools that are being
18 completely trespassed upon and damaged by illegal ORV
19 activity.

20 Our off-roader friends in San Diego County agree with
21 the fact that we desperately need more law enforcement. It's
22 a huge -- a huge county, and they've only asked for \$88,000,
23 which isn't anywhere near enough. But if we're going to have
24 another off-road vehicle park sited, we're -- we're going to
25 definitely need more law enforcement to get the illegal

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1 problem under control.

2 So please take it off of Consent. Thank you.

3 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I had a question, before we
4 further. This -- this brings up a -- a question that I have
5 concerning matching. And there is -- I'm sorry, there's no

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6 one here from San Diego Sheriff's Office to answer my
7 question. But there's a listing of volunteer time, and
8 it's -- there are some fairly specific numbers that are given
9 under the law enforcement grant -- for example, law
10 enforcement reserves, \$187,052 in matching grants. And when
11 I look back over at the -- the equipment, is this -- is this
12 common within all of the grants that it's okay to list
13 exactly the same volunteer match in both places? I mean
14 that's -- it --

15 MS. ROACH: Is it common?

16 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes, to -- to -- is that --

17 MS. ROACH: If I may, not, you know, being able to
18 speak for San Diego, I believe they consider their program
19 all as one even though they applied separately. I -- I --
20 that's how they consider it.

21 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. So it's -- so it's
22 because they were -- they were thinking from a unified point
23 of view. So there is no --

24 MS. ROACH: I believe --

25 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: There is no requirement that

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1 they kind of break out -- you know, I don't know whether --
2 program -- programwide, I have no problem with -- with the
3 numbers, and I'm not challenging the numbers. The question
4 I'm -- I'm asking is in terms of staff evaluation of grants,
5 is it okay to cap the same volunteers in -- like if you have

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6 five grants -- restoration, law enforcement, equipment,
7 conservati on -- you know, you do multiple -- multiple
8 categories, is it okay to list the same volunteer hours under
9 all of those grants?

10 MR. GLASPIE: Most of them, they received more points
11 if they broke down where they specifically used those
12 volunteers. If they used the same volunteer statement, they
13 didn't receive nearly so many points. And the way we found
14 that out was -- was -- were on cross teams where we -- I was
15 on non-CESA --

16 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay.

17 MR. GLASPIE: -- so I saw the same thing on a bunch
18 of different applications. But if they broke it down
19 specifically, "I used these volunteers on this project, and I
20 used these volunteers on this project," then they received
21 more points for it than the specific --

22 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. So if you had volunteer
23 hours which could be -- these law enforcement reserves
24 obviously belong with law enforcement. And so my question
25 would be, then, if you had -- if they had volunteers who were

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1 doing some sort of restoration project, that those should be
2 listed under the restoration grant and not -- not doubled up,
3 or -- or would that just show up in the detail?

4 MS. ROACH: That's something that goes back to some

5 of the problems that we've had throughout is lack of
6 specificity. We're not going to be able to question each
7 applicant on -- on each thing that they submit to us. We
8 have to believe that that's what they believe is true. Am I
9 not --

10 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes, I understand. But
11 sometimes -- I think this kind of direction maybe to
12 applicants in the future might be helpful if we --

13 MS. MILLER: We can certainly make that clear if it's
14 not clear in the regulations. I think the fact that you're
15 using volunteers, I mean that shows that you're using a
16 volunteer labor force. But as Kelly was mentioning, if
17 it's -- it should be specifically related to what they're
18 applying for.

19 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: One would think so if you
20 were --

21 MS. MILLER: Yeah.

22 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: -- if you were doing a -- if
23 you were doing a research grant and you had to go out and you
24 needed trained people in order to do certain kind of
25 monitoring or counting species or whatever, then obviously

1 that's a different kind of volunteer than --

2 MS. MILLER: Right.

3 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: -- than somebody who's -- who
4 came in for the weekend and did trash cleanup, which is --

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5 MS. MILLER: Absolutely.

6 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: -- valuable but not the same
7 category.

8 MS. MILLER: Right. And that's something -- we'll
9 certainly check that in the regulations and see if we can
10 provide some clarity to the applicants in the future.

11 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Thank all.

12 All right. Next grant.

13 MS. ROACH: U.S. Forest Service, Angeles National
14 Forest with a request amount of 266,171. Division score of
15 53 at 50 percent. Current recommended funding, \$133,086.

16 MR. KAUCHER: Tom Kaucher, Angeles National Forest,
17 Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator for the forest. I've
18 submitted support documentation for a request of a different
19 scoring. We'd like to come off the Consent Calendar. The
20 new score would add an additional 36 points, bringing a total
21 of 89.

22 In Criteria 1, we request an additional 10 points.
23 Item 1(b) in reducing intrusion into wilderness, we didn't
24 address that on our grant because of the fact that our
25 wilderness on our forest is so far removed from any OHV

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1 activities, it's not really an issue. We don't have
2 intrusions by off-highway vehicles into the forest -- or into
3 our wilderness. So we pretty much do more emphasis on our --

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4 our -- some of our closed areas where we have T&E, like the
5 Santa Ana sucker and royal toad; that's where our emphasis
6 usually is at. Also, when it comes to our private property,
7 we do have a very good coordinated effort with the
8 Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department that worked with us
9 on the borders and with the private land that's done a very
10 good job in reducing our intrusion from private property into
11 the forest and from the forest into the private property.

12 And Item C of -- of Criteria 1, one of the important
13 facts is -- in reducing conflicts, we have monthly meetings
14 with the California Trail Users Coalition, which is made up
15 of OHVs, equestrian, mountain bikers, and hikers altogether
16 for the use of trails. They've been very instrumental in
17 helping us out and getting across to the public coordinated
18 use of trails. Also, they've gotten RTP grants for maps for
19 OHVs which we hand out to the public at no cost.

20 In Criteria 2, we've requested an additional 10
21 points. I think one of the things that was confused in our
22 application was the use of our forest protection officers for
23 law enforcement purposes. Under our Code of Federal
24 Regulations, it does allow us to enforce all the state
25 regulations and governing off-highway vehicles. And we do

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1 use the LEOs. We have a reserve LEO and other LEOs on the
2 force that help with the coordination of the sheriffs on the
3 private land.

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4 Criteria 2, No. D, Education Outreach, we mentioned
5 in there that we go to these off-highway vehicle shows like
6 the International Motorcycle Show. We didn't get specific
7 about it, but at that show there we made contact with over
8 5,000 people to hand out maps and information, including
9 "Tread Lightly" materials about trail etiquette and resource
10 protection items like that. That's a really important part
11 of our program in our outreach.

12 In criteria 3, Use of Partnerships and Reliance on
13 OHV Funds, Item A, we have agreements with the L.A. County --
14 or, actually, it's the California Department of Corrections
15 where we use their inmates, and we get a lot of work done
16 with them at no cost whatsoever. Also, we have partnerships
17 with California Trail Users Coalition. We've just completed
18 a multi-use trailhead at Indian Canyon on the forest here.
19 Within that grant, to get that project done, the California
20 Trail Users Coalition put in \$64,000; the Forest put in
21 \$10,000; L.A. County Parks put in \$91,000; and the Pacific
22 Crest Trail Association put in \$132,000 for this brand-new
23 facility. And it's another multiple use trailhead that we
24 have, and it's a really great new facility.

25 Criteria 4, this was one that was -- we put in a

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1 statement basically in response to our ability to, you know,
2 complete our grants. We have a 20-year history with the --

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3 with the State in applications. That in itself says that we
4 feel that because of this ongoing relationship that we've met
5 our agreements on a timely manner. Most all our grants,
6 we've had real (unintelligible) grants way in the past in the
7 early eighties. We have law enforcement grants that have
8 been going on for 20 years. So we felt we met that criteria
9 by having that 20-year relationship. Also, that total agency
10 funds was incorrect. I totaled up \$47,900 that we had put
11 into it as agency matching funds.

12 Any questions?

13 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Thank you.

14 MR. KAUCHER: Thank you.

15 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Anyone else?

16 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: You know, the staff book on
17 this one, page 50 says they got 53 -- is it -- 43. Is it 53?

18 MS. ROACH: I believe that one is in the errata
19 binder.

20 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Okay. Thank you. I haven't
21 merged them all.

22 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I haven't either.

23 Okay. Thank you.

24 MR. FLOYD: My name is Kim Floyd. I'm with the
25 Sierra Club. And we support taking -- taking this item off

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1 the Consent List. The Angeles Forest works with us closely
2 in terms of trying to protect the area around Wrightwood. We
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3 have not had a chance to review the specific items that were
4 just discussed. We'll do that and put in writing our
5 support.

6 Thank you.

7 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Thank you.

8 Anyone else?

9 MR. TAMMONE: Yeah. Tom Tammone.

10 Yeah, the Criteria 1, Protrusion into wilderness,
11 closed areas, private property, they definitely, in my
12 opinion, do a good job of this. And I think they deserve a
13 better score than 21 in that part of the criteria.

14 And reducing user conflicts, they work with the
15 California Trail Users Coalition, which was formed to help
16 the different users groups, different equestrian, hikers,
17 mountain bikers. All sorts of trail users work together in
18 that forest, and everything works really well. I definitely
19 think they deserve on Criteria 1 at least 35 points, the full
20 points.

21 Criteria 2, Project demonstrates how law enforcement
22 efforts will address OHV-related public safety issues. This,
23 again, is a very high interfaced forest. They work with the
24 parks out there with the -- the Azusa Canyon area, and
25 they've got all kinds of issues out there. And all the years

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1 I've been in all the forests -- this isn't part of the

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2 criteria, but Angeles has the distinction of being the first
3 forest that they've actually found a body in. That was a
4 couple years ago. And there's definitely a lot of need for
5 law enforcement action in this forest.

6 And as far as OHV public safety, it all goes hand in
7 hand. There's a lot of activity out there. There's a lot of
8 gang activities that go out and have drinking parties in
9 Azusa Canyon. All that needs to be dealt with.

10 And as far as the other Criteria, 4 out of 5,
11 history of successful (unintelligible) of similar projects,
12 well, there's just the fact they're able to function at all
13 with what they have to deal with. They definitely deserve
14 more than 4 out of 15 points. I would say he wants an extra
15 36 points on his score, I definitely concur with that. I
16 think he deserves probably even 90 more points myself. But
17 Tom's asking for another 36 points, and that's definitely
18 reasonable.

19 Thank you.

20 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Next.

21 MR. WALDHEIM: Ed Waldheim, President of California
22 Trails Users Coalition.

23 This forest here has an -- in the Waldheim budget,
24 a -- \$142,000 is what they're contributing to the program.
25 And their OHV Program for a total program of \$766,000 is what

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1 their program is for this -- this forest. Tom is doing an
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2 incredible job; they're whole team does. And every third
3 Wednesday of the month at 5:00 at my office, 3550 Foothill
4 Boulevard in Glendale, California, we meet with the CTU
5 folks. Next week, Ms. Anderson, if you want to come, 5:00,
6 we have a Thanksgiving meal. Everybody gets fed that night
7 for the -- we do that every year. But it is an incredible
8 group that we work together. And from CTUC is where we came
9 up with these -- these maps. And I'll give each -- the two
10 Commissioners a set of the new ones we have. And just
11 earlier I wanted to show you what CTUC does as far as the
12 maps are concerned, and that is where the -- we -- we start
13 teaching the public -- you can see all these spaghetti lines
14 up there, if I may approach real quick. The spaghetti lines,
15 and they all have numbers on them. And all of those numbers
16 are the ones that we've got to enforce and we've got to mark
17 on the actual ground. The task is undaunting. It's
18 incredible. The agencies can't do it by themselves, and
19 that's where we have to come into the picture and help them.

20 So the grants that Tom -- the amounts that Tom said
21 for you to change, I fully support them because they're
22 really doing the job. This is one forest that we get to use
23 the Level 2 roads; they're for Green Sticker. And I applaud
24 them for doing it. And their trails are very, very well
25 done. The Commission toured that one time. And he has not

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1 had to put the tractor on some of the trails for a long time
2 because of the well design of the trails. So Tom is to be
3 commended, and so is Raina Fulton sitting back there.

4 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Thank you.

5 Anyone else on this grant?

6 Okay. Next, San Bernardino County Land Use Services.

7 MS. ROACH: San Bernardino County Land Use Services
8 with a request amount of 15,431. Division score of 52 at
9 50 percent. Current recommended funding, \$7,716.

10 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes.

11 MR. ROGERS: Good morning, Commission. My name is
12 Randy Rogers. I'm a Deputy Director for Land Use Services
13 Department and the Chief of Code Enforcement for
14 San Bernardino County.

15 I know you're busy, so I'll to keep this brief. We
16 respectfully request that our item be pulled from the agenda.
17 We believe that we will be able to provide some documentation
18 to staff and to the Commission that will raise the score. We
19 believe that our score will come in the high 80s, low 90s.

20 Our problem was, is that when we applied for this
21 grant, we had a brand-new ordinance. This ordinance was less
22 than 30 days old before we had an opportunity to submit this
23 grant. So we actually were working on the grant prior to the
24 ordinance even going into effect. We believe that we have
25 a -- a fantastic ordinance in place. It was drafted with the

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1 help of a stakeholders group that consisted of environmental
2 groups and OHV groups. Believe it or not, after a couple of
3 intense meetings, we came up with an ordinance that everybody
4 was able to compromise and agree upon. We've got some
5 significant numbers that we'd like to present to -- to the
6 Commission and staff for their review to update our
7 application.

8 Just to give you a real brief -- our field -- field
9 officers have had over 7,000 contacts in the short time -- in
10 the field in the short time that we've actually had this --
11 this ordinance in place. We've distributed over 6,000
12 pamphlets and brochures to people that are riding in -- in
13 illegal or -- or unpermitted riding areas. Our ordinance,
14 because we're a local jurisdiction, only applies to county
15 lands, private property, non-state, non-federal lands. And
16 our sole purpose is to keep people from riding where they're
17 not supposed to -- excuse me, from where they're not supposed
18 to ride, and -- and making sure that people that do ride
19 where it is legal don't create a public nuisance.

20 One of the things that I think our ordinance is
21 different than a lot of different -- a lot of the other local
22 jurisdictional ordinances is that we do not prohibit off-road
23 riding anywhere on anybody's private property. All we do is
24 we make it illegal to create a public nuisance. And -- and
25 so we think that -- that given an opportunity to resubmit our

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1 application, we -- we will score better.

2 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. I'll take some public
3 comments. I have some questions, so don't go too far.

4 Jason.

5 MR. FRIED: Hi. Jason Fried.

6 I was one of the stakeholders that was in the group
7 that Mr. Rogers was just discussing and -- and bringing up --
8 it was a very diverse group of people in the room. He did
9 not mention there was also property owners that were also in
10 that room, and other user groups were also being represented.
11 So it was a very diverse group that did this.

12 This grant -- you know, the one thing that I'm
13 actually most upset about is this grant is actually not
14 requesting more money. It's a brand-new program that they're
15 putting into place. And he was correct, they were writing
16 this grant while they were also trying to implement a
17 brand-new program, and we believe that this score is
18 reflective of that. They just didn't have enough time to
19 have the program in place to be able to answer all the
20 questions. And now that they've had a little bit more time
21 to implement the program, we will support them. And we'll be
22 getting you written comments on exactly how the grant has --
23 the program has come into effect better and can better answer
24 some of the questions that the grant maybe didn't answer
25 originally. And we would ask that you pull this off of

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1 Consent.

2 Thank you.

3 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Anyone else on this grant?

4 MR. VAN VOORHIS: Dave Van Voorhis, San Bernardino
5 County property owner.

6 I would like to support the re-scoring of this grant.
7 I believe that the current form of the -- of their
8 application underscores the vast amount of work that they're
9 doing getting riders onto legal trails and -- and educating
10 riders about all the -- the legal riding opportunities in
11 San Bernardino County. And I support this grant being
12 re-scored.

13 MR. FLOYD: Kim Floyd with the Sierra Club.

14 We also were involved in the process of putting this
15 ordinance together with Mr. Rogers' direction. And we
16 support taking this item off -- off Consent. We really think
17 that this is an important initiative for getting our arms
18 around the issue in San Bernardino County and a great step
19 forward.

20 Thank you.

21 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Next.

22 MS. GONZALEZ: Maria Gonzalez, Code Enforcement.

23 I would also like to request that the grant be taken
24 off the Consent Calendar and re-scored.

25 There is a lot of new information that will support

1 the re-scoring. Our Code Enforcement Officers are out there
2 working hard implementing this ordinance, and they need the
3 equipment that we requested the funds. So I'd like to
4 request that it be taken off calendar.

5 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Equipment? Did I -- okay.

6 All right. Here's my question: This is listed as
7 three Code Enforcement officers. These are three full-time
8 people who are only going to be enforcing this ordinance?

9 MR. ROGERS: Yes, ma'am. The County of
10 San Bernardino, Board of Supervisors upon enacting this
11 ordinance and making it effective as of July 1, 2006,
12 completely funded three Code Enforcement officers to do
13 nothing but off-highway vehicle enforcement. We have a
14 senior officer who's -- or the lead officer in the field
15 who -- who spends half of his time in what we consider to be
16 the North Desert or the Victor Valley/Barstow area, and he
17 spends another half of his time in what we call the South
18 Desert, which is Joshua Tree and Morongo Valley, the basin,
19 Twentynine Palms area. And then we have a full-time officer
20 that is stationed in -- in the North Desert and the South
21 Desert offices. They work specifically Friday, Saturday,
22 Sunday, Monday, so that we're out there during the peak time
23 that the OHV activity is -- is taking place. They work all
24 holidays and schedule adjust depending on how the holidays
25 fall; they may work evenings, also.

1 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: How do you -- how do -- how do
2 you interface with the sheriff? There's no mention here.
3 Does the -- does the sheriff not -- have no responsibility
4 for enforcing county codes?

5 MR. ROGERS: The sheriff absolutely does have
6 responsibility. The -- the ordinance was written so that not
7 only Code Enforcement would be the enforcing agency, but the
8 Sheriff's Department also has enforcing authority, too.
9 Because our officers work the -- the Friday through Monday
10 schedule, we have -- we have a vacancy of Tuesday,
11 Wednesdays, and Thursdays. And in our desert area, we -- our
12 San Bernardino County covers 22,000 square miles, which I'm
13 sure you're already aware of; 18,000 square miles of that
14 is -- is rural desert area. And we -- with our three
15 officers, the best -- you know, we do the best we can to
16 cover everything that we need to cover, but we wouldn't be
17 able to do it without the assistance of the Sheriff's
18 Department and BLM.

19 We interact with them to the point that our -- my
20 officers have Sheriff's Department channels on their radios.
21 And during the hours that we work, if the Sheriff's
22 Department has priority calls holding, they will dispatch our
23 Code Enforcement officers to these types of nuisance
24 complaints. Because we're not law enforcement officers -- or
25 we're not peace officers, but we are law enforcement

1 officers, our jurisdiction does not extend onto state or
2 federal land. And so our -- our authority ends where
3 theirs -- where theirs begins. We are working very closely
4 with the Forest Service and with BLM for the interface areas
5 where people are staging outside of the public lands because
6 they don't want to drive their million-dollar motor homes on
7 a bumpy road to get back to where the legal riding is. We
8 work really close with the Sheriff's Department and BLM to --
9 to educate the people on where they can legally stage, where
10 they can park, and where they can ride.

11 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Are you expecting that the
12 County Board of Supervisors is going to continue to fund this
13 position for ad infinitum or --

14 MR. ROGERS: Yes, ma'am. In fact, the direction from
15 the County Administrative Office is for us to bombard them
16 with statistics because they believe that we actually need to
17 increase our enforcement presence in the field. Right now,
18 because the program was really new, the Board of
19 Supervisors -- we initially had asked for four staff members,
20 the board wanted us to get into the program, see where the
21 high-priority areas are, and they would reconsider the
22 additional funding in our next budget. They had no intention
23 of -- of decreasing this.

24 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. And then my last
25 question was, how did you decide upon the number of 1,700

1 educational brochures or pamphlets?

2 MR. ROGERS: The -- the county itself is funding --
3 is providing money for -- we -- they -- we've already
4 provided money for the -- about 10,000 educational pamphlets
5 right now. Part of the -- the package that we put together
6 that we took to the Board of Supervisors including some --
7 included some educational information. What it didn't
8 include was funding for signage and -- and -- and possible
9 barricades that we can put out in areas that we know have
10 high-traffic areas that people are riding in in areas that
11 they're not supposed to, such as Juniper Flats or Ridgecrest
12 or outside of northern Apple Valley and -- and some areas in
13 the South Desert. We didn't get funding to put up signs, and
14 we were hoping that this grant would assist with that.

15 Another thing that we had asked for in the grant was
16 some safety equipment or some -- some -- some
17 automatic electric winches for some of our vehicles.
18 Currently my staff has mid-sized four-by-four trucks that --
19 that we drive in the field, and they have tow straps that
20 they carry in the vehicles. And we've already broken through
21 two tow straps in attempts to get vehicles that were in areas
22 that they weren't supposed to be riding in to pull them out
23 of -- out of the sand or out of the rough terrain. And we
24 were hoping to equip our vehicles with some equipment so that
25 we could assist people in safely getting out of the areas

1 that they are in. We don't want them out with shovels
2 digging into some protected plants or into some -- some
3 bushes trying to -- trying to get something to put underneath
4 their tires to help pull their vehicles out that are -- that
5 are stuck.

6 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. So you're asking for the
7 radios and the winches to go with each of your patrol
8 personnel.

9 MR. ROGERS: Yes, ma'am.

10 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: And then the educational
11 pamphlets item is really -- it doesn't really reflect what's
12 going on in the -- because you have a match here of zero for
13 the educational pamphlets, and you just told me that the
14 county is funding 10,000 of them.

15 MR. ROGERS: Yeah, we have -- in -- in fact --

16 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay.

17 MR. ROGERS: That -- that's something that we had
18 intended to fix. Right now the county has invested
19 approximately \$265,000 in -- in the start-up of our
20 Off-Highway Vehicle Program, and that's just in the first
21 year.

22 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Well, that's the three
23 staff people.

24 MR. ROGERS: And the vehicles and some fliers.
25 Everything was included in -- in that 264. We -- we have a

1 better deal, apparently, than BLM does with vehicles.

2 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. All right. Thank you.

3 All right. Next.

4 MS. ROACH: Los Angeles County Sheriff Palmdale with
5 a request amount of 120,175. Division score of 49,
6 40 percent. Current recommended funding is \$48,070.

7 MR. TROTTER: Good afternoon. My name is Deryl
8 Trotter. I'm a Grant Administrator with the Sheriff's
9 Department. I'm here, actually, on before of the Palmdale
10 Station as well as the Santa Clarita Valley Station, which is
11 Item No. 44, Project No. OR-786.

12 We submitted these applications as two -- I mean as
13 one, and for some reason they were assigned different project
14 numbers. As last year we were given one score and one
15 project number, but this year it was split. So we're
16 requesting that we be taken off the Constant Calendar and
17 re-scored because, independent of that issue, the -- the
18 projects on their own merit can be -- I guess the scores can
19 be increased in each of the criteria.

20 We're in kind of the unfair position of competing
21 against each other when our application is split in this
22 manner when we followed the directions, just as we did last
23 year, and it was an inconsistency, I guess, on the
24 committee's part on splitting them. But regardless of that,
25 we're asking that we be taken off the Consent Calendar. And

1 I am prepared to go through some of the criteria and explain
2 what particular areas and submit paperwork, I guess, in the
3 near future.

4 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Paperwork as soon as possible,
5 please.

6 MR. TROTTER: Okay.

7 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Why were they split? Kelly?

8 MS. ROACH: Not being here last year, the reason they
9 were split was because they were submitted with separate
10 project cost deliverables and the appearance of two separate
11 projects. So this was -- this was just brought to my
12 attention this morning that this request -- and they're
13 listed as separate projects. So without saying anything in
14 error, we'll have to look at --

15 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: So the page here on -- that
16 I'm looking at in book 2 where -- where there's a "2" in
17 front of "Law Enforcement" --

18 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: That means two applications.

19 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: So did he -- Deryl, I
20 believe, did he write the number "2" in there or did staff
21 write the number "2" in there?

22 MS. ROACH: Staff didn't change the applications --

23 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Okay.

24 MS. ROACH: -- without the request of the applicant.

25 MR. TROTTER: Yeah, last year -- I wasn't here last

1 year. This is my first --

2 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Me either.

3 MR. TROTTER: -- year administering the grant. But
4 last year they basically -- they submitted two different
5 components. They were told that they needed two cost
6 deliverables, but we would put, you know, one solid amount on
7 the face sheet. And then last year we received one score and
8 one project number.

9 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Okay.

10 MR. TROTTER: So considered that the Commission -- or
11 committee would be consistent with last year, so I did
12 everything pretty much under the same format even though I
13 know there's some differences in the program. But this year,
14 to my surprise, I see basically it's like we're two separate
15 programs, and also the scores are arguably low. So that's
16 basically what we're looking at, is different things where we
17 say in one component that we're addressing the issue of
18 preventing -- or decreasing future costs, but the other
19 component doesn't mention it, but it's the Sheriff's
20 Department that's doing this.

21 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Okay.

22 MR. TROTTER: So I felt it should be considered in
23 that light.

24 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Let's let Kelly make one more
25 comment, and then --

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1 MS. ROACH: Well, the only other thing was that
2 there's a limit of eight pages for law enforcement
3 applications, and their application was turned in with 11
4 pages. So if we combined them, they would be ineligible
5 because they'd be over their page limit. So that's why it
6 was clear to us that it was two separate projects.

7 MS. MILLER: And if I could just chime in, not on
8 this specific one, but we received 58 applications with
9 multiple projects. So, for instance, not only law
10 enforcement and restoration, other project categories, there
11 were multiple projects and they were all looked at
12 individually as individual projects.

13 MR. TROTTER: Well, we're --

14 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Well, I'd take a shot at
15 merging them and then getting them to us as soon as you can.

16 MR. TROTTER: Merging them under the limit -- the
17 eight-page limit.

18 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Eight pages, one grant
19 request. And go ahead and --

20 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I don't know --

21 (Multiple speakers.)

22 MR. TROTTER: Project activity --

23 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Go ahead and give us the
24 scores you'd like to receive.

25 MR. LaFRANCHI: Madam Chair, may I address that for a

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1 moment?

2 One of the issues, of course, that came up in the
3 north was the opportunity to look at grants differently by
4 the Commission, whether it's restoration and planning, and
5 it's come up again today. One of -- one of the problems is a
6 question of fairness. In the competitive process, you need
7 to treat all the applicants the same way. By allowing this
8 applicant to go back and have additional time to merge or
9 change their -- their grant package, that gives them an
10 advantage over other applicants who would not be given that
11 same opportunity. So if -- I don't know exactly how to
12 handle this at this point. We can -- we can think about it.
13 But I think it would be problematic in the competitive
14 process to allow an applicant time to go back and -- and
15 re-write their application to -- to reduce the number of
16 pages and try to comply at this stage.

17 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Okay. Plan B, you were
18 stating that there was probably -- or you answered one
19 question and one that it wasn't applied to the other one --

20 MR. TROTTER: Well, it was applied --

21 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: -- the other grant?

22 MR. TROTTER: -- sometime, but it wasn't --

23 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Go back through both of them
24 and make sure they're both real clear. Maybe there's
25 information you can share from one to the other to make them

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1 both a little more complete.

2 MR. TROTTER: Okay.

3 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I have a -- I have a -- I have
4 a question, also.

5 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: I hope that holds up.

6 MR. TROTTER: Okay.

7 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Under the -- on the last --
8 let's see, just before the maps on the Santa Clarita Station
9 component, it mentions a pamphlet will be developed to hand
10 out to the public. What are you using right now to hand out
11 to the public?

12 MR. WALLACE: I can do it. We've been using the CTUC
13 pamphlets and maps --

14 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: The what?

15 MR. WALLACE: The CTUC maps.

16 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I don't know what that is.

17 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: We need your name and
18 information, please.

19 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes, please.

20 MR. WALLACE: Sgt. Roger Wallace.

21 We've been handing out maps to the public.

22 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: What is this -- okay. You need
23 to use not -- not use the acronym. Can you tell me what it
24 is?

25 MR. WALLACE: I'm sorry about that. California
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1 Trails Users Coalition maps --

2 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay.

3 MR. WALLACE: -- that you've been given.

4 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: All right. So it's the
5 California Trails Users who are supplying you with the maps
6 that you are giving to the public.

7 MR. WALLACE: Correct.

8 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: But this is not --

9 MR. WALLACE: With the legal --

10 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: This is -- this is different
11 than the -- than the pamphlet you're going to develop?

12 MR. WALLACE: We're still working on that -- that
13 particular pamphlet.

14 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Well, I noticed you didn't ask
15 for any money for it. That's why I was wondering.

16 MR. WALLACE: Yes. We are going to utilize our own
17 internal Printing Department at Pitches Honor Ranch.

18 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: It's not listed in the match.
19 Okay. I just -- you know, if you're going to do it next
20 year, that's fine. But -- okay.

21 Any -- yes -- other comments on this grant?

22 MR. WALDHEIM: Madam Chairman, Ed Waldheim, President
23 of CTUC, CORVA, and District 37.

24 These folks here are always coming to our meetings.

25 Any time somebody shows up at our meetings that the public is

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1 involved in, I have to applaud them and give them good
2 credits for that. Roger's been coming. Dennis has been
3 coming. We have a lot of problems with the closeness between
4 the communities growing and the Forest Service which is the
5 case in Santa Clarita. Because the people keep coming in,
6 and they all have OHV -- 18 percent of the families have OHV,
7 and they've got to go someplace. So they're working very
8 hard. And Parks & Recreation -- Robert, wherever he is --
9 there he is -- he's working hard with us, also, going to all
10 the meetings to try to solve the problems with the -- with
11 the use and to make sure we have an opportunity for these
12 folks to recreate in. And so I have to applaud these folks
13 for doing their work.

14 I have to also applaud with them that the Los Angeles
15 County, if you will look at the Waldheim budget again, they
16 contribute \$139,000 into the program out of a program of
17 \$227,000, which is what the Los Angeles County's Sheriff's
18 program is. So this grant is very important to them. And I
19 agree 100 percent -- I was giving -- I gave them on my sheet,
20 I gave them -- 70 out of 100 is how I rated them on 1 -- on
21 1(c) I gave them 5 points because of the conflicts of
22 recreation interests. They're definitely out there working
23 with -- with us and working in trying to make sure we resolve
24 the conflicts.

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25 On Item No. 2(e), Emergency Response, they are there

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1 always on the emergency response teams when we work. They're
2 the ones who keep track of what's happening in -- in our
3 Indian Canyon site. You heard earlier that we developed that
4 site, which we got an award in Washington, D.C., from the
5 federal government for the work that we did in that program.

6 And, also, in 3(a), Use of Funds -- different funds,
7 they are putting in money in there. They're not just only
8 asking from us. So I think that score -- score should be up
9 to 17.

10 And then the ability to provide items from 4(a), I
11 gave them another 5 points. That brings it up to 10 because
12 they are providing a service.

13 So the total score for them should be 70.

14 MR. FRIED: Hi. Jason Fried.

15 Very recently, within the last month there was a
16 group that's in the Palmdale/Lancaster area that joined the
17 Alliance for Responsible Recreation, and we started paying
18 attention to these grants. I haven't had a chance to fully
19 review them yet, but from what I am told at least on the
20 ground by people who have the programs that they're using
21 right now, they are a very good program. And I would ask
22 that they be pulled off of Consent so we can give you further
23 comments later.

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24 Thank you.

25 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Anyone else on this

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1 grant?

2 Next.

3 MS. ROACH: U.S. Forest Service, San Bernardino
4 National Forest with a request amount of 156,423. Division
5 score of 48 at 40 percent. Current recommended funding,
6 \$62,569.

7 MR. EVANS: Good morning. I think it's still
8 morning. It may be afternoon now. I'm not sure.

9 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Afternoon.

10 MR. EVANS: Afternoon? Okay. I'm Chris Evans, the
11 Forest Trails Program Manager for the San Bernardino National
12 Forest.

13 We would like to request that this application be
14 taken off of Consent. We have spent some time over the last
15 few weeks working with some of our partners and stakeholders
16 to review the scoring criteria. And as a group, we have kind
17 of come up with a determination that we felt like the
18 application should have been scored at 76 as opposed to 48.
19 And I think that you've probably just been provided some
20 written documentation on our review of that. And I'll be
21 happy to discuss those points in detail at this point, if
22 you'd like, or allow you to read that, and we can discuss it
23 at a later time, whichever you'd like to do.

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24 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I'm -- I'm -- I'm sort of stuck
25 here. Your -- your comments are -- are useful and extensive

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1 and -- and fairly specific. I don't know quite -- I think --
2 let me -- let me hear from the rest of the public, and that
3 will give me a chance to look this over --

4 MR. EVANS: Okay.

5 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: -- to see if I have questions.

6 MR. EVANS: Okay. I'll stand by.

7 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I'll come back to you.

8 MR. EVANS: Thank you.

9 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Next.

10 MR. VON DRELINGEN: Good morning. Vincent Von
11 Drelingen, San Bernardino National Forest Association,
12 Off-Highway Vehicle Education Outreach Coordinator.

13 I'd like to just second what Chris said. I've had a
14 chance to review the findings as well in the grant, and there
15 seems to be quite a lot of evidence for a need to increase
16 and re-evaluate the score of the grant.

17 I can bend down. Sorry.

18 And I do ask that the grant please be taken off
19 Consent and re-evaluated based upon the -- the findings in
20 the original grant proposal.

21 Thank you.

22 MR. TAMMONE: Hi. Tom Tammone, San Bernardino

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23 his comments and input on re-scoring the grant application.

24 Thanks.

25 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: What -- what group are you

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1 with?

2 MS. KELLY: The San Bernardino National Forest

3 Association.

4 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Which is a non-profit.

5 MS. KELLY: We're a non-profit, correct.

6 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Next.

7 MS. BELL: My name is Dana Bell with the National
8 Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council. We're also a
9 non-profit. We are a partner of the San Bernardino National
10 Forest Association.

11 Also, as a professional educator with OHV recreation,
12 I work with their Education Outreach Program. And as
13 an enthusiast, I'm a member of the Off-Highway Vehicle
14 Volunteer Group and also worked with the Association on the
15 grant application. And I really hope that you will look at
16 the comments that Chris submitted. He -- he really got into
17 detail and very clearly wrote down the -- the review that
18 needs to be done on these and give them additional points.
19 Strongly support what he has provided to you today.

20 Thank you.

21 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Next.

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22 MS. MYERS: Hi. My name is Linda Myers. I'm with
23 the San Bernardino National Forest Association Off-Highway
24 Vehicle Volunteer Group, the partners with the forest, and
25 agree with Chris and ask for your reconsideration in looking

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1 at the scores that were received. I think it was unfairly
2 scored and hope that you will reconsider and review the
3 information that would be submitted.

4 Thank you.

5 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Next.

6 MR. HOWARD: Yes. My name is Bill Howard. I live in
7 Running Springs, California, right in the middle of the
8 national forest -- San Bernardino National Forest.

9 I'm one of 300 volunteers for the Off-Highway Vehicle
10 Program. And we have contributed well over 27,000 hours in
11 volunteer time in the last year to this program. Those hours
12 are spent driving patrols in the forest, educating the
13 public, doing projects, trail work where we remove boulders
14 and trees from the trails and training and admin time that we
15 contribute to the OHV Program.

16 Our efforts have to be coordinated by the staff
17 of the -- the San Bernardino National Forest; therefore, the
18 grants that have been requested aren't going to fill the need
19 that we need for staff for us to do our job in contributing
20 over 27,000 hours of our volunteer time, plus the use of our

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21 own vehicles and fuel expense. Therefore, I would also
22 request that you take this off Consent and review it again at
23 a later time.

24 Thank you.

25 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Next.

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1 MR. JOHNSON: Dale Johnson with the San Bernardino
2 National Forest Association Off-Highway Vehicle Volunteer
3 Patrol Program. I run the Patrol Program and have to agree
4 with Chris that we need to take this off Consent. And law
5 enforcement supports us in the field when we're out doing our
6 patrols, and without them, it puts us in grave danger.

7 Thank you.

8 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Next.

9 MR. WALDHEIM: Ed Waldheim, President of California
10 Trail Users Coalition and CORVA and District 37 board member.

11 San Bernardino National Forest is probably one of the
12 top forests in volunteer hours. Mr. Mike Ahrens has provided
13 to you a breakdown of all the PAR reports. And he did better
14 than I did because I only did the acres and the amount of
15 miles, but I didn't go into the volunteer hours and the
16 visitor service. And he provided you this sheet. And if you
17 look at this, this is an incredible sheet. And when we do
18 the grants next year, we need to start incorporating the
19 amount of visitors, the amount of volunteers, the amount of
20 trails, the opportunity that you have in order to rank these.

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21 27,000 hours of volunteer work? It's just mind boggling.

22 And so I -- this group also is one that we meet on a
23 quarterly basis. And I don't know if you realize this or
24 not, but all five national forests, the four southern
25 provinces, plus Sequoia, plus all the field offices, plus the

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1 district office, on a quarterly basis we meet with the
2 leadership and the OHV leaders on a regular basis. We've
3 been doing this now for the last ten years. And I'm
4 privileged to be able to chair most of these meetings for the
5 groups to work together. They are always at the table. We
6 always meet at the Colton Center, the Honda Colton Training
7 Center over there, and we go over all these issues. So their
8 cooperation and the working with the folks together is
9 incredible.

10 So I would strongly suggest you consider the new
11 scoring that Chris has provided you.

12 Thank you.

13 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Anyone else on this grant?

14 Okay. I have a question, not necessarily on this
15 grant, although this -- this comment sheet that we were just
16 provided certainly highlights the -- the question I have.
17 There's a comment here that the conservation application was
18 scored 5 out of 5 on the criteria for the -- the applicant's
19 history of successfully implementing similar projects. I

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20 don't want to read the rest of the criteria, but the question
21 here as delineated by our -- our -- the forest was that they
22 got 5 out of 5 on their conservation application, and 1,
23 apparently, on -- on this law enforcement application for
24 essentially the same information? Is that -- can I -- can --
25 I want to ask a -- a general question. I know there was some

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1 overlap among the staff about -- from -- from one team to
2 another, but what did you do about these kinds of situations
3 where one person is preparing the grant application, maybe
4 doing all of it, and the language gets copied from one
5 conservation grant over to a law enforcement grant and then
6 over to a restoration grant? They're using exactly the same
7 justification for accountability and -- and -- what do you --
8 what do you do to make sure that you're being consistent or
9 is there -- is that not -- had -- had you not looked at that?
10 Can you give me some help here?

11 MS. MILLER: I can try to address that, though I
12 wasn't on the scoring teams. But the -- the teams were --
13 there was some cross sort of pollination of the members on
14 each of those, but they compared the grants -- you know, like
15 grants with like grants.

16 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: No, I -- I understand that.
17 But -- but the person who takes the word-processing program
18 and takes the paragraph on accountability and sees that
19 the -- I need the same -- I need to answer the same question

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20 on a restoration grant or a law enforcement grant as I do on
21 a conservation grant, and I -- so I cut and paste and I take
22 it out here and I put it over there. Here it's scored -- it
23 gets one value and over there it gets another value. Did
24 the -- did the staff look at this at all? Did you -- did you
25 discuss this problem or question? Any of you?

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1 MS. MILLER: Do you want to -- do you want to --

2 MR. PELONIO: I can address the specific --

3 MS. MILLER: -- address it?

4 MR. PELONIO: -- application. If you look at page
5 313 of 402 in this Volume 6, the big difference here is that
6 they brought in their WHPP monitoring results, Soil Condition
7 Rating Table. So that's a whole bunch of additional
8 information that was provided that's beyond what's provided
9 in --

10 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. So in this case --

11 MR. PELONIO: -- page 341.

12 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: -- there was -- there was
13 different content.

14 MR. PELONIO: Correct.

15 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. What about -- what about
16 the case where -- where you might have exactly the same
17 content? Did -- do --

18 MR. PELONIO: We did review -- after the scoring --

19 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Did you look at that sort of
20 thing?

21 MR. PELONIO: -- process, we did go back and compare
22 and -- just to confirm that we're giving the same scores to
23 the same information where we found the same -- the same
24 information being cut and paste into multiple projects, we
25 confirmed that they were receiving the same score.

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1 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. So you did do some of
2 that.

3 MR. PELONIO: We did do some after the scoring
4 process to go back for --

5 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I -- I understand.

6 MR. PELONIO: -- sort of a continuity check.

7 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: All right. Okay. Thank you.

8 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Where'd Chris go?

9 Who are you with? Everybody's following you. I want
10 to try to -- you've got a great group, and I -- very
11 admirable.

12 MR. EVANS: Yeah, we do have a great group. I'm
13 actually with the San Bernardino National Forest.

14 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Okay. That's what I thought.
15 But I mean you're -- you're in plain clothes.

16 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Did you have a question?

17 MR. EVANS: I'm in disguise today.

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18 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: No. I just wanted to know
19 who he was with.

20 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Thank you.

21 I think we're finished with that one.

22 Next.

23 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Nice presentation.

24 MS. ROACH: Los Angeles County Sheriff, Santa Clarita
25 with a request amount of 96,617. Division Score of 42 at

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1 40 percent. Current recommended funding, \$38,647.

2 MR. TROTTER: I kind of addressed it --

3 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes, you did.

4 MR. TROTTER: -- in the Palmdale --

5 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Is there anything you want to
6 add briefly here?

7 MR. TROTTER: Only that my understanding of what you
8 said before I left the podium was we need to re-submit -- I
9 guess just re-submit our arguments of why we think each
10 individual project should be scored more in each criteria
11 category.

12 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: That's right.

13 MR. TROTTER: Okay. Gotcha.

14 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: That's right.

15 MR. TROTTER: Thank you.

16 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Next. Anyone else on
17 this? We did sort of mush them together there. I'm sorry

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18 about that, but...

19 MS. ROACH: California City Police Department with a
20 request amount of 215,090. Division score of 41 at
21 40 percent. Current recommended funding, \$85,036.

22 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Can we break for lunch after
23 this?

24 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes, I'm -- I'm getting --
25 hang on just -- hang on just a minute. We're getting

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1 complaints or questions about lunch. And I did promise to
2 give you an overview here of -- of what we're going to do.

3 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: I'm fine to go right on
4 through, but I just want to make sure that we don't take a
5 break and then have somebody leave.

6 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I -- I -- we may -- we'll --

7 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Maybe the first people on the
8 restoration run off to lunch and then not be heard.

9 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Our -- our stenographer
10 needs some time off at some point. We'll take -- we'll
11 finish the law enforcement grants and pick up our lunches --
12 I have a lunch ordered. And then the next category is
13 restoration, and I would guess that -- let's see, what time
14 is it now, 12:00 --

15 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: It's quarter to 1:00.

16 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Quarter -- quarter to 1:00.

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17 We're not going to get to the non-CESA projects before -- I
18 wouldn't say before 1:30. So -- and after we finish these,
19 we'll take a short break.

20 Now you may proceed.

21 MR. HURTAGO: Hi. Eric Hurtago, California City
22 Police Department.

23 I submitted some paperwork to you before the meeting,
24 the 13 copies, justification to revise agency scoring.

25 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. I -- I just want to make

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1 sure. Did you send it in -- did you have it in a binder?

2 MR. HURTAGO: Yes. Yes, ma'am.

3 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes. Okay. I think I -- I
4 have that. You want to hit the highlights?

5 MR. HURTAGO: Sure. Basically, we went through
6 the -- the scoring. I believe that maybe not all the
7 information was supplied on the grant that made it to the
8 score sheet and filled in some of the information that was
9 overlooked. And the grant did not have some of the key
10 requirements that there were laid onto the score sheet. On
11 your copy we added in bold print the areas that were coded
12 out of the grant that we feel clearly justified additional
13 score to that specific line item.

14 If -- if I may just go over the highlights. The --
15 under 1(a), Reducing resource damage or potential resource
16 damage through proactive measures and/or education efforts,

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17 our team has fliers that are passed out to riders at
18 campsites to prevent potential resource damage, intrusion
19 into marked private property or conflict with other interests
20 in the area. The team has passed out over 70,000 of these
21 fliers in our area throughout the different campsites
22 throughout the year.

23 During -- during the last holiday season, we
24 specifically had 77 major incidents on a Thanksgiving
25 weekend, and we had over 800 incidents last grant cycle. To

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1 give you an idea of the enormity of the people that come to
2 California City, according to our traffic counters, we
3 reached over 300,000 on the last grant cycle. And at the
4 major holiday weekends, we'll have five helicopters in, on
5 the ground, or transporting OHV riders that have mishaps. We
6 have a small team to take care of the 206-square-mile riding
7 area. And going through the grant, we feel that additional
8 scoring would be appropriate. We ask you to look at the
9 information that we gave you today and pull the grant off the
10 Consent Calendar and consider additional scoring for the
11 grant.

12 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Thank you.

13 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. I -- I actually -- I
14 just had a question -- a detail question for you. Can you
15 tell me what -- you have highlighted here, "Continuous use

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16 radio and repeater." What's -- what does that mean?

17 MR. HURTAGO: Our city only has two radio
18 frequencies. We have one that's mainly used by the police
19 and fire. And with sometimes ten crashes going on at one
20 time, we go to a second channel. And we can't -- our
21 coverage is pretty bad with the -- the repeater radio system
22 that services riding areas. So we're trying to get that
23 upgraded through the grant. All this is for the off-road
24 riding area.

25 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: So -- so what does "continuous

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1 use" mean?

2 MR. HURTAGO: It's not -- or it's always on. The --
3 we're always using it, and it's just for the off-highway
4 area.

5 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: And the other one is not?

6 MR. HURTAGO: No.

7 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Your other system is not always
8 on?

9 MR. HURTAGO: No, both systems are always -- always
10 on. But the system that we're asking for to help replace
11 this continuous system that's always on, and we're always
12 using it.

13 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay.

14 MR. HURTAGO: It's a radio frequency with a repeater
15 that is specifically designated to -- for rescue operations

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16 in the riding area.

17 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. And another one, near
18 the end of your project description, you have 30,575 gallons
19 of fuel in the 18-month grant cycle. That's -- is that over
20 the term of the grant? Is that -- is that --

21 MR. HURTAGO: Yes.

22 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I thought most of the --

23 MR. HURTAGO: We understood that this is --

24 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I thought most of these grants
25 were one year. This is a year and a half?

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1 MR. PELONIO: I believe the LE grants are a year and
2 a half.

3 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Thank you.

4 MR. HURTAGO: Yes, the last --

5 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I'm still learning, too.

6 MR. HURTAGO: The last grant we had prepared was
7 based on 12 months, and we realized -- we were told
8 afterwards that it was an 18-month. So we're trying to
9 prepare for an 18-month now.

10 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. So law enforcement
11 grants are 18 months.

12 MR. HURTAGO: Correct.

13 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I didn't know that.

14 Did you know that?

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15 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: I know some of them are a few
16 years.

17 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Thank you.

18 MR. HURTAGO: Thank you.

19 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay.

20 MR. VACCARO: Good afternoon. Brandon Vaccaro,
21 California City Police Department, Reserve Officer.

22 I'd like to touch on the second half of our law
23 enforcement grant starting with Subject 3, initially 3(b).
24 These are other funds, such as in-lieu funds, sponsorships,
25 grants, fees. Because we don't have a tremendous amount of

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1 extra money that come in, we need to better utilize the money
2 that we have. And by doing that, one of our greatest
3 expenses, because we have that vast wide-open area of 206
4 square miles, is the airship in which we use. Unfortunately,
5 we don't have an agreement with Kern County to always be able
6 to use their law enforcement airship. We've been able to
7 locate one that we can rent and only pay for when we use so
8 we're not paying for the on-the-ground time. We can keep the
9 helicopter on the ground at our forward-base camp-out in the
10 desert without actually incurring any costs. So by doing
11 that, we save a tremendous amount of money and get ourselves
12 a lot more flight-time actual use out of the helicopter.

13 Moving into 3(c), Use of volunteers, reserves, other
14 low-cost labor. Increasing our volunteer staff, which is

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15 something that we do both at the adult and juvenile level.
16 We have a juvenile program, our Desert Eagle Program that
17 allows kids in the city to become involved in our off-road
18 operations and increase their training and their abilities to
19 assist us. Increasing our volunteer hours, as far as
20 reducing future costs, reducing our per-hour operating costs
21 by having more volunteers that can be supervised by less-paid
22 people.

23 Looking at question 3 and 4, we should have increased
24 our points quite substantially and overall given us a score
25 of 82 up from the 41 that we were originally given.

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1 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Thank you.

2 Anyone else?

3 MS. ROACH: Commissioner Anderson?

4 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes.

5 MS. ROACH: Can I just provide a clarification for
6 that last comment about a year and a half? The project
7 period where they can spend funds is 12 months. There's a
8 six-month time period where they can submit any remaining --

9 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Clean-up.

10 MS. ROACH: Correct. So to say it's a year and a
11 half is not really accurate because they have a 12-month
12 period to actually expend the funds. Does that --

13 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Uh-huh.

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14 MS. ROACH: -- help?

15 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes. Then I was right. So the
16 question I would like --

17 MS. ROACH: Last year they -- they did get an
18 extension.

19 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. I would -- I just would
20 like to make sure because I thought if they were the -- if
21 they were applying for funds that they thought that they
22 could use over a year and a half, then maybe that number
23 should only be 2,000 gallons worth of gasoline instead of 3.
24 And that's -- that's a piddling amount, I understand that.
25 We're not -- we're not talking about very many dollars. But

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1 the idea about whether they're talking about maintenance
2 expenses -- and if all of the grantees -- the -- if all of
3 the applicants are making that same assumption, that would be
4 a problem.

5 So is this -- is everybody clear? You're supposed to
6 spend it over a year, right, but you may get an extension to
7 clean up or spend any unused funds that you haven't expended
8 during the first period.

9 Is that right?

10 MS. MILLER: Commission Anderson, if I could clarify.
11 They -- they went to an 18-month period, I think, because by
12 the time the December meeting -- or when the meetings were
13 held by the Commission to allocate the money, by the time the

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14 contracts were let, you know, they had less than a year. So
15 it was to give them additional time to get the contracts let,
16 and then on the end to make sure that they got all their
17 invoices and --

18 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. I want to make --

19 MS. MILLER: -- paperwork done.

20 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: -- sure that all the applicants
21 have the same information about this. Was that -- was that
22 just California City or was that all applicants?

23 MR. LaFRANCHI: All.

24 MS. MILLER: That's all applicants. That's in the
25 regulations.

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1 MR. LaFRANCHI: All applicants.

2 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay.

3 MR. WALDHEIM: Ed Waldheim. CORVA, Friends of
4 Jawbone.

5 The area we're talking about is a big portion. And
6 it's in your map, and I just highlighted it in green for you
7 to see. My house is right there. This is the whole area
8 we're talking about in the gray. This area is interspaced
9 with private property and the Bureau of Land Management
10 property. And when you come out there on the holidays -- my
11 wife tells me I got to quit making these maps because,
12 Mr. McMillin, it is one row after another. You think you're

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13 in Glamus. It's one vehicle after another. The city manager
14 the other day, we met with him to work on OHV issues, he
15 says, "You know, we're going to have to make a decision:
16 We're going to be a friendly city to OHV or an anti-friendly
17 city to OHV. And up to this point, they are one of the best
18 cities in the whole state of California. I'll put them
19 against anybody because they welcome us with open arms. I'm
20 on the Economic Development Committee, and that is part of
21 economic development, every house, any -- Mr. McMillin, if
22 you want to build a house with two bedrooms, small bedrooms
23 and a 5,000-square-foot garage, I can tell you, you could
24 sell all the homes you want out there because it is
25 absolutely beautiful. I love the area, and I'll fight until

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1 the last end to make sure that we keep our opportunity but
2 responsibly.

3 Without the California City Police Department, we
4 would be in big trouble because the safety issue and the
5 health and the welfare of the people come in to recreate
6 is -- is the first responsibility we should have, and they do
7 that. I mean having five helicopters taking people out. You
8 hate to see somebody get hurt, but because of these folks are
9 so quick and so fast to do it, and most of it is on a
10 volunteer basis that they're doing -- our city's a small
11 city. We have a tax to -- 40 percent of the funds from the
12 city go to the Police Department and Fire Department. We try

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13 to continue the tax, and it lost yesterday. So coming June,
14 they're going to lose 40 percent of their staffing as far as
15 police. Parks & Recreation disappears. And the Fire
16 Department gets down 40 percent. So we are in big trouble
17 unless we get something going on the tax side of it.

18 In the meantime, we want to make sure -- city
19 council's made it very clear to us in the Off-Highway Vehicle
20 Program, they will tolerate us, they'll work with us as long
21 as we help and pay for these fees. And so I feel that the
22 grant of -- the thing should go to 86 points because they
23 have an incredible interaction with us. They're working with
24 all the agencies. The educational program they do is
25 fantastic. They reach out to the schools, the -- the chief --

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1 the lieutenant, he goes to the RPU School, which is the
2 elementary school talking -- there's nobody else who does
3 that. I'll put them against anybody. So this score needs to
4 be re-evaluated to 86 points at least.

5 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Somebody from -- a question.
6 And this kind of cycles back to what you were saying,
7 Mr. Waldheim. I was wondering if -- if the city had thought
8 about imposing any kind of fees on users in the area.

9 MR. WALDHEIM: Madam -- if I may. Madam Chairman,
10 this is -- in the big picture, if you open up the map and
11 you'll have the BLM as 1.9 million acres. In the West Mojave

12 Plan, we have what is called the Rands area. In the Rands
13 area, in the plan it says that the (unintelligible) Lobles
14 and Supervisor Jon McQuiston, they are on -- they are on the
15 TR Team, Mr. McMillin. You can talk to him. We are going to
16 come up with a -- an educational program to educate people
17 how to get on the trails. And they have may to do it like
18 the DMV thing on -- on the screen --

19 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: That was not my question,
20 Mr. Waldheim.

21 MR. WALDHEIM: But the question is that if we do this
22 program, we will include the Kern County area and the
23 California City and possibly charge a fee on that -- that way
24 itself. So that is -- that's one way we're thinking about
25 going. But yes, we're thinking about a fee to -- to assist.

1 But when you look at the amount of people that -- we take in
2 300,000 people -- it is not very much money that we are
3 asking for to help the Off-Highway Vehicle Program, the
4 people that recreate.

5 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: No. But if you could
6 efficiently capture a dollar from each of those 300,000
7 people --

8 MR. WALDHEIM: That -- that -- that is -- that is an
9 issue that we definitely will continue discussing. And with
10 the West Mojave Plan, we definitely will start thinking about
11 that, yes.

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12 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Do you have anything
13 else on fees?

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I was going to clarify the
15 fees. We consider the -- the second community where OHV use
16 as a second community. Basically, 40 years ago, it was
17 supposed to be developed to have roads going out there. And
18 since it's open roads, there's no way really to control the
19 entry points because it would set up a toll booth, so to
20 speak. You're cutting off regular roadways going to or
21 from -- there's a prison out -- well, that's 395. We border
22 three major freeways.

23 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Right.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: And there's just too many
25 entry points.

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1 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I understand that difficulty.
2 I was just -- just wondering what you were looking at for
3 other funding sources. Thank you.

4 Still on the same grant.

5 MR. COAT: Yes, ma'am.

6 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes. Thank you.

7 MR. COPE: Art Cope, California City, DIRT Team --
8 Desert Indigrant Response Team. I'm one of the coordinators
9 for the volunteers, and we have approximately 15 right now.
10 And also on this grant we're -- we're asking for some monies

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11 to get some vehicles out there. Right now we have four quads
12 from a prior grant. And all our volunteers are basically
13 using privately owned vehicles and equipping them out of
14 their own pocket because we don't have the funding. And
15 Sgt. Hurtago has found a -- through the Department of
16 Forestry where we can buy used vehicles to use out there
17 and -- because in the wintertime and -- and even this time of
18 the year, the quads get very cold at night on rescues and
19 stuff. And this is about my fifth year. And a lot of the
20 people have been with us four or five years and are very
21 dedicated and spend a lot of their own money supporting this
22 program. And I'd kind of like to -- to see this grant go
23 through so they -- we can help them do their job more and not
24 have more of it put up on them to -- to support us.

25 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. The more specific

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1 information you can give us about changes where we can --
2 where we can move the score from one item to -- from one
3 number to another would be really --

4 MR. COPE: Yeah, it's addressed -- it's addressed
5 in the folder.

6 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: -- really, really helpful. I
7 understand --

8 MR. COPE: Okay.

9 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: -- it's in the -- I understand
10 it's in their packet. But if you have anything else that you

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11 can add to that that would be specific, that would be
12 helpful.

13 MR. COPE: Yes, ma'am.

14 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Thank you.

15 MR. COPE: Thank you.

16 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Anyone else on this
17 grant?

18 MR. MILLER: My name is Bruce Miller, California --
19 California City Dirt Bike Program.

20 As it is right now, if we're not out there, it's a
21 good 45 minutes before the Police Department can respond to
22 an accident. We are out there in our trailers overnight 24
23 hours a day. And as Mr. Cope explained, a lot of it is we
24 are in our personal vehicles out delivering these 70,000
25 fliers to let people know what is going on out there to

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1 uncover all the rules and laws and everything. So it
2 keeps -- it keeps us really busy, my 15 people, to cover this
3 many acres and miles.

4 Thank you.

5 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Thank you.

6 MS. ROACH: Next grant?

7 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Next -- next grant.

8 MS. ROACH: San Bernardino County Sheriff, Victor
9 Valley. Request amount of 106,699. Division score of 41 at

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10 40 percent. Current recommended funding, \$42,680.

11 MR. DICUS: Commissioners, my name is Shannon Dicus.
12 I'm a sergeant with the Victor Valley Station from the
13 San Bernardino Sheriff's Department.

14 Respectfully request that our grant be taken off the
15 Consent Calendar for the purposes of re-scoring. Received a
16 41, and we provided this documentation in the form of a
17 proposal, which you should have, recommending that our score
18 be changed to 85.

19 Contained in this proposal are scores we received
20 from the (unintelligible) panel and the comments related to
21 evaluation (unintelligible).

22 The third column, which is indicated in red, cites
23 excerpts taken from our grant that we feel addresses the
24 criteria. We suggested a score revision based on the content
25 of our grant as compared to other higher-scoring grants with

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1 similar justifications. The factual findings for the
2 comparative grants are also contained in this proposal.

3 To give you an example, we compared the content of
4 similar county Sheriff's Departments Enforcement grants.
5 They received a score 28 out of 30 on the evaluation criteria
6 in Section 2 on how their project demonstrates law
7 enforcement efforts will address OHV public-related issues.

8 Under Item C, Search and Rescue, quote, The OHV Team
9 will continue to work with the Search and Rescue Team, end

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10 quote. Comparatively, our grant states, quote, Deputies on
11 the Victor Valley OHV Team are all cross-trained in Search
12 and Rescue. In the event of an emergency, deputies contact
13 and direct emergency medical personnel to an accident by land
14 or air. The Victor Valley OHV Team is part of our station's
15 Emergency Response matrix and is called out in connection
16 with Search and Rescue when appropriate, end quote.

17 Our score in this area was only 18 of 30. It appears
18 when we answered this specific question in depth, however, we
19 received a lower score. The Victor Valley Station is
20 continuing to step up its efforts to find alternative funding
21 sources. However, we still appear to be overlooked when it
22 comes to grant funding. We have maintained all of our
23 responsibilities and seek your assistance in the re-scoring
24 of our grant. This is more imperative in the 2006 grant
25 cycle than it has been in the past.

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1 Recently citizens in San Bernardino County through
2 their individual stakeholders helped create a new
3 San Bernardino County ordinance specific to OHV use. The
4 ordinance appears to be fair in application and takes into
5 consideration the many diverse interests. But this ordinance
6 with proper funding of the San Bernardino County Sheriff's
7 Department can address illegal OHV intrusion into wilderness
8 land and on private property. We can continue to educate the

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9 public and promote our legal OHV areas, which I'm sure all of
10 you know are the largest in the state of California and the
11 United States.

12 Proper application of this ordinance will sustain
13 long-term OHV recreation. Without your support and
14 re-scoring our grant, the Victor Valley Off-Road Enforcement
15 Team will not have the adequate funding to enforce the new
16 ordinance.

17 After reviewing the initial scores, it appears that
18 two Southern California agencies are receiving the bulk of
19 funds. All of us are aware of the problems that those
20 agencies face due to the seasonal abuse. However,
21 San Bernardino County is a year-round OHV use area and not
22 just a seasonal use area. During the year of 2005, the
23 Victor Valley Station received over 500 calls for service
24 related to OHV -- illegal OHV uses.

25 In the past, people (unintelligible) enjoyed the use

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1 of their off-road vehicles and law enforcement did not
2 receive any calls for service. Due to the population influx
3 into our surrounding communities, these calls for service
4 have increased. We now need to change the behavior of these
5 enthusiasts by educating them and directing them to legal OHV
6 use areas.

7 Now, I'm speaking from a watch commander's
8 perspective and somebody that's actually on the ground

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9 dealing with them on a day-to-day basis. Four to six calls
10 we average every shift, and we run ten-hour shifts. Since
11 the inception in July of our new ordinance, it is the very
12 first time we've ever had the tool as a law enforcement
13 officer to address -- and if I can use Mr. McMillin's example
14 of the child that comes home from school, is riding in the
15 backyard. If they're responsible and their parents are
16 responsible, they're riding on a track, they have watered it,
17 they have the correct exhaust system that does 96 decibels,
18 which is the current requirement for the California Vehicle
19 Code, we can inform the caller that they are well within the
20 limits of the ordinance and there's nothing that they're
21 doing wrong.

22 Conversely, we can take little Johnny who gets up at
23 10:00 at night, lights the fire ring, is going to do a double
24 back flip into the foam pit in his backyard in sequence with
25 Mega Death, we can cite him.

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1 This is the very first time we have a common-sense
2 approach. This allows us to simply take a look at the
3 issues, deal with them on a case-to-case basis and actually
4 have a tool to be able to deal with it. And it's fair and
5 adequate on both sides.

6 We partner up with BLM; we cover their area. A lot
7 of times when we have issues that come up in Dumont Dunes, it

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8 takes all of their personnel out of there. We cover Johnson
9 Valley, El Mirage, and the Stoddard Valley. We do this on a
10 continual basis whether we have the funding or whether we do
11 not have the funding. With the funding, we'll be able to
12 obtain the proper vehicles and the proper personnel to
13 actually use this ordinance and make a difference and give
14 you all the things you've been asking us to do in previous
15 grants for the last four years.

16 To answer your question, Commissioner Anderson, about
17 Code Enforcement, this works very effectively for us. A lot
18 of times a law enforcement officer will go on scene at one of
19 these OHV-disturbance calls. We can do something when these
20 things are committed in our presence. Half the time the
21 bikes are put away or there's something we can't do or just
22 simply through priority of calls we get there 45 minutes
23 later and the event is no longer occurring. We can pick up
24 the phone, we can call Chief Rogers, and we can tell him this
25 event's occurring, these are the times it's occurring at. He

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1 has the personnel; they can shift and actually conduct
2 surveillance and deal with those issues on a case-to-case
3 basis, whereas a law enforcement officer who's subject to
4 priority calls, cannot do that.

5 So these systems within San Bernardino County
6 complement each other, and we use them. We use them every
7 day. And we have a fair and equitable plan across the board.

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8 And we'd like to receive your help in re-scoring the
9 grant.

10 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Thank you.

11 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Thank you.

12 Okay. Others on this grant?

13 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Jason.

14 MR. FRIED: Hi. Jason Fried.

15 We -- I've had a chance to review the comments that I
16 believe you guys have also received a copy of this nice
17 binder with -- I think it's a great idea that they did it
18 this way. And we would like to say that he is 100 percent
19 correct, that what's going on there is needed. I would ask
20 you to pull this item off of Consent. We agree with
21 everything that's inside of this little binder. So we
22 will -- if you were to give him -- give the score that is in
23 this binder, we would say that was a great score. Ideally
24 we'd obviously like to see the score a little bit higher, but
25 we'll be willing to accept the score that's in the binder.

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1 Thank you.

2 MR. STEWART: John Stewart, California Association of
3 Four-Wheel Drive Associations and United Four-Wheel Drive
4 Associations.

5 I've looked at this and -- and I'm kind of lost as to
6 why it was scored low in the beginning. I know that the

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7 Victor Valley Station does cover rather a large area. And as
8 annotated in here, it's very important as part of the OHV
9 Recreation Program within the county. I would -- from our
10 perspective, we would support the pulling this off Consent
11 and considering a re-score.

12 Thank you.

13 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Others?

14 Next.

15 MR. VAN VOORHIS: Dave Van Voorhis. I'm a
16 San Bernardino County property owner. I'm also a registered
17 nurse in a trauma center. I work in an Intensive Care Unit.

18 And something we haven't really touched on is -- is I
19 really feel like we need first responders in the field
20 because of the high incidents of injuries due to OHV use.
21 And I support the re-scoring of this grant. A first
22 responder in the field saves lives.

23 Thank you.

24 MR. WALDHEIM: Ed Waldheim, President of Friends of
25 El Mirage.

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1 This team -- these share -- are part of our group
2 that meets on a monthly basis, second Wednesday of every
3 month. Shannon shows up, but also he does all his training
4 with the ATV folks. And we're getting more and more
5 volunteers to be trained under the leadership of Shannon out
6 there at El Mirage. So we're really proud of what he's doing

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7 on that.

8 The emergency response in El Mirage -- you know, it's
9 25,000 acres, and we depend on the sheriffs to be able to
10 come out there because we only have two, three BLM rangers
11 for 3.9 million acres. So when you think about it, El Mirage
12 is -- the El Mirage area is like a -- an SVRA, and we're
13 running it with probably two people -- two -- two and a half
14 people at the most. At one time we probably have two people
15 if we're lucky. And when you equate that with the way we're
16 running the SVRAs, which is an SVRA but only run by the BLM,
17 any help we can get from law enforcement is always welcome
18 because we need to -- we need to have its presence, and this
19 Victor Valley Station does do that. So I will go along with
20 their scoring.

21 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Thank you.

22 Anyone else on this grant?

23 MR. FLOYD: Kim Floyd with the Sierra Club.

24 We also support taking this off the Consent list.

25 The Victor Valley Sheriff's Department covers a very

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1 large geographic area that's growing rapidly with lots of
2 filling in in terms of homes, people coming up from the
3 valleys, moving into areas that historically have been
4 sparsely covered. And so we've got this built-in conflict
5 between people who like peace and quiet and people who

6 thought they were buying a house and acreage up in the desert
7 so they could ride wherever they want and whenever they want
8 to. And I think we've got a good ordinance, as we've
9 discussed before. And we need the Sheriffs and Code
10 Enforcement to be able to get out and work the communities.

11 So, again, we support taking this off Consent. And
12 we do support the analysis that the Sheriff provided in terms
13 of the alternative scoring. I have had a chance to review
14 that.

15 Thank you.

16 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Anyone else on this
17 grant?

18 Okay. We have three and then -- we'll have the last
19 three and then break briefly.

20 MS. ROACH: U.S. Forest Service, Sequoia National
21 Forest with the requested amount of 98,157. Division score
22 of 37 for zero percent funding.

23 MS. BAUER: Hello. My name is Cheryl Bauer. I'm the
24 District Recreation Manager on the Kern River Ranger District
25 of the Sequoia National Forest.

1 And I'm here today to ask that you remove our project
2 from the Consent Calendar, and that the grant be considered
3 for re-scoring. I believe that the information that our
4 forest has provided you today will show that we did in our
5 grant application provide the information that you requested.

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6 And the information today highlights where in the grant
7 application you can find the information you requested.

8 We received a score of 37. And with the information
9 we're providing you today, we're asking that our score be
10 changed to an 80.

11 This year our forest submitted just our ranger
12 district for a law enforcement project. The district is over
13 500,000 acres in size. It's actually two ranger districts
14 that were combined a couple of years ago. The north end of
15 the district has had a designated trail system in place for
16 over 30 years. And the south end of the district has been
17 open-riding area, and it's in the -- the route-designation
18 process as we speak. And we've discovered through that
19 process we have inventoried over 600 user-created trails at
20 the south end of our district. So law enforcement presence,
21 both for the investment that we already have at the north end
22 of the district, and for creating a quality designated system
23 at the south end is very important to us.

24 So we would ask for your continued support of having
25 the law enforcement presence out on the ground through state

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1 money added to forest service money rather than face the
2 third year of having received no state funding for that
3 effort.

4 Thank you.

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5 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Thank you.

6 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Next on this grant, anyone?

7 MR. TAMMONE: Yeah, I'll (unintelligible) since --

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: State your name for the
9 record.

10 MR. TAMMONE: Tom Tammone.

11 Seems there's a lot of confusion as far as what was
12 happening with the grant. A lot of people are saying it
13 wasn't going to get any funding at all this year, and
14 evidently there was some sort of mix-up on the scoring. And
15 I do support a re-score of the grant. And it's fortunate
16 that we had this process where we're able to do that. And
17 hopefully that -- that's part of the process, is that the --
18 the staff and all (unintelligible) might not catch
19 everything -- they might not be looking in the right corner,
20 may not look in the right portion of a grant and pick up the
21 input or the proper answer, but the public should have the
22 opportunity at these meetings to go ahead and -- and put that
23 in. And, again, that's why we need to have this information
24 in front of us when we speak so we can say what our opinion
25 is and what's actually in the forest as far from on the

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1 ground standpoint, as far as what's happening. And I think
2 that matters, and the public really does need to be involved
3 in it.

4 Thanks.

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5 MR. WALDHEIM: Ed Waldheim for CORVA and CTUC.

6 Mr. McMillin is directly responsible for the visitors
7 who are coming to Sequoia. He continues to build homes in
8 Bakersfield. They keep moving out of Los Angeles to
9 Bakersfield, and they all have OHVs. And guess what the
10 first stop is where they stop, is Sequoia National Forest.
11 When Sequoia Forest doesn't work, they go to Jawbone.

12 You've heard testimony earlier about the SVRA we're
13 trying to get in Bakersfield, and folks who were supposed to
14 be on the team now they've turned coats on us and they're
15 trying to -- I guess they're trying to make the place to
16 become nothing but housing rather than an open space which
17 OHV is. Bakersfield area has an incredible need. Kern
18 County has a need for OHV opportunity. And here, again,
19 there's some mistakes that were done on this grant, and I ask
20 you to please take it off Consent and discuss it. I'm not
21 going to put fingers -- we're not going to put the blame.
22 The problem is that we have a -- a -- an area that has 451
23 miles of single-track trails. No place else do we have as
24 many single-track -- probably Mendocino and Los Padres. They
25 have 809 miles of non-paved roads that we can utilize. It's

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1 an incredible place. It's for those people who really like
2 to get something that's a little bit tougher than just on a
3 dirt road. Not to give them any funds is absolutely

4 deplorable. It actually would be criminal not to do that.

5 So this is one case I can go through the sheet and --
6 and -- and get the score back up because of the need. But
7 the grant didn't score well; there was a reason it didn't
8 score well, and somehow we have to figure out -- there's got
9 to be some reasonableness of this whole issue that Sequoi a
10 gets something. If they don't get something, John McQuiston
11 and all the folks down there in Kern County are going to
12 really be upset, and our resources will be impacted.

13 When we talk about the route designation process
14 taking place, yes, we're working through that system, but we
15 have to have law enforcement and we have to have the O&M. We
16 have an incredible volunteer program there through the
17 Stewards of Sequoi a; they are second to none, really -- well,
18 maybe San Bernardi no. They're second to San Bernardi no. But
19 they're doing really good.

20 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Thank you.

21 Anyone else?

22 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Yucca.

23 MS. ROACH: Next grant, the Yucca Valley Police
24 Department. Request amount of 70,878. Division score of 33
25 for zero percent funding.

1 MR. COLLINS: Brit Collins, San Bernardi no
2 (unintelligible) Department, Morongo Basin Station on behalf
3 of the Yucca Valley Police Department. It's a contract city
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4 for us.

5 Our law enforcement area covers more than 5,200
6 square miles of desert terrain. Without your support, we
7 would have no personnel to patrol the vast areas that we have
8 available.

9 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Okay. Why do you think you
10 were scored wrong?

11 MR. COLLINS: Well, a couple reasons: One, my fault.
12 I combined my grant as one. I didn't realize it was to be
13 scored separately. So when I answered the questions, I put
14 it to apply to both. I should have done that as two separate
15 items. Also, we have a couple new things that have come up.
16 The grant was previous -- or the new county ordinance was
17 previously mentioned. That's created new partnerships
18 between us and County Code Enforcement. We have additional
19 staff help with us, but also we need more time and money to
20 respond to calls. And we've developed our new brochure --
21 I'll have her pass these out later -- that we've been working
22 on. It was mentioned in the grant. We actually have these
23 printed now and are available to hand out --

24 (Multiple speakers.)

25 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Okay. But we're going to get

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1 a revised -- your opinion --

2 MR. COLLINS: Yes. Yes, we have. I've provided

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3 these with staff to -- for your review.

4 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Thank you.

5 MR. WALLACE: Good afternoon. I'll make this as
6 brief as possible. My name is Chuck Wallace. I'm the
7 lieutenant in charge of operations for the Morongo Basin
8 Station which also encompasses the contract cities of
9 Twentynine Palms and the Town of Yucca Valley.

10 As Sgt. Collins said, we're responsible for over
11 5,000 square miles of -- of jurisdictional area. Last year
12 we responded to over 1,200 calls for service directly related
13 to off-highway vehicle incidents. Our ability to continue to
14 provide education and enforcement is dependent upon grant
15 funding. The request of \$70,000 is a modest request compared
16 to the other grant applications. As -- as Rick said, the
17 responsibility lies solely upon us for the low scoring. We
18 have provided additional documentation in the categories that
19 we previously did not address. We would continue to provide
20 this enforcement if the -- if the scoring was authorized as
21 submitted on the revised addition. We request that we be
22 removed from the Consent Calendar until the next meeting and
23 that you consider that our application of the revision be
24 approved as written.

25 Thank you.

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1 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Thank you.

2 Next.

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3 MR. FRIED: Hi. My name is Jason Fried.

4 This grant is like many of the other grants that are
5 scored lowly in the system. It's the fact that they don't
6 have professional grant writers helping them out with this.
7 The program on the ground is -- and I said this last year,
8 and I'll say it again, this is a model program that they have
9 running here. That brochure that you're looking at is one
10 that was produced with off-roaders, property owners,
11 environmentalists and everyone sitting down at the table
12 together to come up with that. They run a program there that
13 is -- is spectacular. If you were to ask me is there one
14 grant that should be fully funded regardless of maybe how the
15 grant looks on paper, but what it looks like on the ground, I
16 will tell you, this is the grant that should be funded and
17 should be copied, and their program should be copied at other
18 parts of the state.

19 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Okay.

20 MR. FRIED: That is how good of a program that this
21 is. We -- I believe that they've provided you with some
22 justifications for raising their score. We would agree with
23 that. And we're actually going to supplement that because we
24 don't think they gave themselves a high enough score in that.
25 So we will provide you with written comments later on.

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1 But once again, this program is absolutely amazing

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2 that they run their -- they deal with such a huge illegal
3 problem in that area that they need the ability to do it.
4 They have this great open area, Johnson Valley, just north of
5 them that they want to get people to. But a lot of people
6 don't go there; they go to these other places that are
7 illegal for them to ride. And we really need them to get
8 their funding.

9 Thank you.

10 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Thank you.

11 MR. VAN VOORHIS: Dave Van Voorhis, San Bernardino
12 County property owner, OHV recreational user of public lands,
13 and BLM volunteer in San Bernardino County.

14 I support the re-scoring of this grant. I feel that
15 they're -- they're doing a heck of a job educating the public
16 on -- on where to go and ride legally. But it's a big job.
17 And we're going to get it done, but we need -- we need funds.

18 Thank you.

19 MR. FLOYD: Kim Floyd with the Sierra Club.

20 We also think this grant should be re-scored and
21 agree that this -- this is a model operation in terms of the
22 Sheriff's approach in Yucca Valley.

23 Thank you.

24 MS. ROACH: Last grant, Simi Valley Police
25 Department. Request amount of 14,990; score of 25 with

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1 zero percent funding.

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2 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Anyone here speaking on
3 behalf of this grant?

4 (No audience response.)

5 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: All right. We'll do a -- a
6 recap for Consent items.

7 You want to read your list?

8 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Okay. On the Consent
9 Calendar, I have not very many. I believe we've got item --
10 Line Item 5, Line Item 9, 10, 11, and 50.

11 Is there anybody else who I've not mentioned who
12 would like to remain on the Consent Calendar?

13 So having none, that would be our --

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: El Centro requests to be on
15 Consent.

16 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: You do?

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Absolutely.

18 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Okay.

19 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I don't.

20 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: You do, but there was a
21 number of people who thought --

22 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I don't

23 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: -- you need to be
24 re-evaluated. So -- so you're not on it right now.

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

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1 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: So we're going to roll those
2 over to Consent Calendar.

3 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay.

4 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: That's our suggestion.

5 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Now, I'll break, which I
6 promised you, 15 minutes, which will allow staff time to give
7 me my lunch. You can take a break, and I'll talk to Mark.
8 He's leaving, and we'll find out --

9 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Yes, I've got to leave at
10 2:30.

11 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: All right. I do -- is there
12 anyone that I missed on public comment for Law Enforcement?
13 Most of you filled out one of these brownish-colored sheets.
14 Did I miss anybody? I think you all -- I think everybody has
15 spoken on the items they were interested in.

16 Okay.

17 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Those are done.

18 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Thank you. Fifteen minutes.

19 (Lunch recess.)

20 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: All right. Here we go.

21 People who were at the northern grants committee
22 meeting have shared with me some information concerning the
23 Restoration grants -- this includes Commissioner McMILLIN --
24 that apparently they voted, and they had a quorum at their
25 meeting to take all the Restoration grants off of the Consent

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1 Calendar. So those of you who would like to speak on behalf
2 of pulling items from the Consent Calendar, you won't need
3 to. If you have specific information about one of these
4 grants and you think you won't be at the December meeting or
5 you may not be at the December meeting, certainly I encourage
6 you to send us all your written comments and corrections,
7 amendments, adjustments to scoring with specifics. So I'll
8 defer to the staff here, which -- who's doing restoration
9 grants?

10 MR. PELONIO: John Pelonio.

11 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Tom -- okay. You want to --
12 you want to give us kind of an overview? Everybody kind of
13 knows what law enforcement is, but I would appreciate it
14 if -- and I would like to go through these kind of quickly,
15 and we'll see if anyone wants to comment on them.

16 MR. PELONIO: Okay.

17 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: If you would tell me kind of
18 what it's for, like is it -- are we restoring trail, open
19 wilderness, just kind of, you know, what's the general nature
20 of most of the restoration grants.

21 MR. PELONIO: The general function of a restoration
22 project is to return the area to the condition that existed
23 prior to OHV recreation. So it might involve de-compacting
24 the soil, might involve seeding, might involve planting some
25 native vegetation, might involve barriers to protect it as

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1 well monitoring after the fact to make sure that the barriers
2 are effective and the restoration is progressing, might
3 involve some law enforcement to monitor that.

4 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. All right. Let's --
5 let's see if we can move through these quickly.

6 MR. PELONIO: There were a total of 27 restoration
7 Projects. Total request amount was \$6,098,078. The funding
8 target was \$7,500,000, which would leave the remaining amount
9 of 1,401 -- \$1,401,921.

10 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay.

11 MR. PELONIO: Start with the first one?

12 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes, first one, Bishop.

13 MR. PELONIO: BLM Bishop --

14 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Yep.

15 MR. PELONIO: -- requested amount was \$204,516.

16 Score was 89 for 80 percent, which would be 163,613.

17 MR. WILLIAMS: Hello. Richard Williams, Bishop Field
18 Office.

19 I've submitted justification for an increase in my
20 scoring -- written justification, so you guys can refer to
21 that.

22 Thank you very much.

23 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Anyone else?

24 MR. FRIED: Hi. Jason Fried.

25 I'm going to try and save as much time as possible on

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1 this. Pretty much across the board, all the restoration
2 grants, we support them being removed from Consent and having
3 higher scores. We'll have written comment for you before
4 your December meeting on all of them. So except for one more
5 grant, I won't come up for any more restoration, if you just
6 copy this to all the other restoration grants. Save you all
7 some time.

8 Thanks.

9 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Anyone else on this
10 grant?

11 Okay. Next.

12 MR. PELONIO: BLM Ridgecrest. Requested amount was
13 \$831,144. The score was 87 for 80 percent funding, which
14 resulted in 664,915.

15 MR. GARTLAND: Ron Gartland, California Desert
16 District for BLM.

17 We did submit justification for a higher score, and
18 we were going to ask to be taken off Consent for Ridgecrest.
19 So I can leave it at that.

20 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Just --

21 MR. GARTLAND: You want me to go --

22 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes, I haven't seen those.
23 Just make sure they're in my packet before we leave here
24 today.

25 MR. GARTLAND: Okay. I thought you had them, but I

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1 can give it to you now. And I can do CD, too. The CD is
2 next. I already handed in my kit.

3 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Then just -- I haven't
4 had a chance -- this stack is getting too big.

5 MR. GARTLAND: That's all right.

6 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I lost track. Okay?

7 MR. GARTLAND: Okay.

8 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: That's it? Thank you.

9 Anyone else on that grant?

10 MR. WATSON: Jay Watson with Student Conservation
11 Association or SCA, as we are now known.

12 We would support removing this from the Consent
13 Calendar and re-scoring it. SCA has two Desert Restoration
14 Teams that work out of the Ridgecrest Office. It's been a
15 spectacular success, and an increased level of funding
16 increases our ability to bring in additional funding and --
17 and maximize our own match -- matching funds as well.

18 So thank you.

19 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Thank you.

20 Anyone else on this grant?

21 Okay. Next one.

22 MR. PELONIO: BLM Palm Springs, South Coast Field
23 Office. Request amount was 618,376; score was 86 for
24 80 percent funding, which would be 494,701.

25 MS. DANIELS: Mona Daniels, Palm Springs Field

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1 Office.

2 We believe we did an outstanding job on this grant.
3 We'd like to have it removed from Consent. And we will be
4 providing you with our sheet and paperwork on the scores we
5 believe we earned.

6 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Thank you.

7 Anyone else on this grant?

8 MR. WATSON: I'll just repeat what I said before
9 without repeating it. So Jay Watson with SCA.

10 We would support removing this one and re-scoring it
11 as well because we also work with -- with this office of
12 the -- of the BLM.

13 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: And you're providing us with
14 some --

15 MR. WATSON: Yes, we'll provide you with some
16 additional information --

17 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: -- detailed --

18 MR. WATSON: Yeah.

19 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: -- comments?

20 Okay. Anyone else?

21 Next.

22 MR. PELONIO: BLM California Desert District.
23 Request amount, 350,219; the score was 75 for 70 percent
24 funding for \$245,153.

25 MR. GARTLAND: Ron Gartland, California Desert

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1 District.

2 Once again, we submitted justification for an
3 increased score. So I can leave it at that.

4 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay.

5 Anyone else on this grant?

6 Onward.

7 MR. PELONIO: BLM El Centro Field Office. Requested
8 amount was 477,459; score of 70 for 70 percent funding, which
9 would be 334,221.

10 MR. ZACH: Tom Zach, Associate Field Manager for the
11 BLM's El Centro Field Office.

12 We will provide some additional information regarding
13 the scoring of our grant application in the near future.

14 Thank you.

15 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Anyone else on this grant?

16 All right. Next.

17 MR. PELONIO: U. S. Forest Service, San Bernardino
18 National Forest. Request amount was 158,475; score was 64
19 for 60 percent funding, which would be \$95,085.

20 MR. EVANS: Hi. Chris Evans with the San Bernardino
21 National Forest.

22 As with our other applications, we discussed it
23 earlier with the law enforcement, I believe, we did work with
24 our stakeholders and partners in reviewing all of the
25 applications. This is one of the ones that we would like to

1 ask to be removed from the Consent Calendar. Based upon our
2 review, we felt it should have been scored at 86. And we
3 have provided some written documentation as to why we feel
4 that should be its score.

5 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Thank you. I have the
6 information.

7 MR. VON DRELINGEN: Hello again. Sorry. Ben Von
8 Drelingen, San Bernardino National Forest Association,
9 partners with the U.S. Forest Service in San Bernardino.

10 On behalf of those of us today who have reviewed
11 the -- the revised -- or the new information that Chris
12 provided you all with, Lacy, Dale, Dana, Linda, and myself,
13 we support taking that grant off Consent and having the
14 criteria and having the grant re-evaluated.

15 Thank you.

16 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Next? Anyone else?

17 MR. TAMMONE: Tom Tammone, San Bernardino National
18 Forest Association volunteer.

19 And I support Chris Evans's request to have his grant
20 re-scored.

21 Thank you.

22 MS. MILLER: Commissioner Anderson, if I could make a
23 comment.

24 As -- as she said earlier, all of these were pulled
25 off earlier at the last -- at the subcommittee meeting and

1 were pulled off of Consent. So if you have anything in
2 addition to address the criteria, that's really what we're --
3 we're interested in looking for, because, you know, you'll
4 have an opportunity in December anyway. But this is really
5 what we're trying to -- to get at is that if you have
6 specific comments on the criteria that they were evaluated
7 for, we're really looking for that.

8 Thank you.

9 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: More detailed, the better
10 evidence, the -- the more -- greater your chances for getting
11 the numbers you're looking for.

12 Okay. Next.

13 MR. PELONIO: BLM Barstow Field Office. Requested
14 amount was \$1,844,247. Score was 63 for 60 percent funding,
15 which would be 1,106,548.

16 MR. AHRENS: Yes, thank you. Mike Ahrens, BLM
17 Barstow.

18 Let -- let me just very briefly say that we took an
19 approach this year to actually try to develop what we thought
20 might be a little more efficient work force using High Desert
21 High School students. The -- the objective was to both be
22 more efficient and also build some ownership in those
23 students in restoration -- the restoration routes of travel
24 and what have you, and hopefully to -- to build upon our
25 compliance. We think that was pretty successful. I do know

1 that some of our interest affected public interests and what
2 have you and would like a better opportunity to look at some
3 of those, and we're arranging to do that. And so we're very
4 comfortable with them being off of Consent at this point.

5 Thank you.

6 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Mr. Ahrens, a question.

7 MR. AHRENS: Yes.

8 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Which category was it where you
9 put in 100 pages of --

10 MR. AHRENS: That would be the trail.

11 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: -- useless -- sorry, but --

12 MR. AHRENS: I agree with you.

13 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: -- 100 pages of useless
14 information?

15 MR. AHRENS: It would be the trail maintenance --

16 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. That's --

17 MR. AHRENS: -- category. That's non-CESA.

18 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: We're not up to that. That's
19 non-CESA.

20 MR. AHRENS: No. You --

21 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I understand that. But if you
22 want to go home, I'm just telling you, this is --

23 MR. AHRENS: No, we're here for the duration.

24 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: This was not a good -- that
25 was -- that was not a good move. Okay.

1 MR. AHRENS: I look forward to discussing it.

2 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: What happened to the
3 seven-page rule? Different deal?

4 MR. PELONIO: Page -- page limits only apply to that
5 portion of the grant that we were considering for the
6 scoring. So it's generally --

7 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes -- no, I -- I understand
8 that you -- that there weren't more than -- how many pages
9 were they allowed for this -- for -- for restoration grants,
10 how many pages: 10, 12, 20?

11 Thank you.

12 Probably not that many, huh? You have to have --
13 yes --

14 MR. BELLUCCI: Ten to twelve.

15 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Ten to twelve. Something like
16 that.

17 MR. LaFRANCHI: Maybe we can come back to that one.

18 MS. ROACH: Ten.

19 MR. LaFRANCHI: We'll find that and answer your
20 question.

21 MR. PELONIO: Ten.

22 MS. ROACH: If you'd like, I can read off the page on
23 the top.

24 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: No. That's -- that's -- that's
25 all right.

1 Okay. Next comment on this grant.

2 MR. FRIED: Yeah, Jason Fried.

3 This -- I told you this was going to be my one
4 exception to taking my comments from all the other ones. I
5 am part of the public that was concerned about the program
6 that they're currently running. Unfortunately, the way the
7 grant cycles work and the way the work gets done in the
8 desert, the grants that were approved last year, we're really
9 not starting to see the work until right about now. And so
10 we originally were going to ask that this be kept on Consent
11 because we're not sure how good of a program it is. But we
12 have since talked with the BLM office, and we're going to go
13 out and see what the work is at least that they're starting
14 on doing now and hope that it is as effective as the work
15 they have been doing in the past.

16 Thank you.

17 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Anyone else on this
18 grant?

19 Okay. Next.

20 MR. PELONIO: U.S. Forest Service, Cleveland National
21 Forest. Requested amount was 77,506; score 63 for 60 percent
22 funding, which would be 46,504.

23 MS. CAREY: Ann Carey, Recreation Officer at
24 Cleveland National Forest.

25 And we, too, would like to pull it off the Consent

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1 Calendar. We've provided justification to bring the score up
2 to 90 and -- but I guess another thing that I'd like to
3 request is, we had the horse fire which burnt over 16,000
4 acres. It happened at the same time that the grant process
5 was due in. It burnt 80 percent of Corral Canyon, the major
6 OHV area in -- on the Descanso Ranger District. Mr. Stewart
7 talked about it during the public meeting. And so there is
8 not a project for Corral Canyon restoration in this year's
9 grant because we weren't planning on submitting one at the
10 time. Since then, with so much burning going on, we have a
11 situation where we have trails, and no longer the chaparral
12 is there to keep users on the designated routes.

13 And so what we would like for the Commission to
14 consider is the possibility of us to add an additional
15 project to restoration in light of the fact that there is
16 additional money or sufficient money in -- in the pot. So...

17 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Ms. Greene?

18 DEPUTY DIRECTOR GREENE: Yes.

19 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I'm not sure if you heard
20 what --

21 DEPUTY DIRECTOR GREENE: No, I did not. My
22 apologies.

23 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: She indicated that they were
24 dealing with a fire at exactly the time that they were
25 supposed to be turning in this grant application and was

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1 wondering about the possibility of adding a component, Corral
2 Canyon restoration.

3 DEPUTY DIRECTOR GREENE: I think, Commissioner
4 Anderson, as we indicated at the last meeting,
5 the difficulty that we have is, how do you --
6 I think it was brought up earlier in public
7 comment that perhaps we should be trying to
8 look at something for emergency situations.
9 Because certainly we have the greatest empathy
10 for what's gone on recently down in San Diego
11 on the Cleveland as well as the Los Padres.

12 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes.

13 DEPUTY DIRECTOR GREENE: The difficulty is, you have
14 a competitive process, and so how do you not give one
15 applicant some sort of -- a priority where it's not
16 appropriate? I think what we've tried to be looking at is
17 some of the old grants and whether or not we might be able to
18 bring those forth with a scope change to the Commission for
19 your approval, which would then allow us to be able to get
20 some of those funds to the forest directly. I think it was
21 also raised this morning, could we perhaps look at having
22 some sort of emergency funds separate from what the forest or
23 BLM already has in terms of federal emergency additional
24 funding. I think that that's important. I think, though,
25 that everybody realizes today that we are still talking about

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1 \$40 million that's been applied for and \$18 million that's
2 available. So it is difficult, and difficult decisions have
3 to be made. And that is where recognizing -- everybody wants
4 their -- their application to come up to the top, but we are
5 looking at -- I think in this particular case, if we were
6 trying to change a grant this late in the date in the
7 process, that that would present problems in terms of the
8 competitive process. But I think that we can look back at
9 the past years' grants for re-scope.

10 MS. CAREY: The Forest and the Division is working at
11 re-scoping two past grants that are currently active for
12 \$190,000. So we're -- we're working on that.

13 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Thank you.

14 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Is that something, Daphne,
15 that we will -- that will be brought to our attention in the
16 December meeting, then?

17 DEPUTY DIRECTOR GREENE: I don't know -- I don't know
18 whether or not that -- we may have that on as a separate
19 agenda item. I would imagine that might be actually more
20 appropriate just given the time frame and the number of
21 applicants that are being requested to be withdrawn from the
22 Consent Calendar. We're going to have a very full two days.
23 So perhaps we'd look at that in -- at the January meeting as
24 being an item on the -- on the agenda -- unless, in fact, you
25 want to --

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1 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: If it -- if it doesn't have
2 to go through the Commission --

3 (Multiple speakers.)

4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR GREENE: Right. If it's a -- if it's
5 a minor --

6 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: If it's minor, I'd like staff
7 to, you know --

8 DEPUTY DIRECTOR GREENE: Absolutely.

9 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: A re-scope --

10 DEPUTY DIRECTOR GREENE: Yes. We recognize the
11 importance of this and understand all of our concern for this
12 particular area. And -- and particularly the amount of funds
13 that have been invested and now -- now the impact.

14 MS. GREENWOOD: If I could -- if I could just say,
15 the ones -- scope changes that were submitted, they were last
16 year's restoration grants, and basically the intent, I think,
17 is to put up fencing, so the restoration project themselves
18 would not be completed. And I don't know if that's something
19 that would need to come forth to the Commission.

20 DEPUTY DIRECTOR GREENE: We can take a look at that.
21 I think we'll look at that off line and then discuss it with
22 the Forest and then perhaps bring it back to the Commission.
23 Whether or not it comes back at the December or the January
24 meeting, we certainly can discuss with you and Chairman

25 Bri ssenden.

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1 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Thank you.

2 MS. CAREY: Thank you.

3 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Anyone else on this grant?

4 MR. STEWART: John Stewart, Cali forni a Associ ati on of
5 Four-Wheel Drive Clubs and Uni ted Four-Wheel Drive
6 Associ ati ons.

7 This is one of those problematic grants that does
8 display a flaw in the system. And I would encourage the
9 Commi ssi on and Ed to look at this in any way that can be
10 applied extra money to this grant or to bring projects in at
11 this point in time.

12 I'd like to point out that, yes, this is a
13 competi tive process, and looking at the funding available in
14 the particular restoration account, it seems like there's
15 plenty of room to add another project to it, another grant to
16 it even at this late date without impacting the competi tive
17 process of review because there's still money in the pot that
18 has not been used. So I'd encourage the Commi ssi on to go
19 ahead and accept this as a -- you know, pull it off Consent
20 and accept it as a -- whatever capacity they can to apply and
21 find whatever funds they can turn loose to help this issue.

22 Thank you.

23 MR. TAMMONE: Hi. Tom Tammone.

24 Yeah, I also support the -- any possible effort to
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25 re-score any previous grants or to consider the -- the grant

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1 that's being proposed now for Corral Canyon, especially the
2 competitive process. As far as I'm concerned, it's a matter
3 of what we can do with the money to get the resources on the
4 ground and get people out there. We're getting so concerned
5 about scoring statements and little boxes; this is a matter
6 of what matters to the riders and what matters to the users.
7 The Corral Canyon OHV area is really the only Forest Service
8 opportunity in San Diego County that I'm aware of. And
9 there's no other riding opportunity like it. The area is
10 extremely populated with people that are interested and
11 people that utilize the opportunities, and there's a severe
12 shortage in that area of off-road opportunities. So anything
13 we can do at all to facilitate getting any money into that
14 project needs to be done.

15 Thank you.

16 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Next.

17 MR. PELONIO: U. S. Forest Service, Inyo National
18 Forest Monache restoration Project. Requested amount,
19 \$131,910; score was 62 for 60 percent funding, which would be
20 79,146.

21 MR. ELLSWORTH: Yes, good afternoon. Todd Ellsworth,
22 again, Inyo National Forest.

23 And I've handed out a re-score of this grant with

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24 specifics that -- that -- with specific reasons outlined in
25 my -- what I handed out. I'm requesting a re-score of 95.

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1 And I can go through the specifics, if you'd -- if you'd
2 like.

3 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: We've got them here.

4 MR. ELLSWORTH: Okay. One of the things I'd like to
5 point out is that this grant, the restoration grant along
6 with the conservation grant kind of provides a suite of
7 treatments in the Monache area to provide long-term and
8 resource stability. And that's kind of the way we -- we've
9 been approaching it, is taking a look at -- like all those
10 things and making sure that where we can repair trails, we do
11 that with the conservation grants.

12 Another thing I'd like to point out is under
13 Criteria 2, we have a very strong partnership with the
14 Student Conservation Association, and they also receive
15 funding from the National Forest Foundation and private
16 donations, and Mammoth Mountain provides them lodging during
17 the summer. So we -- we'd like to continue that program.
18 And -- and with our increased score, that would -- that would
19 greatly help us do that.

20 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Thank you.

21 Anyone else on this grant?

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Twenty seconds because Todd
23 just mentioned our partnership with them.

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24 The -- the re-scoring to a higher amount will give us
25 the ability to bring those matching funds in. Because if --

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1 if there's a smaller amount of -- of money on the -- on
2 the -- the project, then that -- we can't go get as much
3 money to match it to make it all pencil out in the end. And
4 like you said, we did bring on the private foundation, an
5 individual donor, as well as Mammoth Mountain Ski Area that
6 provides us in-kind housing for the team when they're not out
7 in the field. So we'll get you some additional information
8 on that, too, if -- if more is necessary beyond what they've
9 provided.

10 Thank you.

11 PRESIDENT KEAT: Thank you.

12 Okay. Anyone else on this grant?

13 Next.

14 MR. PELONIO: U.S. Forest Service, Los Padres
15 National Forest. Request amount of 45,248; score of 59 for
16 50 percent funding, which would be 22,624.

17 MR. EVANS: Good afternoon. Bruce Evans, Recreation
18 Staff Officers on the Los Padres National Forest.

19 And for the record, I'm glad that you have pulled all
20 these from the Consent agenda. And we earlier today
21 submitted the justification for a re-score hopefully to a
22 score of 80. And so the Commission should have that as well

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23 as staff.

24 Thank you.

25 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Anyone else on this

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1 grant?

2 MR. PELONIO: Inyo National Forest, Inyo Mountains
3 restoration. Request amount was 26,196; score of 57 for
4 50 percent funding, which would be 13,098.

5 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: This is the other side of the
6 Owens Valley.

7 MR. ELLSWORTH: Yes, thank you. This is Todd
8 Ellsworth, Inyo National Forest again.

9 I also re-scored this one, which I will give to the
10 Division for your perusal before the December meeting. And I
11 re-scored this one to a 92. And, again, I'd like to point
12 out in the Criteria 2 on the PC&D, we identified a strong
13 partnership with the Student Conservation Association, as
14 what you've heard before. That's all I want to say about
15 that.

16 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Just a question.

17 MR. ELLSWORTH: Sure.

18 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Memory fades. Was this mostly
19 in the Mazurka Canyon area?

20 MR. ELLSWORTH: Correct.

21 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay.

22 MR. ELLSWORTH: Yeah, it's mostly Mazurka Canyon.

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23 Okay?

24 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes, that was it.

25 Anyone else on this grant?

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1 Next.

2 MR. PELONIO: The final restoration project,
3 U. S. Forest Service, Angeles National Forest. Request
4 amount, 86,862; score was 52 for 50 percent funding, which
5 would be 43,431.

6 MR. KAUCHER: Tom Kaucher, Angeles National Forest,
7 Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator.

8 We were going to request a re-score of an additional
9 48 points to bring the score to 100. I know you have the
10 documentation here, but just one item I'd like to -- one item
11 I'd like to bring up is the fact of we have four different
12 sites involved in this project here. Three of the other
13 sites were previously submitted a couple of years back where
14 we didn't have scoring criteria, and at that time we did not
15 receive full funding and only partial funding. So those
16 sites were approved at that time, but we just didn't have the
17 money to complete them. So they're on this project right
18 now, and we'd request that the -- the funding be given for
19 those projects.

20 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Where -- where are these areas?

21 MR. KAUCHER: Well, one of them is what we call a

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22 three-levels area over in the Wrightwood community.

23 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay.

24 MR. KAUCHER: Another one is in the Rohwer Flats

25 Off-Highway Vehicle Area.

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1 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Oh -- okay.

2 MR. KAUCHER: Rohwer Flats.

3 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes.

4 MR. KAUCHER: And then also Drinkwater Flats, which
5 is another off-highway area. And also along our Liabre
6 (phonetic) Mountain, Sawmill chain where we have the
7 sensitive species of black oaks up there where we're having
8 damage being done with the folks getting off the road. So
9 the -- the -- the three that I'd mentioned earlier were the
10 ones that were previously submitted to the State for funding.

11 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. I -- I understand where
12 Texas Canyon is. What's going on with Liabre?

13 MR. KAUCHER: Liabre?

14 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes.

15 MR. KAUCHER: It's just a -- one of our level-two
16 roads that run along that chain of the mountains there. And
17 we're getting a lot of activity off the route itself off the
18 road that's getting into the black oaks stands up there.

19 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Isn't -- that's a --
20 that's a condor area, isn't it?

21 MR. KAUCHER: No.

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22 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I thought -- I thought there
23 were --

24 MR. KAUCHER: Well, the condors have been known to --

25 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I thought there were condor

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1 nesting sites in that area.

2 MR. KAUCHER: No. There are no nesting sites.

3 Condors do fly over the area, but there are no nesting sites.

4 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay.

5 MR. KAUCHER: Everything's pretty much on the west
6 side of I-5.

7 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: All right. I thought I --

8 MR. KAUCHER: Okay.

9 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I thought I saw somebody with
10 a -- sitting in an Audubon Society vehicle watching. But
11 they --

12 MR. KAUCHER: Oh, they probably have. Because like
13 I said, they do fly in that area.

14 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay.

15 MR. KAUCHER: They've been known to be in there
16 for --

17 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay.

18 MR. KAUCHER: But there's no nesting sites.

19 All right. Thank you.

20 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Uh-huh.

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21 Okay. Anyone else on this grant?

22 All right. Well, the Northern California grants

23 people did -- did the grant work on this one.

24 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: They pulled them all off.

25 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: They pulled them all off.

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1 Okay. Oh, my headache has not gone away.

2 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: Well, I'm leaving, so

3 maybe...

4 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: All right. All right. I just

5 want to -- Dana Bell still here? No? She didn't speak,

6 that's why I'm asking.

7 Linda Myers, do you want to speak?

8 MS. MYERS: I think we've all said it.

9 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay.

10 Dale Johnson?

11 Ben Von Drelingen -- Dreling --

12 MS. MYERS: He stepped out.

13 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Lacy Kelly.

14 MS. MYERS: She's out.

15 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: And -- oh, this is Jay Watson.

16 He put his name in the wrong place.

17 Okay. Bruce Evans?

18 Dave Von Voorhis?

19 Okay.

20 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: How do you know?

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21 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes.
22 All right. This is Mr. Waldheim. Anything?
23 COMMISSIONER WALDHEIM: None.
24 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Tom Kaucher?
25 John Stewart?

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1 Jason Fried?
2 I think everybody's spoken.
3 Okay. We'll move on to the next category. And which
4 staff member is doing --
5 MR. BELLUCCI: Larry Bellucci.
6 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: -- non-CESA? These are --
7 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: I've got to leave.
8 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I understand.
9 COMMISSIONER McMILLIN: My apologies for leaving you
10 alone. Thank you.
11 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I can -- I can handle it.
12 Ha-ha, ha-ha.
13 (Commissioner McMillin departs the proceedings.)
14 MR. BELLUCCI: Okay. The non-CESA, there's one
15 Development grant, that's BLM Barstow Field Office. A
16 requested amount of \$677,893. It received a score of 71 with
17 a funding determination of 70 percent for \$474,525. And I
18 need to let you know that this -- it has been determined that
19 this project is not, in fact, categorically exempt, and

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20 further, CEQA evaluation will be required if the project is
21 to move forward. If you have any specific questions
22 regarding that, Christine Schneider from TRA, our
23 environmental consultant, is here, and she can answer any
24 questions.

25 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Can you -- all right.

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1 I -- I wasn't expecting that, so I'm --

2 MR. LaFRANCHI: Madam --

3 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: What's the next -- what -- I
4 want -- I just want to know what the next step is going to
5 be, then.

6 MR. BELLUCCI: The next step --

7 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Is this being -- is this being
8 withdrawn or --

9 MR. BELLUCCI: It's not being withdrawn. If -- if
10 the Division decides that they want to fund the -- the CEQA
11 work that -- that needs to be done, then we'll do so. And I
12 believe what could happen with this is that you can kind of
13 set the money aside if you decide -- if the Commission
14 decides to, in fact, fund it. And once the CEQA work is
15 done, which I understand may take up to six months, then
16 after the CEQA work has been completed, the project can --

17 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Is this archeological or
18 biological or -- what's the -- do you know what the
19 categories are?

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20 MS. MILLER: Christine, you want to speak to that?

21 MS. SCHNEIDER: Hi. I'm Christine Schneider of TRA.

22 The reason why this grant was found not to be
23 categorically exempt is because it's a development grant and
24 it involves things that simply cannot be categorically
25 exempted. For example, there's three group campsites,

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1 there's 13 individual campsites, there's going to be a new
2 five-acre ATV Safety Training Unit on the Barstow Lands. So
3 they're just not things that could be categorically exempt.
4 We've been given authorization to proceed with an initial
5 study, Mitigated Negative Declaration, which we will start
6 shortly. We'll be able to complete that probably by February
7 or so, at which time it can then be heard again and it can be
8 funded once the CEQA documentation is complete.

9 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. All I'm -- at this point
10 I'm kind of asking the question, is -- was there lack of
11 documentation because of -- of somebody's error or an
12 oversight or just misinterpretation or --

13 MS. SCHNEIDER: Not at all. What it is, is it's just
14 not categorically exempt. It's --

15 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I understand. But who was the
16 person who thought it was categorically exempt initially?
17 Would that have been the agency or -- or -- or a miss when it
18 was discussed initially with the -- when you looked at the

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19 first application? I mean did -- did the staff fail to -- to
20 red flag this when it came in or --

21 MS. SCHNEIDER: No, not at all. It -- it -- it's
22 quite common for Development grant applications to have
23 activities that aren't categorically exempt. Just because
24 they're not routine things that -- that occur --

25 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. I'm just -- I'm trying

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1 to find some real rationale for being able to put this over.
2 Okay?

3 MR. LaFRANCHI: Maybe I could address --

4 MS. SCHNEIDER: Yeah.

5 MR. LaFRANCHI: -- it briefly if -- Madam Chair, if
6 you don't mind. In -- in the -- in a -- in a grant
7 application from a local agency in California, they would be
8 subject to CEQA. They would make a -- it would make a
9 determination as to whether the project was categorically
10 exempt or not. And you -- the Commission, as a decision
11 maker, the Division, as a decision maker, could elect to
12 accept that decision or not. This is a federal grant.
13 Federal agencies are not required to comply with CEQA. They
14 are -- under our rules. They are merely required to submit
15 information -- their NEPA information. And then the Division
16 takes the next step whether or not it can forward the project
17 to the Commission as categorically exempt or whether or not
18 additional work is going to be needed.

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19 So the decision has been made in this situation that
20 additional work is needed in the context of a mitigated
21 negative declaration. So the decision in this situation has
22 been up to the Division in -- in that regard. For the
23 purposes of the Commission, the way the process works, you
24 can make -- the Commission can make a determination on the
25 final scoring, final allocation subject to final CEQA but not

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1 approve the final project until CEQA --
2 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: (Unintelligible.)
3 MR. LaFRANCHI: -- is in.
4 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay.
5 MR. LaFRANCHI: And at that point everybody would
6 under- -- you'd have to make clear to everybody that if -- if
7 the Commission is not able to make a final decision, that
8 project would drop off, and any projects below the cutoff
9 line would move up to fill that funding amount.
10 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay.
11 MR. LaFRANCHI: Is that --
12 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: All right. Thank you.
13 MR. AHRENS: Thank you. I'm Mike Ahrens, Barstow
14 Field Office.
15 We're satisfied with the Division's determinations
16 and wish to be put on Consent.
17 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay.

18 Yes, Mr. Waldheim.

19 MR. WALDHEIM: Ed Waldheim, President of Friends of
20 El Mirage.

21 In your book on page 63, it describes the project.
22 And this is within the El Mirage OHV area, 25,000 acres that
23 is set aside that we can technically go anywhere we want to,
24 period. It's been so planned for in the Management Program.
25 And I'm kind of surprised that you don't want to accept the

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1 category exclusion, because I put in an RTP grant to do some
2 other work on there, just like we did the road paving and so
3 forth. So all of those things were done with the category
4 exclusion. So I have no idea why in the world all of a
5 sudden now we're going to ask for -- for a whole
6 documentation when we've gone through every bloody process
7 you can -- possibly can for that area. I can technically
8 ride on every inch of that ground today without any violation
9 of any law.

10 So I would suggest you follow counsel's suggestion in
11 here, approve this grant or accept it on -- on Consent. And
12 then when the process goes through, if, in fact, they do have
13 to do the paperwork, the -- as -- as she's suggesting, then
14 it could be followed up later. Remember that also if a -- a
15 grant is put in and some documentation are needed as far as
16 the CEQA or the NEPA work, those can always be followed up
17 later on. If they don't comply, then, of course, it

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18 follows -- follow through, as counsel says, other grants
19 would move up that have dropped out.

20 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I'd like to see the campgrounds
21 go in, Ed. I'm not -- it's a matter of getting the paperwork
22 done appropriately.

23 Okay. Anyone else on this grant?

24 Next.

25 MR. BELLUCCI: Okay. The next grant -- category of

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1 grants are equipment grants. Before I announce those,
2 however, I failed to mention that for non-CESA, the
3 Commission's funding target was \$5.5 million. The Division
4 received grant requests in the amount of 22 -- just over
5 \$22 million.

6 The next grant is BLM Barstow Field Office, who
7 requested \$171,997. They received a score of 70 for a
8 funding determination of 70 percent or \$120,398.

9 MR. AHRENS: Mike Ahrens, Barstow BLM.

10 And we're satisfied with the Division's
11 determinations and would like to be put on the Consent
12 Calendar for this grant.

13 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Thank you.

14 MR. WALDHEIM: Ed Waldheim, Friends of El Mirage.

15 Yesterday I shopped, spent \$136,000 buying two water
16 trucks for the Barstow Field Office and for the Friends of

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17 El Mirage. We totally support this equipment purchase. We
18 need to get on the trails not only in El Mirage, but we need
19 to get into Johnson Valley and to Stoddard Valley area. And
20 so these are things that are all part of the integral system
21 to handle the visitors that come out to that area. We have
22 to remember, we've got 3.9 million acres in the Barstow Field
23 Office, which is no small task to keep track of. And it's
24 been neglected too long as far as the trail maintenance is
25 concerned. So part of the equipment is to work on these

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1 issues, and we hope you support it. Go on Consent.

2 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Well, somebody help me here.
3 This is -- Mike, can you explain to me how this dump truck is
4 going to be used for OHV projects.

5 MR. AHRENS: Well, it's used in several different
6 ways. Obviously the dump itself is used -- we have -- we
7 ended up doing -- I think this year we've identified 11
8 different large-scale volunteer clean-ups, and the dump truck
9 was used to haul that trash and what have you off, remove
10 that -- that from the public lands.

11 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: That's once a month.

12 MR. AHRENS: Fund -- fundamentally -- also
13 fundamentally, the reason driving the -- the need for the
14 larger truck, because we do have a smaller dump truck today,
15 is one of safety for our staff and really the public around
16 us in that that is the piece of equipment that tows other

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17 equipment. And when we go to move -- a -- a tractor or
18 bulldozer, front-end loader from, you know, our office to a
19 job site currently, the equipment and trailer is real on --
20 on the -- on the upward side of being unsafe to tow the way
21 it is. And so this does two -- it -- it's beneficial for --
22 it will be beneficial for us in -- in two ways: One is it
23 will provide a safer, more efficient manner to haul our
24 equipment from one site to another; and also, it has a
25 higher, bigger capacity, and therefore can haul more material

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1 than the existing dump truck.

2 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Surely it's going to be used
3 for other purposes.

4 MR. AHRENS: Well, it's used on all kinds of -- of
5 projects: Development and repair and hauling in dirt for
6 roads when the roads have been washed out and -- so --

7 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: But I mean other than off --
8 off-highway vehicle related.

9 MR. AHRENS: I suppose it could be. But almost -- I
10 mean that's what most of our infrastructure -- almost all of
11 our infrastructure work is, in one way or another,
12 off-highway vehicle, you know, back-country touring type
13 of -- related. I mean it's -- we will far surpass the
14 60 percent minimum, I'm sure.

15 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Do you have any response to

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16 the -- to the -- I think the staff questioned what was going
17 to happen to the smaller dump truck, like in -- I think in
18 the comments I saw one place where it was going to be
19 transferred over to Needles, and another case it was going to
20 be sold. Can you --

21 MR. AHRENS: Well, we're --

22 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Can you clarify that?

23 MR. AHRENS: We are willing to, you know, get --
24 dispose --

25 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Well, when you -- you provided

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1 conflicting information. That's what I'm trying to clarify,
2 which one is what you are actually intending to do.

3 MR. AHRENS: We're -- we're going to dispose of that
4 truck. We're going to do so in a -- in a pattern that's
5 consistent with the Division's procedures. There are --
6 there is another field office -- the Needles Field Office
7 currently does not have a dump truck, could use a small dump
8 truck like that. Perhaps there's other avenues as well, but
9 it will be disposed of in a --

10 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Well, this dump truck was not
11 purchased with OHV funds initially, was it?

12 MR. AHRENS: The existing one was, actually, yes.

13 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Oh, it was.

14 MR. AHRENS: Yeah. So it really is -- the question
15 goes back to the Division, how they would like us to dispose

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16 of that.

17 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: So it's a replacement of a --

18 MR. AHRENS: Of a smaller unit.

19 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: -- of a piece of equipment that
20 you have. Okay. I -- I assumed that it was -- that your
21 other one was purchased with agency funds and that --

22 MR. AHRENS: Yeah, no, I'm sorry, that's --

23 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: -- and this is a replacement.
24 It's a different situation. Okay. It does say "replace,"
25 but it wasn't clear to me that the -- that the smaller one

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1 purchased with --

2 MR. AHRENS: I'm sorry.

3 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: -- OHV funds. Okay.

4 MR. AHRENS: Thank you.

5 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Anything else?

6 Anyone else want to comment on -- on that one?

7 All right. So you're going to be consulting with
8 them on how to dispose of the piece of equipment.

9 MR. AHRENS: Correct.

10 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: All right.

11 MR. BELLUCCI: Okay. The next project is California
12 City Police Department requested \$62,544 and received a score
13 of 38 for a funding determination of zero.

14 MR. HURTAGO: Eric Hurtago, California City Police

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15 Department.

16 Again, I request that this grant be pulled from
17 Consent for further review and consideration. I'm looking at
18 the supplemental information provided in the folder earmarked
19 "Equipment." It provides what we believe is justification
20 for a higher scoring. We believe that this grant is
21 important to us. We have not received any equipment or asked
22 of any equipment from the agency before. And like our
23 volunteers have said, we're using their vehicles. We've
24 taken police cars as far as we can take them on some of these
25 trails. And even, as outlined in our grant, we're basically

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1 asking for hand-me-downs from BLM to have some type of
2 four-wheel-drive vehicles that we can use for emergency
3 operations.

4 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: They don't have any -- you
5 don't have any Humvee dealerships there, huh, that want to
6 donate?

7 MR. HURTAGO: Unfortunately.

8 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I understand they're not very
9 efficient. Not even the Army likes them, their -- their --
10 their miles per gallon.

11 MR. HURTAGO: We'd be glad to take anything.

12 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Anyone else with
13 comments on this grant?

14 MR. WALDHEIM: Madam Chairman, Ed Waldheim, CORVA and
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15 Friends of Jawbone.

16 When Mr. Hurtago says he's willing to take anything,
17 he is not kidding. Our city is not -- not a -- a rich city.
18 Our tax base is -- is very low because of the spread. We
19 only have 11,000 people in town. So when you look at the --
20 the California City Police Department and if you look at
21 the -- at the Fire Department, they are using hand-me-down
22 vehicles as it is. The Code Enforcement officer is riding
23 around in his own vehicle right now. And it's pretty
24 deplorable when I see it. They were able to get two new
25 patrol cars, but those are for city streets, and they got

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1 them from a separate -- from another grant. And they're not
2 using them off road. They definitely need these vehicles.
3 It's totally unfair, totally unfair for them to expend their
4 own vehicles in -- in areas to police it for safety for --
5 for the OHV folks that come into town. So it's not
6 unreasonable.

7 The point, I say, it should go up to -- I put a 58
8 points instead of 38 by giving Item No. 1 24 points, and Item
9 No. 3, giving them 30 points. So I came up to -- to 58 --
10 unless I miscalculated. Yeah, I probably did miscalculate
11 it. Yeah, it's 58 is what I feel they should do.

12 Thank you.

13 MR. GLASPIE: Madam Chairman?

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14 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Mr. -- Mr. Waldheim, don't
15 forget that we need details and justification. The
16 Commission got in trouble last year for not providing that.

17 MR. WALDHEIM: Madam Chairman, I believe the -- the
18 sergeant, he gave you that -- the details in the folder. The
19 details are in the folder.

20 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay.

21 MR. WALDHEIM: I'm not going to duplicate a million
22 things. We'll just take what the -- what the --

23 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay.

24 MR. WALDHEIM: -- what they gave you already in the
25 folder.

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1 MS. MILLER: Madam Chair?

2 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes.

3 MS. MILLER: I feel like I just need to say something
4 and speak up on behalf of the staff here. You know, the
5 staff spent two months of day in and day out, lots of
6 overtime scoring these grants based on the information that
7 was provided in the applications and tried really hard -- you
8 know, because they want to give this money to -- to deserving
9 grantees. But it's very disappointing when -- when it's not
10 there to begin with and that it's provided after the fact
11 because it is a competitive process. And so I just feel that
12 I -- I need to put that out there. With this kind of
13 competition for \$40 million, we -- you know, they have to be

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14 scored based on what's presented to them. And it's an
15 extremely busy time in the Division. And as I said, they put
16 in countless hours and lots of overtime to make this the best
17 process possible. So it is -- it is disappointing on --
18 on -- and I just felt like I have to speak up and say
19 something on their behalf. So...

20 MR. TAMMONE: Tom Tammone.

21 I'd also like to be in support of this grant. And as
22 far as, you know, details and stuff, I understand the
23 limitations as far as the applications and having to score
24 off what's in the applications. A lot of times what's in the
25 applications is missed. You'll find it at some other point

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1 in the application. Multiple applications where they have
2 different category grants, a lot of times stuff doesn't carry
3 over. As far as -- members of the public should not be
4 limited to this restriction, however. That's one of the
5 things we should be able to do is point out things that for
6 whatever reason didn't get put into an application due to
7 page restrictions or whatever. I'd definitely like to
8 support it and encourage staff to work with this and get the
9 score up. And I'm sure Mr. Waldheim and myself, anybody can
10 make -- and we'll provide more information at the December
11 meeting.

12 As far as any details from the staff, cooperate with

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13 us and let us know what those details would be and help us to
14 help get them the score up. At the same time, this is -- I
15 mean this particular grant, as far as equipment, there needs
16 to be a way for people to recycle equipment. A lot of times
17 people will buy things -- and I'm not going to put out any
18 specific examples, and it turns into what we call "a white
19 elephant," you know. Frankly, there needs to be some sort of
20 way to fess up and then dispose of the equipment and replace
21 it as opposed to just -- another example, somebody buys a
22 trailer that's way, way too big, and they're here next year
23 wanting to apply for a bigger truck to pull the trailer that
24 they bought when what they really need to do is get a smaller
25 trailer. But anyway, it's something I throw out there what

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1 ought to be considered.

2 Thank you.

3 MR. GLASPIE: Madam Chairman, can I chime in here,
4 too?

5 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Uh-huh.

6 MR. GLASPIE: I would kind of like to address some of
7 Tom's concerns there. He's exactly right. This is the forum
8 for the public to chime in on the things that were not put in
9 on the grant. And they do need some specificity on what to
10 address because I sat here all morning listening to people
11 saying, you know, "We need to give more points to these
12 grants," but we have to see a reason why. And to be specific

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13 on this grant, I'd like to take it and use it as an example
14 to some of you what we really are looking for. You know, the
15 ability to cover operational costs associated with equipment,
16 the applicant said the city would cover any repairs or
17 routine maintenance involved with this vehicles. Give us a
18 budget on what they anticipate how much this is going to
19 cost. You know, how are they going to cover that? We want
20 to see that you've thought it through and that you have a
21 plan that when you get these things, yes, you can cover the
22 operational costs because right at this point we're
23 anticipating operational costs will be \$10,000 and we have it
24 in this particular budget. That's just a specific that --
25 this is -- this what we're looking for. I sat through the

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1 north meetings, and I've sat through half of this meeting,
2 and it needs to be said what we are looking for. And it may
3 be too late for the applicant to address it now if it's not
4 already in the application, you know, but it is up to the
5 public to come up and say that this is what applies.

6 The -- they mention that they used volunteers and
7 other low-cost labor. They -- the applicant mentions use of
8 auxiliary volunteers. Okay. How many -- how -- what -- what
9 do they do? How many hours do they work? You know, who are
10 they? Specifics like that -- if you're going to hire
11 contractors, say who you're going to hire. Say what you

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12 anticipate paying those contractors. Be as specific as you
13 can because when it's a general statement, as it said in
14 Chapter 2 of the applications, if it's a conclusionary
15 statement or a general statement, we cannot give points for
16 it. There was no question in reading this grant that this
17 city had a big need for this equipment, but they did not
18 address any criteria that we could give them points for.
19 That's why it is up to the public now to come up and give us
20 some specifics. But, I'm sorry, there's just really so much
21 not here. We -- we really have to see -- when you guys come
22 up as a public and address these specifics, don't just tell
23 us they need 10 more points on 1(a), say why: They have this
24 program of ten mechanics that take care of all their
25 equipment, and they normally spend \$35 an hour on these

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1 mechanics, and these mechanics work 160 hours a month. Give
2 us stuff like that, because we -- all morning long people
3 have come up here stating, you know, we've -- "I've read this
4 grant, and I think it needs 35 more points here," but be
5 specific. Because if we can't give you points if you don't
6 put out factual information, how can the Commission give you
7 points on just emotional statements?

8 That's all.

9 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I -- this is the problem that
10 the Commission ran into last year with feel good and
11 philosophy and really trying to modify scores last year, if

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12 you recall, those of you that have been around long enough,
13 that we really needed detail citing. Okay. Public testimony
14 on volunteers who were medical technicians, and that's -- you
15 know, if it just says, "Well, we have a lot of volunteers,
16 and the volunteers do a lot," it's hard to evaluate that if
17 you don't have specifics. "We have six people who are" --
18 "who are volunteer EMTs," but, you know, what -- and I -- I
19 thought I'd beat that dead horse quite a while this morning,
20 and I've neglected to do so this afternoon. But the same
21 thing is required of all of the applications. And I tell you
22 please be specific. Please be specific. If you think it's
23 in the documentation already, fine, point out where they
24 missed it. But if it's in there only in a vague and general
25 manner, which is what you were just referring to, then

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1 it's -- it's hard to -- it's hard to point to it as evidence.
2 Well, okay, you have evidence of volunteers, but no way to
3 evaluate what those volunteers are doing. So we need the
4 details. We need the details. And maybe one of the
5 volunteers that applicants need to recruit is grant writers.
6 Okay. There are grant writers around. We have school
7 districts, you have other agencies, you have non-profits in
8 your area who are also grant writers, and it's time to
9 recruit some volunteer grant writers to help you with your
10 programs. California City has a lot of volunteer -- has a

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11 lot of users.

12 And -- and I will say one other thing, and I'll
13 probably repeat it again in December, but I'm going to take
14 this opportunity to kind of pick a concern that I have about
15 these grants generally, which is, still within the scoring
16 criteria there is no easy place to point out or make any
17 distinction between an applicant who's asking for \$15,000 for
18 a couple of pieces of equipment and a person who's asking for
19 \$150,000 for a couple of pieces of more expensive equipment.
20 And maybe the \$15,000 is going to an area with -- with
21 100,000 users and the \$150,000 request is for an area with
22 5,000 users. Is there some way to indicate within the grants
23 if you are going to apply for more money, perhaps you need
24 additional levels of -- of specifics to justify more money.
25 And I'm going to explore this with the rest of the

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1 Commission, but I'd like the help of the public and others to
2 think about some way of requiring more information or more of
3 a demonstration of need, particularly probably in the need
4 category for those applicants who are asking for larger
5 amounts of money.

6 And I see John trying to respond to these. I'll give
7 you a chance in a minute, John.

8 So you might think about how if we -- if we think
9 about improvements to our scoring criteria in the future, is
10 there some way to incorporate the level of users -- either

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11 the level of users as -- as a measure of need or some
12 additional levels of specificity and additional -- maybe even
13 with additional pages allowed, that if you're asking for more
14 money, you're allowed a few more pages because you're going
15 to be expected to fill those pages with more detail about
16 what you're going to do with that. And I appreciate any kind
17 of staff feedback on this, also.

18 MR. GLASPIE: One of things that they already address
19 is the amount of existing recreational use. And just
20 specifically here -- I'm sorry to pick on you guys again --
21 there's 186 square miles of OHV area and an adjacent 470
22 square miles. That's opportunity. That's not use. Tell us
23 how many people are there that's using that much area, you
24 know. We -- we need those figures because if I know that
25 those figures are there but it's not on the application, and

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1 someone else does the same thing but they don't put anything
2 there and I don't know what their use is, it's an unfair
3 advantage for me to say, "Yeah, I know California City gets a
4 lot of use, but I don't know anything about Barstow. So I'm
5 just giving California City 10 points for that, but I can't
6 give this town over here anything." It's unfair. It has to
7 be there in black and white, and you have to really
8 specify -- you know, we don't want to know just the area
9 because it's asking for the use itself. And go on and

10 explain what kind of use that is: ATV, four-by-four, RV.
11 Whatever it is.

12 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Is -- is there anyplace within
13 the scoring criteria where there's any -- any difference
14 depending upon the -- the size of the grant application? Is
15 that -- is there -- is there some discrete manner that you
16 can put that in?

17 MR. GLASPIE: Most of the non-CESA, it's part of the
18 category. And it's one of those things where if you answered
19 "A: The amount of existing recreational use" really well,
20 that's worth 30 points. If you go in there and you write a
21 good paragraph of, "I have this much ATV use. I have this
22 much four-by-four use. I have this much motorcycle use. I
23 have this many people come there every year. I have this
24 much law enforcement needs for this," or "I have this much
25 trail maintenance needs for this," if you spell that out

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1 really well, it doesn't matter if you answer B or C or any of
2 the others on there, that would have been probably 30 points.
3 That's your opportunity to really make some points there.
4 And it's not just on equipment; it's throughout most of
5 non-CESA, that was a question.

6 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I understand. Okay.

7 MR. BELLUCCI: Chair, can I add something to that
8 real quick?

9 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes.

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10 MR. BELLUCCI: And I don't mean to pick on California
11 City, however this is a good example. There were a number of
12 applicants that did this for various project types. It had
13 made it extremely difficult for staff to score these
14 applications. Their original application, at least the parts
15 we would be scoring them on, consisted of one page --
16 one-and-a-half-page General Project Description followed by
17 one-half-a-page Analysis of Projects Needs and Benefits.
18 Now, the criteria was supposed to be addressed in the
19 Analysis of Project Needs and Benefits. In this, staff had
20 to kind of read through the General Project Description and
21 pick out some -- some elements from there in order to address
22 the criteria and give them points. In some cases we had to
23 go through other parts of the application, the PCD, for
24 example, and it was extremely difficult to do so.

25 Now, in California City's justification to revise

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1 agency scoring, if you take a look, they laid it out just as
2 they should have originally: Criteria 1(a), (b), and they
3 answered it and moved down to Criteria 2(a), (b), (c), and
4 they answered that. These are -- these look like -- these
5 appear to be two completely different applications. And so
6 you'll have the benefit when you look at it of having
7 something that's -- that's addressed clear and orderly and
8 you know where to get the information. We didn't have that

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9 luxury. And like I said, we tried to read through every part
10 of the application we could in order to get the applicant as
11 many points as we can. We just -- we weren't able to always
12 do that. And it was quite frustrating.

13 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I can appreciate that. Thank
14 you.

15 And thank you all for everything that you've done.

16 Okay. Comments?

17 MR. TAMMONE: Yeah, Tom Tammone.

18 I just have on more thing I just wanted to say as far
19 as being in compliance with these grants. I remember last
20 year we had 46 got tossed out, and they had to have another
21 meeting as to what to do with those.

22 I remember once I went to a -- I went to The Big Spin
23 and they had like this big old air horn thing. And if you
24 fouled or something went wrong, I guess they went off the air
25 horn. And they talked about it, and then they re-did it. I

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1 briefly had some sort of on-the-spot way of determining what
2 we do up here and -- and tell the Commissioners whether it's
3 going to be in compliance or not or if there's going to be
4 any kind of an objection. You know what I'm saying? If
5 staff is going to have a problem or something, say, "Hey,
6 that's not in compliance. You're" -- "You're off the
7 criteria," we can deal with that before we close the meeting
8 as opposed to having to schedule another meeting and come

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9 back like -- and avoid a situation like we had last year.

10 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. John.

11 MR. STEWART: Good afternoon, Commissioner. John
12 Stewart, California Association of Four-Wheel Drive and
13 United Four-Wheel Drive Associations.

14 Ed, I'd like to address that one issue that you
15 raised in the question there. And something that would help
16 the grant scoring is -- going back -- stepping back one level
17 higher at the agency level, there is a lack of cohesiveness
18 on a program -- a recreation program. If there were in place
19 a defined program with goals and a criteria of how to meet
20 those goals, these grants would then reference right back to
21 a definite defined goal and criteria and be easy to score,
22 easy to look at. Now, that overall -- seeing some of these
23 grants have a number of users and a number of areas that --
24 these are more executive summary issues that should be in an
25 overall program description that the agency submits. And

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1 then when a grant comes in, that grant then is attached to
2 meet a specific goal that will help your accountability for
3 tracking the funds to make sure that they're used
4 appropriately on the ground, that will attract the issue that
5 was raised earlier about whether they buy the large-sized
6 trailer this year and then find that they don't have a big
7 enough truck, so next year they put in for a bigger truck.

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8 If all of these things were thought of in a logical
9 progression and under a described program with goals, you
10 would find that that eliminates a lot of this, probably will
11 ease the whole grant-review process significantly.

12 Thank you.

13 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Let's see if we can --
14 myself included can step back and stick to the specifics of
15 the grants.

16 The next one?

17 MR. BELLUCCI: Okay. The next grant is BLM El Centro
18 Field Office requested \$53,411 and received a score of 58 for
19 a funding determination of 50 percent or \$26,705.

20 MR. BEENE: Good afternoon. Clark Beene, Criminal
21 Investigator --

22 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Can you speak up because we
23 have a lot of background noise.

24 MR. BEENE: My name is Clark Beene. I'm a Criminal
25 Investigator and the Acting Chief Ranger for the El Centro

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1 Field Office.

2 I'd like to thank you for your time and dedication on
3 this. And we request to remain on the calendar on Consent.

4 MR. BELLUCCI: Okay. The next project is Kern County
5 Sheriff who requested \$65,682 and received a score of 64 and
6 a funding determination of 60 percent for \$39,409.

7 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Anyone speaking on Kern
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8 County Sheriff, Equipment?

9 MR. BELLUCCI: Okay. The next project is BLM
10 Palm Springs, South Coast Field Office who requested \$23,520
11 and received a score of 54 for a funding determination of
12 50 percent for \$11,760.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We'll accept that score.

14 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Stick around.

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I am.

16 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Anyone else want to speak on
17 this grant?

18 Next.

19 MR. BELLUCCI: Next project, BLM Palm Springs, South
20 Coast Field Office, NECO Signing, Equipment Project. They
21 requested \$37,380 and received a score of 57 for a funding
22 determination of 50 percent for \$18,690.

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Again, we accept your
24 decision.

25 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Anyone else on this grant?

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1 Next.

2 MR. BELLUCCI: Next project, again BLM Palm Springs,
3 South Coast Field Office, Trail Tractor Equipment. They
4 requested \$99,225 and received a score of 63 for a funding
5 determination of 60 percent or \$59,535.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: One more time, yes, we like

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7 the score. We'll accept it.

8 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I have a question, and I -- I

9 can't recall, is this primarily one piece of equipment?

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: It's one piece of equipment.

11 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: How are you going to pay for

12 the rest of it?

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: We're anticipating that we'll

14 be able to pick up some fire funding for this as well. This

15 is a piece of equipment that would be utilized both in our

16 OHV areas where we have a lot of the OHV users. It would

17 also be utilized in areas where we've had fire impacts and

18 OHV incursions. So it would be used from both sides.

19 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. So you --

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay?

21 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: But you do have other sources?

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes.

23 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay.

25 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Anyone else on this grant?

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1 MR. BELLUCCI: Okay. The next project is BLM

2 Ridgecrest Field Office who requested \$46,215, received a

3 score of 77 for 70 percent funding for \$32,351.

4 CRAIG BECK: Craig Beck, Ridgecrest BLM.

5 We appreciate staff's time in their review of this

6 and accept what they recommended.

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7 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Anyone else want to speak on
8 this grant?

9 MR. BELLUCCI: The next project is Riverside County
10 Sheriff who requested \$70,904, received a score of 72 and a
11 funding determination of 70 percent for \$49,633.

12 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Anyone here to speak on this
13 grant? Oh, here comes Mr. Waldheim.

14 MR. WALDHEIM: Ed Waldheim for CORVA and District 37.

15 I question the wisdom -- though they got the 70
16 percent, they got a good ranking; however, if they're not
17 going to get funded for law enforcement officers, what in the
18 world are we buying equipment for? I understand that they
19 help folks in the BLM office in -- in the Palm Springs area,
20 but I seriously question -- just because they got a good
21 score over here, we need to think who's going to ride it. If
22 we don't give them funding for law enforcement people, are
23 they going to use it anyway or -- I don't know, there's some
24 questions that need to be answered.

25 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay.

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1 MR. FRIED: Hi. Jason Fried.

2 On this particular grant, Ed does bring up an
3 interesting point, and I brought it up last year when grants
4 were -- equipment was being scored separately from the law
5 enforcement agents. You know, if you don't have the agents,

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6 do you have the officers? But Riverside County does have a
7 program, even if it got zero funding for its law enforcement
8 officers, I -- they do have a program and they will be
9 running that program. So they will still need the equipment
10 to -- to give those officers in order to run that program
11 adequately. So this is a case where even if you got zero
12 funding for law enforcement, you would still have the need
13 for the equipment because they will -- like last year they
14 got zero funding because their grant was kicked out of the
15 process for technical reasons; they still ran a program. It
16 wasn't as effective or efficient as it could have been with
17 the grant funding. So I would encourage you to keep this in
18 the system.

19 Thank you.

20 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Anyone else on
21 Riverside?

22 MR. BELLUCCI: The next project is San Bernardino
23 County Sheriff, Victor Valley. They requested \$165,741,
24 received a score of 52 for a funding determination of
25 50 percent or \$82,871.

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1 MR. HUBBARD: Douglas Hubbard, Sergeant with the
2 San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, Barstow.

3 Actually, the Victor Valley staff that was here isn't
4 back yet from lunch. I don't know if it's something we can
5 move down a couple of items. I know they're still here and

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6 plan to comment. I don't want to -- I don't want to misspeak
7 on their behalf.

8 MR. FRIED: They're walking in the door now.

9 MR. HUBBARD: Shannon, are you prepared?

10 MR. DICUS: (Unintelligible.)

11 MR. HUBBARD: Okay. He's here. I -- cancel my last
12 request.

13 MR. DICUS: Sgt. Dicus from the Victor Valley
14 Sheriff's Station, San Bernardino County.

15 We respectfully request to remove our equipment grant
16 from the Consent Calendar. I also provided the same package
17 that I showed to the Commission earlier that also
18 demonstrates the rationale for the change.

19 If I could point out a couple of specific points. In
20 our grant we also mentioned for a cost-saving measure we
21 would ask for -- out of our own budget, provide tow vehicles.
22 We've already purchased one of the tow vehicles, which is a
23 one-ton Dodge van. It's there, and we're currently using it
24 for our enforcement operations now.

25 Also, as part of the analysis for the grant, we

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1 looked at -- we could purchase radios that go along with the
2 rest of our equipment at the tune of \$2,000 a copy. We chose
3 to go with the smaller Garmin type that you can purchase at
4 Wal-Mart, Target, and other places at a reduced cost,

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5 somewhere in the neighborhood of 200 to \$300 that have a
6 12-mile range, allow us to identify our officers and use
7 these trailers and some of this equipment that we're
8 requesting as a command post and run the operation between
9 them and our dispatch.

10 The supervisors of our team have a combined 60 years'
11 experience in the OHV realm. We use that experience to
12 specifically get equipment that will allow us to do the job
13 we need to do. Our station has purchased the motorcycles
14 we're currently using in our Enforcement Program. They're
15 eight years old; they're Honda HR 650s, and they've reached
16 the end of their service life. We need to replace those. We
17 chose to take our money and put it into the tow vehicle,
18 which was the more expensive item that we could use towards
19 the match for this grant. We would still be able to carry
20 out the ordinance and the other things we need to do with the
21 ATVs and the trailers. And like I mentioned earlier, a lot
22 of times we get tasked out for the BLM. They'll go to Dumont
23 Dunes, which leaves our OHV areas uncovered from ranger
24 staff. We incorporate our staff. We're talking about having
25 one set of law enforcement officers out in the Johnson Valley

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1 and another set of law enforcement officers in El Mirage.

2 We need these trailers and command posts. There are
3 no facilities out there at those locations except for
4 El Mirage, which does have a Visitors Center. So these

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5 trailers and all this equipment will be used for law
6 enforcement purposes at those sites. And there are many
7 times we have two different -- this past weekend, Southern
8 California Timing Association had an event and our local
9 charities had a poker run. That -- that equipment would
10 specifically be used for OHV operations in the San Bernardino
11 County.

12 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: All right.

13 MR. DICUS: Any questions?

14 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I'm sorry, I'm trying to find
15 the right page for this.

16 MR. DICUS: It will be directly behind our
17 enforcement grant with the rationale in -- in -- in red.

18 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes, I know. I've got the
19 Barstow --

20 MR. BELLUCCI: Page 281, Volume 2.

21 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: 281? Okay. But the -- the
22 enforcement grant or the equipment grant?

23 MR. DICUS: This is the equipment -- equipment grant.

24 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Equipment grant is not first.

25 MR. DICUS: Yeah. OR-795.

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1 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes, it is. Yes, it is. I'm
2 sorry. Okay. You're -- you're mentioning trailers, and this
3 is where my question was pointed towards. You mentioned

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4 trailers, plural?

5 MR. DICUS: Yes. We currently have one trailer
6 that's paid for -- paid for by grant funds that we use now.

7 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. And you're talking about
8 buying one additional trailer?

9 MR. DICUS: Yes.

10 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. All right.

11 MR. DICUS: Any other questions?

12 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: (No audible response.)

13 MR. DICUS: Thank you.

14 MR. GLASPIE: Madam Chairman?

15 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes.

16 MR. GLASPIE: This is another one that was not put in
17 the original -- you know, he's talking about a van that he
18 had. But I'm looking at the Equipment Inventory, and it's
19 not on there. The trailers aren't on there. According to
20 Mr. LaFranchi, this -- the applicants are allowed to address
21 what's in their original request, and it is up to the public
22 to address additional things that they may have missed.

23 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Well, it's -- it's not
24 clear from the -- from the OHV grant equipment page that --
25 the -- whether the (unintelligible) Command Post its vehicle

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1 maintenance is for two of those. All right?

2 MR. DICUS: Yes.

3 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: The purchase is one.

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4 MR. DICUS: Purchase is for one. We have one
5 grant-funded trailer that's already there. The van is county
6 purchased, so it's not purchased with grant funding. That's
7 to be used as the match. And we've already followed through
8 with that. The reason I mentioned that is it's mentioned in
9 the grant.

10 MR. LaFRANCHI: Madam Chair, I just --

11 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes -- what --

12 MR. LaFRANCHI: I'm sorry, go ahead.

13 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes, I want to go -- could you
14 kind of restate --

15 MR. GLASPIE: On page 303 is their Equipment
16 Inventory, and all they have is two Kawasaki motorcycles and
17 a Tahoe trailer that -- you know, I'm -- I'm just trying to
18 make a point that this -- the point that Mr. LaFranchi was
19 making that they are allowed to address what's in their
20 grant, and it's up to the public to come in and augment that.
21 And we're going to spend a lot of time here again this
22 afternoon going through this.

23 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay.

24 MR. LaFRANCHI: Madam Chair, I need to correct what
25 may be a misapprehension. The regulations actually state the

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1 purpose of the subcommittee meetings includes receiving input
2 from the public, the applicant, stakeholders, and

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3 subcommittee members about potential funding amounts,
4 including additional factual information. So the way the
5 regulation package is drafted today, applicants and others
6 may submit additional information for Commission
7 consideration.

8 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Thank you. Makes it hard for
9 the staff. I understand.

10 Okay. I don't have any further questions for you.
11 Thank you.

12 MR. DICUS: Thank you.

13 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Anyone else commenting on this
14 grant?

15 MR. STEWART: Yes, John Stewart, California
16 Association of Four-Wheel Drive Clubs, United Four-Wheel
17 Drive Associations.

18 We concur with the Sheriffs, just request to pull
19 this off Consent and to re-evaluate the score. There are
20 some unique geological features that Victor Valley Substation
21 covers. It's a rather broad area, and they do work quite
22 heavily within both the community and the OHV areas and
23 interfacing with the BLM. So that there is a -- you know,
24 just to keep a law enforcement presence out there. You know,
25 from these -- these aspects, I believe it -- it does warrant

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1 a re-evaluation of their score from that -- that position.

2 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Next.
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3 MR. FRIED: Hi. Jason Fried.

4 We would just like to point out that in their nice
5 packet that they handed to you earlier is all the information
6 about equipment and where they believe the score should be
7 raised and how it should be raised. We agree with their
8 justifications for raising the score and encourage you to
9 take this off of Consent and in December go with the score
10 they have recommended with their evaluation of the grant.

11 Thank you.

12 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Anyone else on this grant?

13 Okay.

14 MR. BELLUCCI: Next grant is U.S. Forest Service,
15 San Bernardino National Forest. They requested \$35,500,
16 received a score of 67 and a funding determination of
17 60 percent, \$21,300.

18 MR. EVANS: Chris Evans, San Bernardino National
19 Forest.

20 We are going to step out of line here, I guess, a
21 little bit and actually say that we would agree with this
22 being on the Consent Calendar. Since the time that the
23 application was made, one of our partners, the San Bernardino
24 National Forest Association, had submitted an RTP grant for
25 equipment that is consistent with and supplemental to the

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1 program. And so with the equipment that hopefully they'll be

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2 able to bring to the table through another funding source, we
3 feel that the 60 percent level of funding on this particular
4 equipment grant when paired with what our partner can bring
5 will be sufficient to do what we need to do. So we're
6 perfectly happy with this being on the Consent Calendar.

7 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Thank you.

8 Anyone else on this grant?

9 MR. BELLUCCI: Next grant is San Bernardino County
10 Sheriff, Barstow. Requested amount is \$148,500. It received
11 a score of 55 for a funding determination of 50 percent for
12 \$74,250.

13 MR. HUBBARD: Thank you. Again, Douglas Hubbard,
14 San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, Barstow Station.

15 We would like the consideration to have this grant
16 application removed from the Consent Calendar for the same
17 reasons as mentioned in our previous grant with the same
18 documentation we -- we provided. Suggested scores are what
19 we believe are fair scores.

20 In the overall grant application, we received a 55
21 out of 100. And re-evaluating the questions and going
22 through them briefly in Section 1, I simply agreed with the
23 rationale placed into the findings. Specifically, it says
24 "The applicant has a very structured Equipment Maintenance
25 Plan and conducts regular maintenance on all equipment. I

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1 don't know how I could have scored much better or received a
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2 better response. And a similar answer to the -- to No. B of
3 that section; I also agreed with the rationale listed by the
4 original score. Therefore, I suggested a score of 35 out of
5 40 for that section.

6 In Section 2, the only area I -- I provided
7 additional comment was -- was No. A. The rationale -- or the
8 original score was 16 out of 20, and I simply just
9 recommended a -- a higher score of 18 out of 20. It
10 indicated that the applicant did not address the item of
11 "Contributes to reduce cost of maintaining roads, trails, and
12 areas." And simply, our overall efforts and long-standing
13 accomplishments, I think, contribute drastically to the
14 reduced costs of maintaining roads, trails, and areas in our
15 jurisdiction. We see well over 600,000 visitors a year in my
16 10,000-square-mile jurisdiction, and our -- our efforts, I
17 think, and accomplishments show that.

18 In Section 3, we were given a score of 13 out of 30.
19 The suggested score with my -- my comments added is 25 out of
20 30. And, again, as with the other areas of the application,
21 I think I met those -- those requirements to the extent of
22 the higher score. And I -- as in the other grant
23 application, I provided page numbers of where the information
24 could be found.

25 And in the last -- last section, question 4, we

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1 received a 6 out of 10. I proposed a 10 out of a 10 -- a 10
2 out of 10, excuse me. I feel it was laid out in the original
3 application. The dedicated adequate staffing with the
4 necessary experience to use and maintain the type of
5 equipment, that information was there, and -- and I feel we
6 laid that out to -- to anyone who would be reading to where
7 we would -- we would score higher giving us an overall score
8 of 88 out of the 100. And, again, I would just ask that it
9 be removed from the calendar.

10 Thank you.

11 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Uh-huh.

12 Okay. Anyone else on this grant?

13 MR. FRIED: Hi. Jason Fried again.

14 Basically, I'll ditto what was just said before me by
15 the presenter for the grant. We feel that they did address
16 the issues. If they haven't already, I believe they should
17 be giving you documentation that shows exactly how they did
18 as similar to the Victor Valley Station has done. So we
19 would ask at this time you pull it off of Consent and then
20 use their justifications for raising the score in December.

21 Thank you.

22 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Next.

23 MR. BELLUCCI: The next project is San Diego County
24 Sheriff. He requested \$16,000, received a score of 50 for a
25 funding determination of 50 percent and \$8,000.

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1 (No audience response.)

2 MR. BELLUCCI: Final Equipment project is Yucca
3 Valley Police Department who requested \$10,834, received a
4 score of 53 and a funding determination of 50 percent,
5 \$5,417.

6 MR. COLLINS: Rick Collins, San Bernardino Sheriff's
7 Department, Sergeant; also with the Yucca Valley Police
8 Department.

9 I'd like to have our application removed from the
10 Consent Calendar for the same reasons stated before. I've
11 submitted a written request with my updated scores and
12 justification.

13 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. I have no particular
14 questions on this one.

15 Anyone else on this grant?

16 MR. WALLACE: Good afternoon. Chuck Wallace,
17 Lieutenant with the Morongo Basin Station, Yucca Valley and
18 Twentynine Palms.

19 We'd like your consideration in -- in reviewing the
20 revised scores. Out of the 24 agencies that have requested
21 equipment, we have requested the least at just over \$10,000.
22 We currently have three dual sport motorcycles, two of which
23 were purchased outside these grant funds. Our goal is to
24 purchase one additional motorcycle to deploy two different
25 teams. We also use in conjunction with that one four-wheel

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1 drive. With the current allocation of monies, I could easily
2 exceed or meet \$5,000 in tow bills to pull my Crown Vics out
3 of the sand if we don't have the proper equipment to enforce
4 the OHV laws.

5 Thank you.

6 MR. FRIED: Hi. Jason Fried again.

7 Once again, Yucca Valley is the model program that I
8 was talking about earlier. They gave you their
9 justifications when they -- with -- at that point as well,
10 and they, I believe, attached the same version for the
11 equipment grant. And we would support them getting the
12 funding that they're requesting in that. And, actually, I
13 would say that they probably are being, once again, a little
14 shy on their grant request. And we will probably be
15 supplementing that with even more reasons why they should be
16 getting even a higher score than they are thinking they
17 should be getting.

18 So on that note, please pull this off of Consent and
19 fully fund them in December.

20 Thank you.

21 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: All right.

22 MR. BELLUCCI: Chair Anderson?

23 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Anyone else on this grant?

24 Okay.

25 MR. BELLUCCI: May I say something regarding this

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1 grant --

2 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes.

3 MR. BELLUCCI: -- real quickly. It says -- I don't
4 want to -- like I said, I don't want to feel like I was
5 picking on California City. The Yucca Valley application was
6 another one of those where some of the information that we
7 were scoring on was found in the General Project Description,
8 some of it was found in the project -- the Needs and Benefits
9 Analysis, and in no -- in no apparent order. I -- I think in
10 the General Project Description we found elements for -- for
11 Criteria 3. I believe the rest of it came from -- the rest
12 of the criteria were addressed -- I take that back -- 3, 4,
13 parts of Criteria 1 and 2 were in the General Project
14 Description. The rest of it was in the Analysis of Project
15 Needs and Benefits, but there was no real rhyme or reason as
16 to how they put this together. Extremely difficult to
17 follow.

18 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Thank you.

19 MR. BELLUCCI: That is it.

20 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: This is a word to all
21 applicants: The reason the staff asks for and -- the
22 information in a particular order is because they have a ton
23 of pages to go through. And if they have to search for
24 information, it really slows down the process. If they can
25 find it immediately, they can smile and say, "Okay. Points,

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1 points." And if they have to page back through things and
2 look at this and look maybe at -- over in one of the other
3 applications, even it's --

4 MR. BELLUCCI: That's the --

5 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: -- it means overtime.

6 MR. BELLUCCI: Chair Anderson, that's the end of
7 the -- that's all the equipment grants. At the north
8 subcommittee meeting, what the Commission decided to do is go
9 through the -- the first page acquisition, development, and
10 equipment grants and determine which one of those were to be
11 put on Consent before we move forward with the FO&M projects.

12 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Well, we don't have any
13 acquisition. The one for development is already on the --
14 well, it's not necessarily on the Consent Calendar or not.
15 We haven't decided on that. I think they were asking for
16 Consent Calendar. Is that --

17 MR. BELLUCCI: Correct.

18 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I think that was correct.

19 Okay. The ones that I have coming off, because most
20 of them are on, were line No. 9, line 23, and line 25, and
21 line 29. Does that match what you had notes on?

22 MR. BELLUCCI: I -- I didn't take notes on all of
23 them.

24 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay.

25 MR. BELLUCCI: I did have lines 7 and 9.

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1 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: All right.

2 MR. BELLUCCI: It's 7 on; 9 off.

3 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I think -- I think the rest of
4 them --

5 MS. MILLER: Chair Anderson?

6 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: -- were on the Consent
7 Calendar.

8 MS. MILLER: I have a question mark -- on line 22 I
9 had a question mark. I think there was --

10 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Twenty-two, let me look at that
11 again.

12 MS. MILLER: Riverside County.

13 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I thought -- I thought they
14 said Consent Calendar.

15 MS. MILLER: I thought there was a yes and a no.
16 So --

17 (Multiple audience speakers.)

18 MR. FRIED: I said "no."

19 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: You said "no"?

20 MR. FRIED: Yeah.

21 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Thank you.

22 MR. LaFRANCHI: Madam Chair, my notes indicate Line
23 Item 24, there was a request to go off Consent.

24 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes. I -- I agree, 24 was
25 Consent. I listed the ones that weren't coming off Consent,

1 and there were one, two, three, four, five -- five. That's
2 it.

3 Okay.

4 MR. STEWART: Can you please repeat those?

5 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: The ones coming off Consent,
6 line numbers -- I'm just going to do the line numbers: 9,
7 which was California City; 22, Riverside County Sheriff; 23,
8 Victor Valley; 25, Barstow; and 29, Yucca Valley.

9 MR. LaFRANCHI: And I had -- I'm sorry, Madam Chair,
10 my notes indicate there was a request for No. 24 to come off
11 Consent. Did I -- maybe I made the mistake. I just wanted
12 to make sure the record was clear.

13 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Twenty-four, they asked for it
14 to come off?

15 MR. LaFRANCHI: Yeah.

16 (Multiple audience speakers.)

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No.

18 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: No?

19 (Unintelligible unidentified speaker.)

20 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Right.

21 (Unintelligible unidentified speaker.)

22 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: That's -- that was what I
23 heard. And I don't recall any public comment on that.

24 Okay. All right. We have three pages to go, folks.
25 And it's -- what time? Too late. Try to be concise.

1 All right. The next category is?

2 MR. GLASPIE: The next category is -- is Facilities
3 Operation and Maintenance. There was \$4,898,398 -- \$7
4 requested; \$2,076,953 of that came from the south.

5 Our first grant is BLM Barstow Field Office. They
6 requested \$1,007,193. They received a score of 68 for a
7 60 percent funding determination of \$604,316.

8 MR. AHRENS: Mike Ahrens, Barstow Field Office.

9 We accept the Division's determinations and request
10 to be put on the Consent Calendar.

11 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Anyone else commenting
12 on this grant?

13 MR. GLASPIE: The second grant is California City
14 Police Department. They requested \$14,506. They received a
15 score of 29 for a funding determination of zero percent, zero
16 dollars.

17 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay.

18 MR. HURTAGO: Good afternoon. Eric Hurtago,
19 California City.

20 Again, we'd like to pull it off Consent, consider the
21 additional information that was supplied. Gladly accept the
22 greater criticism that was supplied. And if it means more
23 points, we're glad to be picked on more tonight. That would
24 be great.

25 Thank you.

1 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: All right. Anyone else on this
2 grant?

3 MR. WALDHEIM: Ed Waldheim, Friends of Jawbone.

4 This one, I gave it a score of 61 on 1 -- on 1(d).
5 We're right next to the Tortoise Preserve. Trash can be a
6 big problem because of the ravens coming around there. And
7 so the providing of the dumpsters to make sure that the
8 ravens don't get fed so that they can then feed off of the
9 tortoise is a big, big thing. As you remember, at the last
10 Commission, Ms. Anderson, you asked that the Police
11 Department be a little bit more involved with trying to keep
12 track of the tortoise things and that, and this is one of
13 these things. This also is providing the funds to maintain
14 the rest room that we paid for. We paid \$95,000 to provide
15 the rest rooms in Bar Expo Park. And so this is what this
16 grant is going for.

17 I also want on 2 -- on 2, I went from 14 to 24,
18 understanding that the grant should have been written better.
19 Nobody's arguing that point. We got a big lesson today on --
20 on that one, how we should be doing better. But the fact
21 still remains that we need to get this -- these things
22 funded, otherwise we're in big trouble.

23 MR. GLASPIE: The next grant is U.S. Forest Service,
24 Cleveland National Forest. They asked for \$119,834. They
25 received a score of 69 for a 60 percent determination of

1 \$71,900.

2 MS. CAREY: Ann Carey, Recreation Officer for the
3 Cleveland National Forest.

4 And we'd like to thank all the effort of the staff.
5 And we would like to keep it on Consent.

6 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Anyone else want to speak on
7 this grant?

8 MR. GLASPIE: The next grant is BLM El Centro. They
9 asked for \$654,006. They received a score of 74 points for
10 70 percent funding determination of \$457,804.

11 MR. HAMADA: Neil Hamada, El Centro Field Office,
12 Dunes Manager.

13 I'd like to thank the staff for the score that they
14 gave us and ask that this be put on Consent.

15 MR. GLASPIE: The next grant is the Los Padres
16 National Forest, U.S. Forest Service. They requested
17 \$216,524. They received a score of 62 for a 60 percent
18 determination of \$129,914.

19 MR. EVANS: Bruce Evans, Recreation Staff Officer,
20 Los Padres National Forest.

21 And, again, I'd like to pull this grant application
22 off your Consent Calendar and ask that the Commission and
23 staff look at some of our justification that we've already
24 provided to you today to re-score this to, we're hoping, 82
25 based on our documentation.

1 Thank you.

2 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Anyone else?

3 MR. GLASPIE: The next application is for the
4 Ridgecrest Field Office of the BLM. They requested
5 \$311,000 -- \$311,200. They received a score of 56 for a
6 50 percent determination of \$155,600.

7 MR. BECK: Craig Beck with the Ridgecrest Field
8 Office of the BLM.

9 We request that this be pulled from Consent and the
10 scoring be re-looked at with the additional information we
11 just provided to Division and to the Commissioners. Our hope
12 to raise our score up to about an 82. We've felt some of our
13 history of participating in the program, implementing
14 projects and stuff was missed both by us not providing the
15 information in the text and maybe not making it clear enough
16 that -- of what we were (unintelligible). So that's our
17 desire.

18 Thanks.

19 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay.

20 MR. WALDHEIM: Madam Chairman, Ed Waldheim, CORVA and
21 Friends of Jawbone.

22 With this grant, the next grant that's coming on, I
23 want everybody to realize that we have an albatross over our
24 head, and that is the Route Designation, \$2 million. If the
25 \$2 million is pumped up from where it is, 40 percent, now, 37

1 grants, everything that you discussed in the last two hours
2 will disappear. Nobody is going to get a dime. Thirty-seven
3 grants will disappear. I need to make sure you clearly
4 understand the ramifications that if that Route Designation
5 Program is pushed up ahead of everybody else, that will be a
6 disaster for all of Southern California and all these
7 agencies. We're going to be totally contrary to what we're
8 doing. So I strongly urge you consider that when you have
9 these grants coming on in the next two -- yes, we'll take
10 them off of Consent and give you the extra information. But,
11 please, when you consider this -- and I'll be hitting it very
12 hard up in Sacramento again. We cannot afford -- we do not
13 have the funds to pay the \$2 million. Our -- our
14 applications stated -- or our agreement was if funds are
15 available. I would say to you, funds are not available. We
16 don't have -- we cannot not afford to lose the entire program
17 because the federal government doesn't want to pitch in and
18 put some money into the Route Designation Program. But
19 that's where we're at.

20 Thank you.

21 MR. GLASPIE: The next application is the
22 San Bernardino National Forest. They requested \$153,690.
23 They received a score of 63 for a 60 percent funding
24 determination of \$92,214.

25 MR. EVANS: Hi, again. Chris Evans with the

1 San Bernardino National Forest.

2 This grant, as with all of the others, we did sit
3 down with our stakeholders and our partners and reviewed the
4 criteria. And we found in our review of this one that we did
5 not want to see it on the Consent Calendar, that -- maybe to
6 make that a little bit more clear, we would like it removed
7 from the Consent Calendar. We felt that the grant should
8 have been scored at a minimum of a 75 out of 100. And I have
9 provided written documentation to support our findings of
10 that. Hopefully you've gotten that.

11 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I did.

12 MR. EVANS: And I can speak to the details of that at
13 this point if you would like, or if you'd like to have the
14 opportunity to review the written findings, that's fine as
15 well.

16 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I'll read it.

17 MR. EVANS: Thank you.

18 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Anyone else want to speak on
19 this grant?

20 MS. KELLY: Lacy Kelly, Deputy Director of the
21 San Bernardino National Forest Association.

22 And in the interest of time, I'm standing up here to
23 represent our organization, Dale and Ben, and also Dana Bell,
24 and our volunteer Linda Myers, who are sitting over here.
25 And we are all on the Review Team with Chris Evans to look at

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1 the response that came back on this grant. And we would like
2 to support his recommendation to pull this off Consent and
3 review his findings.

4 Thanks.

5 MR. VON DRELINGEN: Lou Von Drelingen, SBNFA.

6 Just wanted to make one note that of that \$153,000
7 which was applied originally, \$100,000 of that supports the
8 OHV Volunteer Program which we mentioned earlier contributed
9 over 27,000 volunteer hours. And of the \$9,000 required to
10 manage the program, only about 200,000, less than 20 percent
11 of that is a direct cost from the grant. So it's a lot of
12 bang for the buck, essentially.

13 Thanks.

14 MR. TAMMONE: I'd like to concur with the remarks.

15 The -- Tom Tammone, San Bernardino National Forest
16 Association Volunteer.

17 Again, I concur with the remarks. The score should
18 be 75 or higher. Again, this is a model program. It's
19 something that's -- that's a model for the whole nation. A
20 lot of other people are looking at us. And even in our
21 forest now we're starting to work with the Association and
22 get their own volunteer programs going. So there's a lot
23 more going on than what's in this application, as far as I'm
24 concerned. It's -- it's 100 percent. But I'll go ahead and
25 support the 75; that's what they decided that they're

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1 budgeted to work with. Chris has been consistent on the
2 scoring across all the categories, and I think he's done a
3 good job on that, and I agree with it.

4 Thank you.

5 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. That's the last of the
6 O&M, right?

7 MR. GLASPIE: Yes. The next grants are OHV Safety
8 and/or Education, and they'll be presented by Martha Ibarra.

9 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. So let's summarize O&M
10 before we move on. I really -- okay. I only had
11 acquiescence, if you like, in the scoring on 3 for the
12 Consent Calendar. The others were coming off. Thirty-one
13 stays on; 34 on; and 36 on. Everybody can agree with those
14 notes?

15 Okay. And next we have OHV safety and education.

16 MS. IBARRA: My name's Martha Ibarra, Grant
17 Administrator.

18 We received 11 project applications for a total
19 amount of 801,927.

20 Our first applicant is BLM Barstow Field Office.
21 They requested \$183,490. They received a score of 65 at
22 60 percent for \$110,094.

23 MR. AHRENS: Again, Mike Ahrens, Barstow Field
24 Office.

25 We -- we accept the Division's determinations, and
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1 request that the grant stay on the Consent Calendar.

2 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Anyone else speaking on
3 this grant?

4 MS. IBARRA: The next applicant is BLM California
5 Desert District. They requested \$92,549. They scored 55 at
6 50 percent for \$46,275.

7 MR. ZARKI: Hi. I'm Joe Zarki. I'm with the
8 National Park Service at Joshua Tree National Park, and I'm
9 coordinating, I guess, the grant proposal here on behalf of
10 Desert Managers Group which has partners: BLM, Department of
11 Game and Fish, California State Parks and so forth. And our
12 project is an education outreach program about the desert
13 tortoise to help desert recreation users learn about the
14 tortoise and exhibit behaviors that will lead to improved
15 outcomes for the desert tortoise on desert public lands and
16 big -- big audience for that message and program is the OHV
17 community.

18 We're asking that our proposal be removed from the
19 Consent Calendar for re-scoring. We were assigned a score of
20 55. We feel based upon the documentation we provided that
21 our score should be 77, and we think we should get some
22 improvement in Criteria No. 1 under Sub-Criteria D, E, and F,
23 also in Criteria 2 under Sub-Category E, and then Criteria 4
24 under Sub-Categories A and B based on the additional

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1 And Ann Staley, who is our Desert Tortoise Outreach
2 Coordinator who is the primary beneficiary of this grant will
3 tell you a little bit about some of the things we're doing
4 here.

5 MS. STALEY: Ann Staley, Desert Tortoise Outreach.

6 One of the things that we've done this year is we've
7 brought out a brochure, and this brochure was in partnership
8 with DMG, Defenders of Wildlife, and NOVAC. We had the first
9 printing of 10,000, and that wasn't enough. We had a second
10 printing of 20,000, and that's not quite enough. We're in
11 our third printing of 20,000. This brochure was very
12 possible -- very -- it was great. Everybody liked it. It
13 talks about ethics, stay on the trail message. It's
14 something that anybody can read. It's been distributed
15 throughout the desert. Your program provides money for
16 things like this.

17 Thank you.

18 MR. STEWART: Good afternoon. John Stewart,
19 California Association of Four-Wheel Drive Clubs, United
20 Four-Wheel Drive Associations.

21 I was one of the people on that team that developed
22 that brochure. That brochure has been used as a handout to
23 every OHV recreation activity -- or permitted activity within
24 the desert tortoise area as part of an effort to -- for

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25 outreach to get out -- get the message out about the tortoise

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1 and to watch out for tortoise. And to that extent, you know,
2 the campaign is there. It's -- it may not have been
3 adequately reflected in the -- in the application, but it's
4 there.

5 Another major issue that's a part of this grant is --
6 to fund is this attitude survey about the desert tortoise.
7 Now, this -- again, we've had a team working for a couple of
8 years to put this survey together. It has been on again, off
9 again due to funding issues and how you transfer funds from a
10 state agency within the -- to a federal agency, and then even
11 within the various federal agencies. But they finally got
12 their act together. The contract is out to do, and the
13 survey is ready to hit the streets. Now it is a point
14 that -- this promotes really a part of what is promoting
15 responsible recreation use because this a direct effort to
16 measure the knowledge and the awareness of the people. So to
17 that extent -- to that, we believe that this grant should be
18 re-scored much higher and request that it -- we support the
19 request to have it pulled off Consent and re-evaluated.

20 Thank you.

21 MR. FLOYD: Kim Floyd with the Sierra Club.

22 We have had a chance to review the supplemental
23 information provided by the California Desert District. We

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24 think this should be pulled off Consent. And we agree with
25 the -- that it certainly ought to be re-evaluated based on

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1 the additional information.

2 Thank you.

3 MR. FRIED: Jason Fried again.

4 We support pulling this off of Consent and would
5 agree with -- I believe you should have gotten a copy of how
6 they think the grant should be re-scored. And we agree with
7 their justifications to the re-scoring, and we hope you would
8 do so in December.

9 Thank you.

10 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Anyone else on this grant?

11 Indulge me for a moment. The -- the brochure -- the
12 contract for Media Publications and Educational Services is
13 listed as a contract for \$65,000. My question is, you have
14 the publication already. Is this for printing, do you know?

15 MR. ZARKI: The -- the -- the grant -- the program is
16 a multi-faceted program. We've got PSAs in process. We're
17 going to be doing television spots on coming years. We have
18 conferences planned, media days. It's a multi-faceted
19 program. The brochure is just one of what are going to be
20 15, 20 things we're going to be doing to try to get messages
21 out about tortoises, and particularly to the OHV community
22 and people who are out recreating on the desert lands so that
23 they -- they understand what the stakes are with regards to

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24 tortoise conservation and that they -- they exhibit personal
25 behaviors that will lead to, like I say, good outcomes for

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1 tortoises so we're not continuing to see tortoises go
2 downhill.

3 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I --

4 MR. ZARKI: This is a four-year program. We're about
5 in the middle of it right now. Did I answer your question?

6 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: No, not exactly. But you've
7 raised some other questions. My question was more addressed
8 to the -- to the \$65,000 worth of agency match. Okay? And
9 what I'm trying to find out is, how much of that is going to
10 be publications and how much media? Can you give me any kind
11 of a budget breakdown of that \$65,000, like 85 percent into
12 the publication and 30 percent into buying TV spots or
13 whatever you're going to do with media --

14 MR. ZARKI: Right.

15 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: -- producing a CD? Any -- any
16 kind of a breakdown at all on the agency match?

17 MR. ZARKI: Yeah. The National Fish & Wildlife
18 Foundation has been a primary grant partner for us on this
19 and has provided a lot of the funding for media production.
20 So printing and actual production of materials is largely
21 being funded from the grant we've gotten from them. Much of
22 what the agency support has been provided has been on various

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23 kinds of equipment, administrative support, oversight of the
24 project and -- and things of that nature. And so -- so most
25 of our media production, like I say, is coming from this

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1 grant from the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation, which
2 for this past fiscal year was \$68,000. We have a current
3 proposal in front of them for \$85,000 for the coming year,
4 which would be fiscal '07.

5 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay.

6 MR. ZARKI: So -- so we have a number of different
7 grant partners on this. The Fish & Wildlife Service has been
8 a support of the project. The National Park Service, Bureau
9 of Land Management, various agencies are making contributions
10 to the program. And -- and we've had good cooperation from
11 John Stewart and his organization, Dana Bell, and -- and some
12 of the other non -- non-federal partners.

13 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. I understand that most
14 of this covers the staff salary for one person. Okay?

15 MR. ZARKI: That's correct.

16 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: That's the bulk of this.

17 MR. ZARKI: Because of the nature -- because of the
18 fact that we're getting the grant from the Fish & Wildlife
19 Foundation, which we're not able to use for any kind of
20 salary -- they won't allow that -- this -- this provides us
21 with a coordinator --

22 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay.
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23 MR. ZARKI: -- Ann's position, which enables us to
24 actually accomplish a lot of the projects that are in our
25 proposals.

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1 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: And you do have a -- a working
2 group that you're working with on --

3 MR. ZARKI: Yes, we do, yes.

4 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: -- (unintelligible), besides
5 the Desert Managers Group.

6 MR. ZARKI: Yeah, the -- the Desert Managers Group
7 has kind of like a chartered work group which includes agency
8 people --

9 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Right.

10 MR. ZARKI: -- as well as non -- non-profit and
11 stakeholders and people like that. And we meet on a regular
12 basis.

13 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Thank you.

14 Anyone else on this grant?

15 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay.

16 MS. IBARRA: The next applicant is BLM, Colorado
17 District. They requested 90,000. They scored 59 at 50
18 percent for a fund -- \$45,000 funding determination.

19 MS. BATES: Good afternoon, Commission and OHV
20 people. And my name is Christine Bates. I'm the Renewable
21 Resource Advisor for the Colorado River District of the BLM.

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22 This is a new district that has just been created; therefore,
23 this is the first time I've ever applied for a grant. And I
24 was not able to attend the meeting on how to write these
25 grants, so I tried the best that I could.

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1 The Colorado River District -- I guess I'm the only
2 Arizonan here. Okay? The Colorado River District has
3 jurisdiction on the river from Davis Dam to the Mexican
4 border. We have approximately -- and it extends into
5 California. All of the grants that I applied for would be
6 used for California specifically, not for Arizona.

7 We have a lot of issues in California. And what I
8 requested was something out of the ordinary because these are
9 items that we've had -- that we've been requesting funding
10 from various sources and have not received any funding. I
11 would like to be removed from the Consent Calendar. And I
12 have recalculated and would like to move up to about 70 on my
13 points.

14 Education is the key, and I see it as the key to
15 protecting our area over there on the California side. We
16 have a few rangers. And I live in Lake Havasu, which is the
17 party town of the United States. I requested money for -- to
18 do a video, to fund putting signs on the kiosks that we have
19 right now that are ripped off and blank and need repair, and
20 also for creating cards. And a lot of people didn't
21 understand what these cards are. You've probably seen them

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22 before. We created some cards called "The Sonoran Desert and
23 Basin Species Council." I'd like for you to look at them.

24 And I'd like to be considered for this grant.

25 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Poker is tomorrow night.

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1 MR. FRIED: Hi. My name's Jason Fried.

2 Once again, we would -- the one thing I kind of want
3 to point out about this grant is, while it may appear that
4 it's going to an agency or part of an agency that's outside
5 of the state of California, that all the money will be spent
6 inside. They kind of have this quandary when -- when this
7 office is working on issues in the area that they can get
8 money from Arizona to do work on the Arizona side of the
9 river, but that money can't be transferred to the California
10 side. And so there's this -- this stretch of land that's one
11 mile in width and runs the length of the river that kind of
12 gets ignored by the Arizona grant system, and this grant will
13 help supplement some of the work that's being done on our
14 side of the river and that the money will stay -- because I
15 know that sometimes people get confused when they see that
16 it's an outside California agency that's applying for the
17 money.

18 Thank you.

19 MR. STEWART: John Stewart, California Association of
20 Four-Wheel Drive Clubs and United Four-Wheel Drive

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21 Associati ons.

22 I concur with Jason's comments there, and I would
23 like to underscore the fact that this is a new deal that is
24 coming out and something that due to the way the federal
25 boundaries are drawn for their resource districts, it puts an

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1 anomaly in the fact that there's a large segment of land in
2 California that is managed by the Bureau of Land -- Land
3 Management out of Arizona. Similar-type situation arises
4 with Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest so that there -- this
5 is not a new precedence; this is something that the
6 precedence is already there, and it's something that it's
7 appropriate for the OHMVR Program within California to
8 actually be applied and used on OHMVR recreation lands in
9 California.

10 Thank you.

11 MS. DANIELS: Mona Daniels, Outdoor Rec Planner,
12 Palm Springs Field Office.

13 Our field office extends all the way to -- almost all
14 the way to the Colorado River. There is a one-mile swath of
15 land; it goes from the Riverside County boundary up to the
16 San Bernardino County boundary. That area is managed by this
17 unit. And we would highly recommend that you consider her
18 scoring for review. This grant would -- both offices do
19 correspond back and forth and work on projects together.
20 So...

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21 Thank you.

22 MR. AHRENS: Yes, my opportunity to display my
23 schizophrenic self. Mike Ahrens, Needles Field Office,
24 having just accepted a position out there.

25 Let me just ditto the comments of Mona Daniels there.

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1 Needles Field Office also shares a boundary with the Colorado
2 River District. It is a very difficult relationship there
3 with the river and the -- the way that -- those bounds -- it
4 make sense, but it is a very difficult situation. And so
5 we're -- we're supportive of their -- their efforts.

6 Thank you.

7 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Anyone else on this grant?

8 I have a couple of questions. It looks like it's
9 going to take a team of seven or eight people -- looks like
10 nine people maybe working for a week to put together the
11 playing cards. Is that --

12 MS. BATES: Yes. We're --

13 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: A week? Give yourselves about
14 a week to pull this together?

15 MS. BATES: Well, we -- we put together those cards
16 in about a week for the invasive species ones.

17 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay.

18 MS. BATES: They were put together in a week.

19 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. That's fine.

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20 MS. BATES: So I'm assuming --

21 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I'm just trying to be sure I
22 understand about what you're talking about.

23 And the -- the other question I have has to do with
24 the video.

25 MS. BATES: Yes.

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1 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Can you -- can you tell me if
2 they've -- what your plan -- or if you have a plan if -- or
3 if --

4 MS. BATES: It costs us --

5 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: -- it's in works for
6 distribution and use of this.

7 MS. BATES: It costs us --

8 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: This is a lot of money if it's
9 only going to go to two schools.

10 MS. BATES: It costs us \$40,000 to do a video tape of
11 the flat-tailed horned lizard. And that will be distributed
12 to just about all law enforcement and everyone. The video
13 that we are planning is along the Colorado River, and it
14 would be specifically to show off the Intaglios and some of
15 the issues with the Native-Americans there. It will be a
16 joint type of video which will be sent out to all the
17 schools. We get visitors from all over Southern California,
18 and it will be sent to all of California.

19 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. So how many copies are
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20 you talking about?

21 MS. BATES: Well, the last time we -- we were able to
22 re-copy it. Once we purchase it, it's ours.

23 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes.

24 MS. BATES: And we can copy it as many times as we
25 can.

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1 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I understand. But it's not --
2 that's not a free copy -- making thousands of copies is not a
3 free --

4 MS. BATES: Well, the last time --

5 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: -- enterprise.

6 MS. BATES: -- on the flat-tailed horned lizard, we
7 were allowed to make 2,000 copies.

8 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: And who paid for that?

9 MS. BATES: I think we did, the BLM and U.S. Fish &
10 Wildlife Service.

11 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. And you're sending them
12 to schools along the river?

13 MS. BATES: No. All the way to San Diego and L.A.,
14 whoever requests it.

15 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: How are they going to know that
16 it's there to request?

17 MS. BATES: We will have it posted on our web sites.

18 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Ah-ha. All right. I -- I

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19 think -- I'm -- I'm not opposed to the dollar figures here,
20 but I think you need to think a little bit more carefully
21 about how you distribute to Los Angeles. It's not -- you
22 won't reach anybody if you're waiting for them to visit your
23 web site.

24 MS. BATES: We get a lot of people that come and stay
25 at our OHV areas and our concessions. We will be --

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1 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. So you're going to post
2 the availability of this --

3 MS. BATES: Yes.

4 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: -- video elsewhere, and
5 you're --

6 MS. BATES: Yes.

7 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: -- going to have some kind of
8 fliers or --

9 MS. BATES: Yes.

10 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: -- the announcement of the
11 availability is going to be elsewhere than on your web site?

12 MS. BATES: Yes.

13 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. All right. That
14 concludes my questions.

15 Anyone else on this grant?

16 MS. IBARRA: The next applicant is Gold Rock Outdoor
17 Schools. They requested \$109,300. They scored 66 at
18 60 percent for an amount of \$65,580.

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19 MR. TAMMONE: Hi. Tom Tammone.

20 I just had a little conversation with Cindy, and we
21 decided to -- we don't know what we're going to be able to
22 drum up as far as getting people up north's support, so
23 they're going to leave it on for now.

24 But I have a few things I do want to say. The grant
25 historically has scored much higher than this, and there are

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1 a few obvious things I do want to point out, like on the
2 first criteria, (d), eliminating illegal riding and trespass,
3 they didn't address it. Well, in this particular situation,
4 it's just not applicable. With the geographical outlay of --
5 of the -- of the land, it's just absolutely not an issue, so
6 they didn't bother addressing it. So that's one obvious
7 point where somebody just didn't think to write something
8 down, but it should have scored higher. And some of the
9 other criterias, "The application has a history of
10 successfully implementing similar project at a minimum using
11 examples of prior projects," dah, dah, dah, dah, it scored 8
12 out of 15 points. Well, it's one of the better programs.
13 It's definitely one of the most solid programs. I don't know
14 whether it's an issue that they changed names. It used to be
15 Campfire U.S.A.; now they're Gold Rock. But they definitely
16 have a very, very strong history, and that score should have
17 definitely been much higher.

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18 But at the next meeting, they probably -- I
19 guarantee, there's a 90 percent chance they will pull it off
20 and they will want a higher score. But -- and there's
21 definitely a lot of grounds to ask for it. But for right now
22 we're just going to ask that it stay on Consent.

23 Thank you.

24 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Is there -- Tom, is there no
25 one here from --

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1 MR. TAMMONE: No, there's no one here right now. You
2 mean from Gold Rock?

3 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes. All right. Then I'm
4 going to address my questions (unintelligible).

5 MR. TAMMONE: Okay. Thanks.

6 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I'll ask staff. Thank you.

7 Did you get a chance to inquire -- it says "Gold Rock
8 Outdoor Schools " All right? And our Grant Program is
9 not available to profit -- for-profit. Is this a non-profit
10 corporation or not? Did somebody check?

11 MS. MILLER: Yes.

12 MR. BELLUCCI: It is non-profit.

13 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: It is in non-profit.

14 MR. BELLUCCI: Correct.

15 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Its -- its --

16 MR. PELONIO: I actually --

17 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Its name is --

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18 MR. PELONIO: -- spoke with --

19 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: -- misleadi ng.

20 Yes?

21 MR. PELONIO: I actually spoke with the federal
22 agency that administers to non-profits because it wasn't on
23 their web site. That's because it was relatively new. They
24 did confirm to me they are non-profit.

25 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: They are non-profit. Okay.

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1 Usually you don't use the title "Inc." if you're -- you're
2 non-profit, but it's possible. So I just wanted to be sure
3 that -- that they were still non-profit. I understand they
4 went through reorganization and they are organizing
5 themselves. And if they are a non-profit, it takes some time
6 to get all the paperwork processed. But --

7 MR. PELONIO: Right. And I -- like I said, I did
8 confirm --

9 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: But I presume that would be not
10 be a problem.

11 MR. PELONIO: Yes. And just for the public's
12 information, this was formally through Campfire.

13 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Right.

14 MR. PELONIO: And they have separate out on their own
15 now.

16 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay.

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17 Anyone else on this grant?

18 MS. IBARRA: I just wanted to clarify Mr. Tammone's
19 question he -- or comment he made earlier regarding that they
20 did not address -- I believe it was Sub-Category B,
21 protecting -- protecting residents. Was that what you were
22 referring to?

23 MR. TAMMONE: Yeah.

24 MS. IBARRA: For Criteria 1, they did not have to
25 address every single sub-criteria. They would -- they would

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1 not lose points if they didn't address it. So even though
2 they may have touched on it, they weren't penalized for not
3 meeting that criteria.

4 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay.

5 Anything else on this grant? Anyone else?

6 All right. Next.

7 MS. IBARRA: Okay. The next applicant is U.S.
8 Forest Service, Los Padres National Forest. They requested
9 \$74,970. They scored 55 at 50 percent for an amount of
10 \$37,485.

11 MR. EVANS: And, again, I'm Bruce Evans, Recreation
12 Staff Officer for the Los Padres National Forest.

13 And we would like to ask that you pull the item from
14 the Consent agenda again and consider the information that we
15 provided you today, both the Commissioners and the staff, and
16 reconsider the scoring of this to what we're hoping will go

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17 from 55 to 81.

18 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I'm going to have read --

19 MR. EVANS: Thank you.

20 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay.

21 Anyone else on this grant? Any other additional
22 information? No?

23 Okay. Palm Springs, which is next.

24 MS. IBARRA: BLM Palm Springs. They requested
25 \$36,446. They scored 65 at 60 percent for an amount of

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1 \$21,868.

2 MS. DANIELS: Love the score. We'll keep it.

3 Thank you.

4 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Anyone else on this
5 grant?

6 Moving on.

7 MS. IBARRA: The last safety grant application is
8 U.S. Forest Service, San Bernardino. They requested \$51,150.
9 They scored 61 at 60 percent for an amount of \$30,690.

10 MR. EVANS: Hi. Chris Evans, San Bernardino National
11 Forest.

12 This is also another one of the agreements that we
13 have reviewed and would like to have it removed from the
14 Consent Calendar. As with all the others, as I've stated
15 before, we reviewed this kind of by committee with some of

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16 our stakeholders and partners. And our determination was
17 that we felt the agreement should have been scored at an 80,
18 which would be a 20 point addition to its current score,
19 which my records indicate that it was scored at a 60? Was it
20 a 60 or a 61 that --

21 MS. IBARRA: It was scored at 61.

22 MR. EVANS: It was scored at 61? Okay. So that
23 would be a 19 point addition. We'd like to the -- the score
24 at an 80. This is -- I'd just like to give you a little bit
25 of background on this particular program. This used to be

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1 kind of lumped under our Facilities Operations and
2 Maintenance application in the past. It's one of the
3 San Bernardino National Forest Association programs. It was
4 funded for, I believe, the last two years through this
5 Commission. And we made the decision this year to break it
6 out as kind of a separate entity for safety and education
7 because it is the primary purpose of Ben's position and the
8 job that he does for the forest through our partner, the
9 Association. And it -- the application is for a -- a
10 relatively small amount, we feel like, for what the benefit
11 of the program is. We're asking for \$51,150; a significant
12 portion of that is to pay Ben's salary. And many of the
13 other costs of the program are derived through contributions
14 from volunteers and other sponsors that donate time and
15 materials to the project.

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16 And I can sort through some of the criteria by detail
17 if you'd like at this point. And it's also one of the ones
18 that's been submitted, and pretty fair level of detail in
19 writing for your review.

20 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay.

21 MR. EVANS: And I think Ben has a little --

22 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: You've got a chorus behind you.

23 MR. EVANS: I think Ben has a little bit that he'd
24 probably like to add to this as well.

25 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay.

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1 MR. VON DRELINGEN: Ben Von Drelingen, San Bernardino
2 National Forest Association, Education Outreach Coordinator.

3 Like Chris mentioned, the Education Outreach Program,
4 it disburses a lot of information about OHV rules,
5 regulations, encouragement of stewardship, safety, ethics,
6 and other general inquiry questions. It hits about 2 million
7 people per month when you break it down into how we address
8 these issues and how we reach people. We go through
9 internet, OHV Club newsletters, print media via magazine,
10 newspaper, regional paper, business journal or the internet
11 version thereof. We go to trade shows, hold informational
12 kiosks at dealerships and staging areas, provide dealers with
13 off-highway vehicle packets for them with information to
14 sell -- when they sell a dirt bike or ATV; they get a little

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15 packet to give to the customer that tells them all about OHV
16 issues and rules in their area. Patrol volunteers also
17 convey these messages. There's a state-approved curriculum
18 which focuses on grades three to seven to teach young
19 children the ethics and stewardship and safety to recreate
20 responsibly with off-highway vehicles in the national forests
21 and other public lands. And we're also focusing on a GO
22 cash-in program which will teach children appreciation
23 actually to force the teenage group from 12 through 17 to
24 actually get out in the forest and learn about it with a
25 chance to win a dirt bike. So kind of bribery to learn

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1 trails ethics and land stewardship.

2 The program costs are about \$160,000, give or take
3 some change. We have volunteer and in-kind donations of
4 \$110,000. So it's only \$50,000 cost to the grant for this
5 program. And if you think about the math, for 2 million
6 people per month, that's 24 million people in a year for
7 \$50,000, which is \$1 for each 480 people. So \$1 to reach 480
8 people with positive OHV recreational measures. You cannot
9 beat that; I don't care what kind of advertising you find.

10 Thank you. Strongly support the re-scoring process.

11 MS. KELLY: Lacy Kelly, San Bernardino National
12 Forest Association.

13 That's a hard act to follow. But I'm Ben's boss, and
14 I agree with everything he said. And he's had a tremendous

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15 impact on the education outreach in Southern California. We
16 originally envisioned this program to be just San Bernardino
17 County, and there's people reaching out to Ben for his
18 curriculum and his program designs from other states as far
19 away as the East Coast. And it's had a tremendous impact.
20 And I don't think we can afford to see it go away.

21 I would support Chris's recommendation to take this
22 off Consent and re-review the points.

23 Thank you.

24 MS. MYERS: Linda Myers, San Bernardino National
25 Forest Association, OHV volunteer.

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1 I support every phase of this OHV Safety and
2 Education Program. Ben has worked very hard, very diligent
3 in reaching out to the young people of today trying to give
4 them structure and how to take care of our lands for future
5 generations. I'd like to also say that our OHV volunteers
6 have served a number of hours, as noted in the grant. We
7 have had over 28,000 hours by volunteers. Some of our
8 volunteers -- as an example, we have a Jim Hulchinski who
9 donated 1,309 hours followed by Jeff Ridenower who donated
10 809 hours. This is over a one-year fiscal year. Matt
11 Stegmeyer, 786 hours; Christopher Pratt, 710 hours; Kathy
12 Pratt, 710 hours; Steve Shoemaker, 657 hours; Mike
13 Fellerger, 647 hours; and Rick Oswald, 549 hours. You can

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14 see that some of these people who have put some of the top
15 hours in this program, we need to continue and certainly
16 support. And I hope that you will support this and review
17 the figures and up the score.

18 Thank you.

19 MS. BELL: Dana Bell with the National Off-Highway
20 Vehicle Council, enthusiast and volunteer with the
21 San Bernardino National Forest.

22 And this program doesn't depend on any one way of
23 reaching the visitors into the forest. They reach the
24 visitors in the forest, but they reach the visitors out of
25 the forest besides. With the San Bernardinos being

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1 surrounded by the megalopolis of Southern California, they
2 can't depend on just one way of educating the public, and so
3 they haven't done it. They've -- they've fought much bigger
4 than that in articles that go out, in cards that they can
5 hand out throughout the forest, in the curriculums so they
6 can actually go out to the schools, open houses at
7 dealerships so that they're reaching the people at point of
8 contact, sound checks in the forest at the entrance to the
9 forest as the people come in, handbags again at point of
10 sale. And I think what's also of tremendous value with this
11 program is they haven't wasted money going out and
12 reinventing the wheel. They've looked around the country;
13 they've looked at programs that work, and then they've saved

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14 money and adapted those programs to the San Bernardino
15 National Forest and to California.

16 I think this program deserves much more funding than
17 is being proposed. And I ask you to please reconsider and
18 look again at this grant.

19 And, also, I'd just like to take a moment and --
20 Judith Anderson, thank you for being here and sitting through
21 the day, asking the questions, obviously listening to us, and
22 having done your homework. And I just really appreciate it.
23 And thank you very much.

24 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: You're welcome.

25 (Applause.)

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1 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: It's my duty.

2 MR. JOHNSON: Dale Johnson, SBNFA Off-Highway Vehicle
3 Volunteer Patrol Coordinator.

4 I'll keep it real short and sweet. I agree with
5 everybody previous to me. The statistics that were being
6 mentioned by Linda are in our monthly newsletter; anybody
7 care to take a look, I could pass it around.

8 MR. TAMMONE: Tom Tamzone, San Bernardino National
9 Forest volunteer.

10 Boy, Dale, that was short.

11 Anyway, yeah, this is a -- this is a new portion
12 of -- of this program, and it's something that I've been

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13 involved with in a round-about way, doing the sound testing
14 and stuff like that. And, of course, I'll have to come up
15 with -- with another issue if I want to keep my trophy next
16 year.

17 But it's a good program. It's reached a lot of
18 people. And it has a definite potential to be repetitive in
19 areas. And I definitely would request full support for
20 anything they asked for for this grant.

21 Thank you.

22 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Anyone else on this grant?

23 MS. IBARRA: Madam Chair, if I may. I just had just
24 a comment I would like to make. Overall this sounds like a
25 very good program. The application that they submitted was

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1 not formatted to address each criteria; therefore, it was
2 difficult for us to pull the relevant information to address
3 each criteria. So I -- I just wanted to make that comment.

4 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: No, I could see that. And --
5 and it was the same from my reading, as I'm sure it was from
6 yours.

7 I just have a generic question in this category since
8 we're at the bottom of this category. I've heard today about
9 exemplary programs in different areas, and -- and one
10 would -- would hope that -- that people who are sitting in
11 this room and listening to what other applicants in the same
12 area are doing and reading their grant applications can read

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13 through something like the list of accomplishments, which
14 although it's nice and -- and it is -- is imaginative in the
15 variety of kinds of things -- I'm not speaking to the
16 application; I'm just speaking to the program -- that you
17 would hope that all the -- all the other people who were
18 looking at Safety and Education grants would talk to them and
19 find out what they're doing and try to get as much of a bang
20 for the buck out of this program as -- as elsewhere. And we
21 heard about exemplary law enforcement programs, and we could
22 wish that there was an opportunity, and maybe it's -- maybe
23 it's the role of staff or of the Commission to foster this
24 kind of -- of feeding so it's not merely a matter of your
25 coming -- yes, you're going to help your opponent when it

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1 comes to the next grant application, but it's the overall
2 improvement of the program if you can share with each other
3 what you're doing that's most useful and most efficient and
4 gets the -- the greatest bang for the -- for the program from
5 out of the dollars that -- that are spent.

6 So I don't think we've done very -- enough of this
7 kind of sharing. And this is really the only formal
8 opportunity to get to -- sometimes to see what other people
9 are doing. But we could wish that that was happening within
10 all the different areas.

11 MR. TAMMONE: Thanks for your input.

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12 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I'm -- I am done. This is not
13 really -- we're not on a -- we're not on a -- on a grant.

14 MR. TAMMONE: Okay.

15 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. I want to summarize what
16 we're doing on -- we're -- safety and education. I have
17 three that requested to be taken off the Consent Calendar:
18 Line 56, line 57, and line 62. Does that match what other
19 people have?

20 MR. LaFRANCHI: Is 60 --

21 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Sixty. Excuse me, you're
22 right. Sixty, is that right?

23 MR. LaFRANCHI: Sixty's off, I think. Wasn't that
24 the --

25 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Where is he?

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1 MR. LaFRANCHI: -- the Los Padres --

2 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Los Padres. Yes, I think he
3 gave me a -- you're right. He gave me a packet of stuff.
4 Yes. I'm sorry, I missed that one. Okay. Fifty-six, 57,
5 60, and 62 are off Consent.

6 All right. Thank you very much.

7 Who's doing the next category, planning?

8 MS. IBARRA: That would be me.

9 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay.

10 MS. IBARRA: We received 15 projects for Planning for
11 a total amount of \$9,388,425?

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12 First applicant is Colorado River District, Planning.
13 They requested 40,000. They received a score of 51 at
14 50 percent for \$20,000.

15 MS. BATES: Christine Bates from the Colorado River
16 District in Arizona.

17 I would like to have this one removed from the
18 Consent agenda. And I would like to move it from 51 up to
19 70. And the reason is, I started to write this as a
20 restoration Project, but I realized after looking at what was
21 done previously to the Blythe Intaglios that we did not do a
22 good planning effort on these. As you can see, the fencing
23 cuts off some of the Intaglio, and there's no viewing
24 platform. And it's cyclone fencing; it makes it hard to look
25 at them.

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1 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Or photograph.

2 MS. BATES: Huh?

3 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Or photograph.

4 MS. BATES: Or photograph. Then we have people going
5 up the side of the washes doing that with their ATVs trying
6 to find these. Up above up here on some of the locations, we
7 now have requirement under a Memorandum of Understanding with
8 the Bureau of Reclamation that we have natural resource
9 requirements. We have found a few more Intaglios that need
10 to be protected, and we need to do the planning. And these

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11 Intaglios are a national treasure. And all of you in this
12 room should know and understand that if we don't protect them
13 properly now, they will be lost forever.

14 Thank you.

15 MS. DANIELS: Mona Daniels, Palm Springs Field
16 Office.

17 Right at the -- the very back of the -- let's see,
18 we're coming in -- when you reach the very, very back of the
19 last intaglio, the BLM properties for South Coast start.
20 The -- the work that occurs between these two offices in
21 regards to this is highly important. There is a hill
22 located -- it's a football distance away from the Intaglios
23 that there are a number of hill climbs on. This area,
24 visitation is occurring, and they're going up on top of this
25 to look down on the Intaglios. This would be a project

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1 within the Palm Springs Office, but greatly you can see
2 that -- how the two offices correspond here. I highly
3 recommend that you support this project.

4 Thank you.

5 MR. STEWART: John Stewart, California Association of
6 Four-Wheel Drive Clubs, United Four-Wheel Drive Associations.

7 I agree with the -- what the two speakers have stated
8 on this. But I would question one thing, is that, is this
9 grant being classified in the correct category. This could
10 possibly be one that would fit better under a restoration

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11 project and probably should be under a restoration project
12 rather than in a planning project like it is listed right
13 now.

14 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: That's a good question. Thank
15 you.

16 Staff, any comment on that?

17 MS. IBARRA: The criteria that they submitted was
18 under planning; therefore, we had to score it under a
19 planning project.

20 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. I'm -- I'm going to take
21 five-minute break as soon as we're finished with the
22 comments on this grant.

23 MR. TAMMONE: Okay. You're taking comments?

24 I have to agree with John Stewart that I think the
25 Commission does have the power to place this project under

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1 restoration where there are plenty of funds available. It
2 seems it's rather obvious that there would be no reason to
3 ever be operating OHVs in that particular space. So I do
4 believe it would meet the criteria, and it should be
5 considered.

6 Thank you.

7 MR. WEIGAND: Good afternoon, Commissioner Anderson,
8 staff of the OHV Division. I'm Jim Weigand. I'm the
9 Ecologist at the California State Office of the BLM in

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10 Sacramento.

11 There is a reason that the grant was submitted as a
12 planning grant, and it's an unfortunate reason. But as Chris
13 and I were creating the grant, our intention was originally
14 to submit it as a restoration grant, however, at the time
15 Chris had a family emergency and had to leave in the middle
16 of the grant-writing time to help move her parents to a new
17 home. And so there wasn't time to get all of the information
18 that we needed and meet the deadline for the grant
19 application. And we had enough of the information together
20 so that it would suffice as a planning grant in anticipation
21 for the site restoration and -- that we had wanted to
22 undertake. And so that is the reason. It -- it wasn't what
23 we had originally intended to do, but it -- it was planning
24 for restoration. And so, therefore, we put it under
25 planning. And it would be wonderful to have it under

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1 restoration, but I'm not sure if that's possible. I mean
2 I -- I just don't know. So it would be ideal, but we
3 didn't -- we -- we did the best that we had with the
4 circumstances at the time.

5 MS. DANIELS: Also, Palm Springs Field Office has a
6 goal for the restoration of the site immediately behind it
7 for next year's grant cycle.

8 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Immediately behind --

9 MS. DANIELS: The Intaglios where the hill climbs are

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10 occurring.

11 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Because that's out of your
12 district? That's out of the Colorado River District --

13 MS. DANIELS: Right.

14 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: -- the ten yard --

15 MS. DANIELS: Right. Immediately behind the
16 Intaglios where the hill climbs and the OHV incursions are
17 occurring is in the Palm Springs Office, and that is our
18 future restoration area.

19 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay.

20 MR. FLOYD: Kim Floyd for the Sierra Club.

21 We support taking this item off the Consent Calendar.

22 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Thank you.

23 Anyone else?

24 MR. FRIED: Jason Fried with the...

25 Same as what Kim said, we're taking this off the

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1 Consent Calendar. We'll get you written comments before
2 December.

3 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Thank you.

4 Anyone else on this grant?

5 Break.

6 (Brief recess.)

7 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: All right. I'm ready. My
8 congratulations to the hard core hanging in here until the

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9 bitter end -- maybe it's not bitter; maybe it's really sweet
10 at the end.

11 Okay. You ready?

12 MS. IBARRA: Okay. The next applicant is
13 Palm Springs South Coast Field Office. They requested
14 \$76,020. They scored 47 at 40 percent for an amount of
15 \$30,408.

16 MS. DANIELS: We accept the -- the scoring.
17 Thank you.

18 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Anyone else on this grant?

19 MR. FRIED: Hi. Jason Fried again.

20 Wanted to make some comments on this one. This one
21 is -- is -- what it does is it tries to set up an OHV riding
22 area near Needles -- or Blythe -- Blythe. I'm sorry, I was
23 getting my offices confused there -- near Blythe. And right
24 now I'm going to wear the hat of an OHV Commissioner for
25 Riverside County. This is the type of program that I would

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1 at least be looking for. It's something that is not really
2 meant for the larger riding community, but more for the local
3 folks in the area to go riding. It's not -- I've been out
4 there. The Palm Springs folks have given me a tour. And
5 it's, I think, a great opportunity. I'm kind of sad to see
6 that the BLM has decided to allow this to be on Consent,
7 which basically at its scoring level means it probably will
8 not get funded at the end of the day, which is sad for me to

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9 see. But this is on the record to say that as an OHV
10 Commissioner, this would be something I would be looking to
11 have for that area because it gives a great opportunity for
12 the local riders to ride without going into some areas where
13 they shouldn't be going into.

14 Thank you.

15 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. I'm -- excuse me, but
16 I'm -- oh, there it is. Okay. God, there's too many volumes
17 to look at. I -- I apologize, but I have a question
18 because -- regardless of Dana Bell's lauds -- I didn't read
19 them all, and I must admit, I don't know where this
20 restoration -- where this area is proposed. Can you fill me
21 in, please.

22 MS. DANIELS: Actually, you do. Do you remember last
23 year when you quizzed me about the map and the Big Marias and
24 where it was located in the --

25 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I know where the Big Marias

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1 are. I've been there

2 MS. DANIELS: It's right there. It's where Midland
3 Road takes the big curve and goes across the railroad tracks.

4 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Right in the middle --

5 MS. DANIELS: Right in the middle.

6 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Right in the middle but -- of
7 that wilderness area.

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8 MS. DANIELS: No, no, no. We're about --
9 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: That's right around the --
10 the -- the --
11 MS. DANIELS: Two -- about two and a half --
12 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: -- (unintelligible) --
13 MS. DANIELS: About two and a half miles away from a
14 wilderness edge. And --
15 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Two and a half miles from Pale
16 & McCoy.
17 MS. DANIELS: Yes -- no. You know where the
18 Midland --
19 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Big Maria -- Big Maria
20 Wilderness?
21 MS. DANIELS: Big Maria Wilderness --
22 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Between the Big Marias and --
23 and Riverside Wilderness?
24 MS. DANIELS: Midland LT -- Mid- -- yes. Down just
25 at the toe of the mountains to the north of Blythe. Right

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1 next to the landfill.
2 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. So it's -- I don't know
3 where the landfill is. So it's south of the Big Maria
4 wilderness?
5 MS. DANIELS: South, yes. If you were --
6 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I thought that was an
7 agricultural area.

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8 MS. DANIELS: It is. If you were to -- if you were
9 in Blythe and you got off the -- the highway, and I think
10 it's Love -- Love and -- Lovell -- or Lovekin right there,
11 you travel about seven miles straight out toward the
12 agricultural fields. What's occurring is OHV youth in the
13 area have been riding down canal roads for forever and going
14 out to this one little corner, and it's a piece of land that
15 has a railroad line on one side that acts as a buffer,
16 Midland Road on another side that acts as a buffer --

17 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: All right. Then it's quite a
18 ways from Pale & McCoy.

19 MS. DANIELS: Right. Right, it is. But it's close
20 enough to town that the -- both the local youth, the CHP, and
21 the BLM officers all utilize this area. It's been a really
22 positive area not just for the youth, but it's become kind of
23 a -- a training ground for --

24 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: If we can keep them off the
25 Intaglios --

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1 MS. DANIELS: -- officers -- yes. And that's part of
2 it. Also, it will help keep them out of those wilderness
3 areas to the north as well.

4 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: All right. Do you recall
5 hearing a person who spoke before this Commission -- or maybe
6 it wasn't officially at a meeting, who said he knew how all

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7 those scars were produced, and it was high school students?

8 MS. DANIELS: Here's a -- here's a really scary --

9 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes. And he said, "I was
10 among them."

11 MS. DANIELS: Here's a really scary one. We had a
12 reverse swastika out on the ground, and everybody viewed it
13 as Nazi propaganda. And it was a beautiful Intaglio. And
14 needless to say, the local community rather destroyed it, and
15 it was part of --

16 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes.

17 MS. DANIELS: It was in the lower section. So this
18 is not too far. The Intaglios stretch that whole distance.

19 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes, I know that --

20 MS. DANIELS: So this is part of that.

21 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Thank you.

22 MS. DANIELS: So -- you're welcome.

23 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes.

24 MR. FLOYD: Kim Floyd for the Sierra Club.

25 We also are disappointed that -- that the office

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1 isn't requesting that this thing be taken off -- off calendar
2 because we -- we do think that that particular location is a
3 location that could be considered for --

4 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Are -- are you proposing to
5 take it off Consent?

6 MR. FLOYD: Yes.
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7 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: All right. And then provide us
8 with some --

9 MR. FLOYD: Yes.

10 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: -- information relative to
11 re-scoring. Okay?

12 MR. FLOYD: We will.

13 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay.

14 MS. IBARRA: The final Planning application is
15 Yucca Valley Planning. They requested \$54,946. They scored
16 18 for a funding determination of zero.

17 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Anybody here, Yucca Valley?
18 Gone home? All right. I think that's --

19 MR. FRIED: Yeah, I've got their -- (unintelligible).
20 Sorry.

21 We would actually request that you keep this on
22 Consent Calendar. You probably were going to do that
23 anyways. We have some serious questions on jurisdictional
24 rights that -- that would be going on with this planning
25 grant. The town of Yucca Valley wants to look at the entire

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1 Morongo Basin with riding opportunities. The problem is,
2 they don't have jurisdiction over the entire Morongo Basin;
3 they only have jurisdiction over -- within the city limits of
4 that area, and most of the areas they want to look at are
5 outside the city limits. So we're not sure how productive

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6 this planning grant would be. So please keep it on Consent
7 at, because at the end of the day, that would mean it
8 wouldn't get funded.

9 Thank you.

10 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Huh. Okay. That's
11 interesting. All right. Let's summarize what we've done
12 here. Planning grants, the Yucca Valley stays on the Consent
13 Calendar; the other two come off.

14 Okay. Next category.

15 MS. MILLER: Madam Chair, before we move into Trail
16 Maintenance, I'd like to ask you for a point of clarification
17 or some guidance on the -- we're receiving -- before we lose
18 everybody here, it's the end of the day, we're receiving a
19 lot of information -- new information that's been submitted
20 here today. And the fact that this has to be -- or is being
21 submitted for the Commission, these are public documents and
22 would need to be made available at the next meeting. So I
23 guess there are a couple of ways to do that. I don't know if
24 you -- if this is something that you would like the Division
25 to do, if you would like the applicants to post it on their

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1 web site or -- and our web site, by the way, is going to be
2 down until the 19th. We just got some information today. So
3 we will not be able to post any new information on our web
4 site until the 19th. So I'm just kind of looking to you to
5 provide some guidance on that issue.

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6 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I think it's appropriate for
7 all agencies who are -- are submitting materials relative to
8 re-scoring to post it on their web site. If there are
9 organizations who are -- who have web sites, I would
10 recommend you post your comments there, also. That doesn't
11 reach very many people, but at least if you -- if you know,
12 for example, that Jason's group has a -- has a web site and
13 he's going to post all of his comments on his web site that
14 other people can get access to it -- I don't know how --

15 MS. MILLER: We can post --

16 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: -- we get that word out. I --
17 I know you can reach all the applicants. But in terms of
18 reaching all of the members of the public, for example -- and
19 this is from my -- since I missed the Northern California
20 Grants Committee meeting, I would be interested in seeing all
21 of the information that -- that agencies provided at that
22 hearing. And if I know I can find them on their web sites,
23 that would be sufficient for me.

24 MS. MILLER: We could also post something on our web
25 site once it's -- once it's back up.

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1 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Once it's -- once it's up.

2 MS. MILLER: But that wouldn't be until the 19th.

3 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. All right.

4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR GREENE: Commissioner Anderson?

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5 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes.

6 DEPUTY DIRECTOR GREENE: Certainly we would get that
7 information to the Commission members.

8 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes.

9 DEPUTY DIRECTOR GREENE: I think that the concern
10 that we have is for members of the public here today who --

11 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Exactly.

12 DEPUTY DIRECTOR GREENE: -- have submitted the
13 information as well as in the Northern committee.

14 And also just a point of clarification, the web site
15 will be down in the sense of we are not going to be able post
16 anything new until the 19th, but the web site itself will
17 still be up. It's just our inability to post anything new
18 onto it until the 19th.

19 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay.

20 DEPUTY DIRECTOR GREENE: But we certainly will get
21 that information to you as Commissioners; it's just trying to
22 make sure that the public has a means to access that
23 information.

24 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. If you have other
25 suggestions, may I encourage you to contact the staff. I'm

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1 sure they would like all the help they can get in getting the
2 word out.

3 Okay. That -- you're going to -- you're going to
4 contact applicants. And you're interested in electronic

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5 copies or paper copies or --

6 MS. MILLER: Well, I think that was kind of the point
7 of discussion, how we are going to do this. And, you know,
8 whether they send us something electronic or whether they
9 just post it on their web site, just in one way or another
10 the public needs to be aware of this additional information.
11 So --

12 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay.

13 MS. MILLER: -- just trying to make it as easy for
14 everybody, I think, as possible.

15 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Links may be sufficient once
16 your web site is accessible and --

17 MS. MILLER: Well, everyone's used to checking our
18 web site. It's just --

19 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes.

20 MR. LaFRANCHI: Might I suggest, maybe we need to be
21 really clear on the record about this, what's going to happen
22 next. What I'm hearing is the preference from the Chair and
23 the Division is that each applicant who has submitted -- or
24 member of the public who has a web site who has submitted
25 additional information today for the Commission to consider

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1 at their December meeting needs to post that on the web site.
2 Not all the applicants and members -- public members are here
3 right now, so the Division is going to have to contact

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4 everybody both north and south and let them know that they
5 need to post that on their web site. And the Division will
6 post a notice on its web site that if the public wants
7 information that was submitted that's going to be considered,
8 new information, they will need to access the application --
9 applicants' or the other members' web site. Is that what
10 we're --

11 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: That's --

12 MR. LaFRANCHI: -- basically what we're saying?

13 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: That's what I'm -- yes,
14 that -- that's how I'm trying to get the information out. If
15 people have other ideas, I'm willing to listen.

16 MR. LaFRANCHI: And then if -- if there are
17 situations where -- let's say the Sierra Club or somebody
18 doesn't have a web site and they submit additional
19 information, they would need to submit it to the Division
20 electronically so the Division can put it up on the web
21 site --

22 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: As soon as possible.

23 MR. LaFRANCHI: -- without -- huh?

24 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: As soon as possible.

25 MR. LaFRANCHI: As soon as possible.

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1 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes.

2 MR. LaFRANCHI: Is that what we're saying? I just
3 want to be very clear about this because it could become a
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4 problem, I'm sure, at -- in December.

5 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: That -- that is my intent.

6 It's -- the idea is to get as much as -- of this information
7 up on applicants' web sites and not wait for it all to be
8 posted on the Division's web site. That it might get to the
9 Division's web site eventually by the 19th, or whenever
10 your -- the date is when it's accessible again. That at that
11 point, the Division can either provide links or the
12 information itself. That gives you about a two-week time
13 frame before the next Commission meeting.

14 DEPUTY DIRECTOR GREENE: That's -- that's, I think,
15 the concern is, that we want to make sure that the public has
16 the opportunity to look at the documentation that's been
17 submitted. In an ideal world, certainly you would have all
18 of that information at the Division web site in one area. My
19 concern is, is that we would have to get all of the
20 electronic submissions by tomorrow because as of tomorrow at
21 the close of business, our web site is down -- the
22 Department -- this goes departmentwide, not just the Division
23 is down for adding anything new until the -- essentially
24 Monday, the 20th, at which point in time we're still just
25 trying to get all that information to you.

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1 So it might behoove all of us to have the applicants
2 who are going to submit information to still do that to the

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3 Division, but also be aware that perhaps you want to get it
4 up on your own web site for the public. And we'll make sure
5 that we put on something there tomorrow that will indicate
6 the situation for the sake of the clarity.

7 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Thank you. What you outlined
8 is what we're going to try to do.

9 MR. LaFRANCHI: Well, I just heard the Deputy
10 Director say there's an alternative, which is people can
11 submit it, and we'll try to get it up. So I'm not -- I'm
12 unclear what the record sounds like at this point.

13 DEPUTY DIRECTOR GREENE: Tim, does it make sense, I --
14 I think what I was suggesting is that -- yes, I mean the
15 worry I have is that -- let's say that applicants submit
16 information to us. Realistically that's not going to be able
17 to be up there. The soonest it could all be up there would
18 be on -- probably on the 21st or the 22nd, which doesn't
19 leave a lot of time. We can do that, and we will do that,
20 but I think everybody -- for those applicants who want to get
21 the word out to the public, it would be a good move on their
22 part to perhaps get it out on their web sites and for
23 everybody to be aware of the station that we're in.

24 MR. LaFRANCHI: So what I hear now is that all the
25 applicants are to submit to us by a date certain the -- the

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1 information electronically so that the Division will put it
2 on its web site?

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3 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: No. I -- I hear two things.

4 MR. LaFRANCHI: Yes, that's what I'm hearing is --

5 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: And that's okay.

6 MR. LaFRANCHI: Yes -- no, I'm not quarreling --

7 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Both -- both --

8 MR. LaFRANCHI: -- which way. I just want to make
9 sure we're clear.

10 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I think it's incumbent upon all
11 of the applicants to submit in electronic form, and I would
12 say because the application was in electronic form -- right?
13 Okay. So submit in electronic form any comments or
14 information relating to re-scoring if they're not going on
15 the Consent Calendar. Then that's submitted to the -- to the
16 Division, and at the same time post it on whatever web sites
17 are available. And this applies to both applicants and --
18 and the members of the public who are commenting. If you
19 can't -- if you don't have access to a web site, then it
20 would be useful to send those -- you need -- you need to send
21 them -- need -- they need to get to the Northern California
22 Commissioners and the comments from the -- from the Northern
23 meeting need to get to Mark and I so that we can look at
24 those, too. So those can -- those can be paper, I think, the
25 forwarding to the Commissioners.

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1 DEPUTY DIRECTOR GREENE: Yes. Absolutely.

2 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay.

3 DEPUTY DIRECTOR GREENE: And one of the points
4 that Phil was just raising -- I don't know whether or
5 not I made it clear, is that I think what we would --
6 again, let's have -- Aaron, can I ask for your
7 assistance on this one? We have limitations on our web.

8 So my inclination would be to -- for us to be able
9 to post everything on the web, but I don't know that we have
10 bandwidth to do that. So are we then connecting links back
11 to the agencies? But BLM, I believe, has some issues with
12 that. I just -- we need to try and figure this out. I don't
13 want to slow the meeting down, so maybe everybody can think
14 about it, and we'll resume this right after the trail
15 maintenance grants. But this is an issue, and Jim Keeler,
16 perhaps, and, Chaz, you can help as well in terms of the
17 agencies, you know, what -- what makes the most sense.
18 Aaron, can you just help me out for a moment, please.

19 MR. FREITAS: Yes. The concern would be that we've
20 received quite a few documents throughout the day and -- and
21 with the north as well. We would have to scan those, and
22 those get --

23 DEPUTY DIRECTOR GREENE: They would be submitted
24 electronically.

25 MR. FREITAS: So they're submitted electronically,

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2 DEPUTY DIRECTOR GREENE: Right.

3 MR. FREITAS: If we -- if we have everything
4 electronically, we can convert those to PDF and provide them
5 on the web site. But if -- if we have hard copies of
6 information, that needs to be scanned in. When it's scanned
7 in, it's scanned in in high resolution, and that's
8 problematic when trying to get it back out to the public
9 through the web site.

10 DEPUTY DIRECTOR GREENE: It would need to be as
11 simple as possible. So the expectation would be that the
12 grant applicant who submits any information for the
13 Commission's consideration would submit it in a PDF.

14 MR. FREITAS: Yes, we could get that back out to the
15 public through the web site as soon as it was available
16 again.

17 DEPUTY DIRECTOR GREENE: Okay. All right. So, Tim,
18 for clarification purposes then -- yes, sorry, Commissioner.

19 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: No, that's okay. I was just
20 going to say Janelle has been responsible --

21 DEPUTY DIRECTOR GREENE: Yes.

22 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: -- for notifying all the
23 applicants of what our expectations are.

24 Okay.

25 MS. MILLER: Okay. Our web site's going to be down

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1 from now on, Daphne; is that correct?

2 DEPUTY DIRECTOR GREENE: Starting tomorrow. So the
3 expectation is, grant applicants, get it to us in a PDF form.
4 We will get that for sure up on the web site no later than
5 Tuesday afternoon, the 22nd -- or 21st. But in the interim,
6 it would behoove everybody to get that information out for
7 the public review on your own web sites.

8 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Clear?

9 MS. O'BRIEN: (Unintelligible.)

10 DEPUTY DIRECTOR GREENE: I'm sorry, what was that?

11 MS. O'BRIEN: (Unintelligible.)

12 DEPUTY DIRECTOR GREENE: Well, we're going to be
13 doing that with --

14 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Well --

15 DEPUTY DIRECTOR GREENE: Yes, between now
16 and the 20 -- between now and -- as soon as you can, Chaz.
17 But realistic, let's say, Aaron, so by the 15th.

18 MS. MILLER: Is that sufficient time for you, Aaron?

19 MR. FREITAS: We will get them on the 15th?

20 DEPUTY DIRECTOR GREENE: Posted by the 21st.

21 MR. FREITAS: As long as the formats were
22 appropriate, yes.

23 DEPUTY DIRECTOR GREENE: Okay. Yes, so just use
24 some common sense. If you could get them to us as soon as
25 possible, please.

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1 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay.

2 MS. MILLER: And please call if you have any
3 questi ons.

4 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: All right. Before we begin the
5 trail maintenance, I'd -- I'd like -- who's doing trail?
6 Okay. I had a -- I'm not trying to blame either you or the
7 applicant, but how was it that the BLM managed to post this
8 100 pages worth of -- worth of -- list of trails in --
9 Barstow, excuse me -- in the Barstow area, 100 pages of this.
10 Okay? Was that -- was that -- I -- I mean it was -- there
11 were two applicants out of all of these that -- that managed
12 to handle things that way, and I found that a little bit
13 ridiculous. Did they misread the instructions, or did
14 they --

15 MR. GLASPIE: No, the instructions called for a Trail
16 Inventory. Let me turn to see what you're --

17 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: No. I'm -- yes, I'm talking
18 about --

19 (Multiple speakers.)

20 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I'm talking about these, okay,
21 the ones that go on for page after page after page. I'm
22 trying to avoid that in the future because it's not useful
23 information. Was that an appendix that should have been left
24 behind? Did it get inserted accidentally.

25 MS. GREENWOOD: It's part of the application?

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1 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: It does -- no, your packet
2 doesn't look full enough to contain all these pages.

3 MS. GREENWOOD: Oh, no, no, no. I've got more.
4 Here's the whole application.

5 MR. GLASPIE: This is the first year they've applied
6 for it. They had to submit their complete Trail Maintenance
7 Plan. Next year they won't have to submit that.

8 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. All right.

9 MR. AHRENS: And next year we'll actually have
10 detailed information to submit.

11 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: So this is for -- this applies
12 to first-timers?

13 MR. GLASPIE: Yes.

14 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. So there were two
15 first-timers.

16 MR. GLASPIE: Like WHPP, HMP, same thing.

17 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay.

18 MR. GLASPIE: Once we have one on file --

19 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay.

20 MR. GLASPIE: -- they don't --

21 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: All right. That's what I
22 wanted to know, why it was an anomaly.

23 Okay. Now we can start. You're not first.

24 MR. AHRENS: Thank you.

25 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: All right.

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1 MR. GLASPIE: Ready:

2 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes.

3 MR. GLASPIE: Okay. On trail maintenance, there was
4 a total request of \$3,225,475. The south requested
5 \$1,764,804 of that.

6 Our first applicant is the Angeles National Forest.
7 They made a request of \$69,522. They scored 56 points for a
8 determination of 50 percent or \$34,761.

9 MR. KAUCHER: Yeah, Tom Kaucher, Angeles National
10 Forest Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator.

11 Request to have the project taken off of Consent.
12 The first item I'd like to discuss would be in Criteria
13 No. 2, Items A and E, Use of innovative and efficient
14 materials and avoiding reducing future costs. As I -- it's
15 shown in the conservation grant, the use of our hardening has
16 proven to be very, very effective, and it definitely has
17 reduced our cost in our maintenance. Even though we might
18 have to go back and readjust them on occasion or even put
19 some of them back in place, it's very minimal compared to
20 what we have to do to bring out the heavy equipment to
21 rebuild a dip altogether if it got destroyed.

22 Also, in Criteria 3, as addressed in some of the
23 earlier projects, our commitment to the program with our
24 staffing, again, for the last 20 years, because of the
25 consistency of the funding from the State, we do employ

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1 full-time OHV personnel, and that's what our job is. We
2 don't do any other activities. That is our job. And because
3 of that, that's really important to us that we've been able
4 to maintain that staff.

5 So I have submitted further documentation for your
6 review to -- to increase the scores.

7 Questions?

8 Okay. Thank you.

9 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: No. Thank you.

10 MR. GLASPIE: I would like to make the comment that
11 this one was another one that didn't follow the format at
12 all. It was -- we had to look all over the place to find
13 what -- where Criteria 1(a) was addressed, where 1(b) was
14 addressed. You know, it -- it just did not follow the
15 format. It was very difficult to -- to score at all.

16 MR. KAUCHER: Yeah, I understand that. And -- and in
17 hindsight, realizing that the majority of the scoring -- or
18 probably all the scoring was going to come right from the
19 Needs and Analysis Statement, it would have been done
20 different. But in -- in -- you know, thinking that yes, in
21 with the Project Description or possibly in PCDs you would
22 find some other information. And yeah, that can be changed
23 in the future.

24 Thank you.

25 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Anyone else commenting on this

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1 grant?

2 MR. GLASPIE: Second grant is BLM Barstow Field
3 Office. They requested \$82,788. They scored 62 points for a
4 funding determination of 60 percent or \$49,673.

5 MR. AHRENS: Mike Ahrens, BLM, Barstow.

6 We would like to request that this grant be taken off
7 the Consent Calendar -- or we actually did. And we think
8 that the staff has done a remarkable job filtering through
9 all of this paperwork. But we did find on this grant that
10 they did miss a few things in the application. And there
11 were some that we probably could have embellished a little
12 better as well.

13 One -- first thing I did want to identify is in
14 the -- be question 2(b) dealing with the use of partnerships.
15 The staff identified that we did not even address this item.
16 Actually, we did identify both the Friends of El Mirage and
17 the Friends of Juniper Flats. Each have helped us quite a
18 bit with trail maintenance specifically and in other trail
19 types of -- and volunteerism type of activities. And,
20 indeed, today you heard Mr. Waldheim speaking about how he
21 was able to -- I think he may have said through and RTP grant
22 purchase our office two water trucks here just recently. So
23 that's certainly a partnership we're very proud of, and --
24 and we believe should have been recognized.

25 And then under Item 3(a) -- yeah, 3(a),

1 interestingly, the staff noted that we had only identified
2 three projects that we had completed on time and what have
3 you. We actually identified five, listed them specifically
4 and identified that on one of the projects we were actually
5 completing them under budget to such an extent that we were
6 able to add to that project with some ADA accessibility.

7 And then finally on Item B under 3, and this deals
8 with our history of fiscal accountability, I think the staff
9 really basically just under -- understated, frankly, our
10 answer in that we recognize, as have a lot of us in this
11 arena, that our accounting perhaps has not been the greatest
12 over the last decade or so. We recognized that five, six
13 years ago and got really serious about developing some
14 procedures for taking care of that accounting, and those
15 procedures have now been adopted districtwide, really have
16 become a model on that. We're very -- while it doesn't
17 excuse us from our past history, we're very proud of the
18 change and the fact that we've addressed that -- that
19 process.

20 I have submitted some comments to you. I will revise
21 and extend those with a little more detail, and they will be
22 included in our -- our web pages and Division's as well.

23 Thank you.

24 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes, the Commission reserves
25 the right to -- what was the phrase?

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1 MR. KAUCHER: Revise and extend.

2 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Revise and extend. Thank you.
3 That's it.

4 MR. KAUCHER: Watching C-Span too much.

5 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: This is not quite the
6 Congressional record, but...

7 Okay. Thank you.

8 Anyone else on this grant?

9 Next.

10 MR. GLASPIE: Okay. I'd like to point, too, on the
11 criteria that one thing that was pretty common was applicants
12 need to differentiate between a volunteer and a partner. A
13 lot of people just used them as the same thing, but they
14 didn't describe how that volunteer who did all this labor out
15 in the field was a partner as well, you know, things like
16 purchasing water trucks and stuff like that need to be
17 brought up in these things to differentiate. That's --
18 otherwise, we really don't need to have the volunteer and the
19 partner, you know, we could combine them.

20 MR. KAUCHER: I did notice that in your comments
21 and -- and had not thought about the difference really
22 between the two until I read your comments and wondered and
23 never went back to look to see if we had defined the two
24 separately in our regulations. And perhaps we need to if --
25 if we're going to, you know, make that thread.

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1 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Thank you.

2 Next.

3 MR. GLASPIE: Okay. The next applicant is the
4 Cleveland National Forest. They requested \$175,593. They
5 scored 66 points for a 60 percent determination of \$105,356.

6 MS. CAREY: Ann Carey, Cleveland National Forest.

7 And we would just like to leave it on Consent.

8 Sixty-six was the highest of the -- of the scores that was
9 given, and we appreciate that score. And I'm sure we could
10 have found a few points, but we'll stick with it.

11 Thank you very much.

12 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Anyone else on this grant?

13 MR. TAMMONE: Hi. Tom Tammone.

14 Yeah, I agree it be left on Consent. But, you know,
15 like I say, I'm a little concerned everybody's going for the
16 big bucks. You never know what's going to happen at the
17 future meetings. But for now I'm going to say go with the
18 applicant's wish and say the grant be left on Consent.

19 Thank you.

20 MR. GLASPIE: The next grant applicant is Inyo
21 National Forest. They requested \$53,372. They received
22 60 points for a 60 percent determination of \$32,023.

23 MS. O'BRIEN: Chaz O'Brien representing the Inyo
24 National Forest for the Pacific Southwest Region of the
25 Forest Service.

1 The Inyo would like to request that they be taken off
2 Consent. And they would like to submit additional
3 information to the Commission in the very near future.

4 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Anyone else on Inyo
5 National Forest?

6 MR. STEWART: Yes, John Stewart, California
7 Association of Four-Wheel Drive and United Four-Wheel Drive
8 Associations.

9 We concur with Inyo's assessment as we believe it
10 should be looked at a little bit closer. And Inyo's working
11 up some additional figures and facts. So -- and they've got
12 a route designation issue coming, and they know that they've
13 got a lot of trail maintenance that has to be done. So we'd
14 like a chance to pull this off Consent and re-look at it
15 later.

16 Thank you.

17 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Thank you.

18 Mr. Evans, you'll be next.

19 MR. GLASPIE: The next applicant is the Los Padres
20 National Forest. They requested \$279,233. They received a
21 score of 50 points for a 50 percent funding determination of
22 \$139,617.

23 MR. EVANS: Thank you. Once again, we're asking to
24 have this grant application pulled from the Consent agenda
25 and have provided information to count -- or, excuse me, to

1 the Commission and staff to review how we think that the
2 score could be raised hopefully to 80 based on our review of
3 our coverage of the information.

4 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: My question is, given the time
5 frame in which you prepared this and the changes in the
6 interim, would your application have looked the same if -- if
7 you'd had the fire in May?

8 MR. EVANS: In terms of this particular grant or --

9 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes. Well --

10 MR. EVANS: -- the other five that I've pulled from
11 the Consent agenda today?

12 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Including the other five,
13 but -- but just generically, would this -- would that have
14 changed, for example, your trail maintenance, because
15 obviously -- to me --

16 MR. EVANS: No.

17 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: -- at least in my -- from my
18 perspective that with -- with less ground cover, you're apt
19 to get more damage to trails.

20 MR. EVANS: Well, I think in general -- you know, the
21 forest is big in terms of OHV trails available, the
22 designated route, and the area that was burned over is not.
23 It's only, I will guess, 20 percent of the overall
24 concentrated OHV area. So I would not say that in general we
25 would -- we would have changed our whole strategy this year,

1 no.

2 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Thank you.

3 MR. EVANS: Thank you.

4 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Anyone else on this grant?

5 You should have a little button that says, "I
6 survived," like, you know, "I voted" -- like "I voted"?

7 All right.

8 MR. GLASPIE: The next applicant is BLM Palm Springs
9 South Coast Field Office. They requested \$376,929. They
10 received a score of 44 points for a 40 percent funding
11 determination of \$150,772.

12 MS. DANIELS: We are going to accept this score. And
13 I'm going to take a moment to say, this is the one project
14 that we had hoped we'd do a lot better on; unfortunately we
15 didn't. We feel that trail maintenance is a vital and
16 extremely important -- plays a very important role in whether
17 an office needs restoration or education out in their field
18 offices.

19 I also want to take this opportunity to thank the
20 staff, the Commission, all your assistants. This has been
21 one of the easiest and nicest grant preparation periods that
22 I've experienced. And I want to say thank you very much for
23 this assistance.

24 Thank you.

25 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Anyone else on this

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1 grant?

2 Moving on.

3 MR. GLASPIE: The next applicant is the Ridgecrest
4 Field Office of the BLM. They requested \$386,514. They
5 received 58 points for a 50 percent funding determination of
6 \$193,257.

7 MR. BECK: Again, Craig Beck with the Ridgecrest
8 Field Office of the BLM.

9 We're requesting this be pulled from the Consent
10 Calendar to be re-reviewed with the additional information
11 that was just provided to the Commission and staff for
12 re-evaluation, and we'll re-visit in December.

13 Thanks.

14 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Anyone else?

15 Next.

16 We're almost done.

17 MR. GLASPIE: All right. The last applicant is the
18 Sequoia National Forest --

19 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Wait a minute.

20 (Multiple speakers.)

21 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: You missed one.

22 MR. GLASPIE: Oh, I'm sorry.

23 (Multiple speakers.)

24 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: San Bernardino.

25 MR. GLASPIE: Let's back up on.

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1 San Bernardino National Forest Trail Maintenance.
2 They requested \$96,750. They received 48 points for a
3 40 percent determination of 38,700.

4 MR. EVANS: I think that may have been an attempt to
5 not have to hear from all 13 of us again, but I'm not really
6 sure. I'm Chris Evans with the San Bernardino National
7 Forest.

8 This is another one of the agreements that we would
9 like to have removed from the Consent Calendar. Again, as
10 I've stated earlier, we worked as a committee with our
11 partners and stakeholders to review all of these. It was
12 scored as, I believe, a 48 originally. Based on our review
13 and recommendations, we felt it should have been scored a 72.
14 And as I said, we'd like to have it removed from the Consent
15 Calendar for further consideration.

16 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Thank you.

17 And now for your chorus.

18 MR. JOHNSON: We came up to sing.

19 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Welcome. Welcome. Welcome.

20 MR. JOHNSON: Dale Johnson with the San Bernardino
21 National Forest Association, Off-Highway Vehicle Volunteer
22 Program.

23 We'll second Chris's motion.

24 Thank you.

25 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay.

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1 MR. JOHNSON: Were you expecting me to sing?

2 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: No.

3 MR. JOHNSON: Oh.

4 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Oh, it's a Greek chorus. They
5 di dn' t si ng. They di sappeared.

6 MR. TAMMONE: Oh, well, this is not karaoke day
7 today, so no songs.

8 Anyway, trail maintenance, this forest has been --
9 Tom Tammone, San Bernardi no National Forest volunteer. I
10 woul d say (uni ntell i gi bl e) moni tori ng coordi nator, too, at
11 the same time, but...

12 Anyway, the trail maintenance in this forest has been
13 very effi ci ent. They have a very -- very active Adopt A
14 Trail Program, estimated over 3,000 members between all the
15 various clubs. And considering that not only do they do the
16 Green Sticker routes that are in the system, they've got
17 hundreds of miles of Level 2 roads that are utilized by
18 four-by-fours, jeeps, et cetera, Hummers, FJ cruisers,
19 whatever it is. And that's another thing that is part of the
20 Fuel Use Tax. They're part of the picture, too. And a lot
21 gets done with a little bit of money on this forest. And
22 they have a -- they just have an absolutely tremendous
23 vol unteer base. They're asking for money; they defi ni tely
24 deserve it, and they defi ni tely do a lot with what they've
25 got. And trail maintenance, again, is the most important

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1 aspect and most basic aspect of OHV management.

2 Thank you.

3 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Now.

4 MR. GLASPIE: All right. The last applicant, the
5 U. S. Forest Service, Sequoia National Forest, requested
6 \$244,103. They received 16 points with a zero percent
7 funding determination.

8 MS. BAUER: Hi. My name is Cheryl Bauer. I'm the
9 District Recreation Manager for the Kern River Ranger
10 District on the Sequoia.

11 And once again we're submitting to you information
12 that we believe was in the grant application, and we're
13 highlighting that information for the record. We're asking
14 for the project to be removed from the Constant Calendar in
15 that the grant would be re-scored. We received the score of
16 16, and we believe our score should be 70.

17 This for us is where basically the rubber meets the
18 road. Trail maintenance for our District is where we're able
19 to use the Forest Service money in combination with State
20 money for over 20 years in combination to be able to maintain
21 the investment that we have out on the ground. If we receive
22 no funding from the State, we will really be hard-pressed to
23 be able to maintain any amount of trail mileage next year.
24 We believe that we've used the State money in efficient ways

25 over the years. We hire a seasonal trail crew. We do have a

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1 couple of permanent employees where we supplement their
2 funding, but we don't seek funding for paid staff or for
3 their overtime. We use a seasonal work force that is truly
4 dedicated to being out there on the ground maintaining our
5 investment.

6 So I would just thank you for your time and for your
7 consideration.

8 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. Anyone else?

9 MR. TAMMONE: Tom Tammone.

10 As Ed Waldheim stated earlier, this forest is a -- is
11 a very major resource to the off-road community as far as the
12 availability of the trails, especially single track, and it's
13 used by both people on the north and side end of the scale.
14 Oh, heck, I -- I even got confused which grant you went
15 through that, and then I remembered last year at this, Chris
16 Horrigan, a steward -- an excellent presentation on -- on the
17 point system and how this forest should have scored better
18 and -- oh, heck, you know, you could probably just cut and
19 paste what he said in last year's transcript and, you know,
20 he -- they'd get at least a 70 point score.

21 So it's definitely -- it's definitely there, the
22 potential. There's definitely a need for it. As far as I'm
23 concerned, the grant should score higher than that. And I'm
24 sure with the resources at the December meeting, I'm certain

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25 that the Commission will agree that the -- that the grant

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1 should be scored at least what they request. And definitely
2 do support pulling it off the Consent Calendar and re-scoring
3 this grant.

4 Thank you.

5 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay.

6 MR. GLASPIE: Madam Chairman?

7 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Yep.

8 MR. GLASPIE: This new submittal does look pretty
9 good, but it bears absolutely no resemblance to what was
10 submitted. They actually submitted last -- last year's grant
11 with last year's criteria. It was almost impossible to grade
12 that -- that grant.

13 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Thank you.

14 Not so many Consent items from this page. I only
15 have two: Line 85 and line 99.

16 I know there aren't very many of you left in the
17 room, but if you can pass the word among your colleagues, I'm
18 sure that the Commission in December as well as perhaps not
19 with action, but maybe in January is going to be looking
20 again at trying to improve this process. This organization
21 for presentation was different, and we had comments from one
22 member of the public about trying to put all the grants from
23 one applicant together. In the past we've done all of the --

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24 either all of the BLM and then all of the Forest Service and
25 there was some -- some question about that. By law, when --

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1 when we do these applications, we are required to consider
2 the grants to Volumes 1 and 2, okay, the Sheriff's Department
3 and -- those are -- all of those applications come before the
4 BLM and the Forest Service. So we could look at those here
5 in terms of hearings and scramble the order, but in terms of
6 our final consideration, I think we're required to do those
7 first, aren't we? I thought that --

8 MR. LaFRANCHI: I don't think so.

9 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I thought that's the way the
10 priority was supposed to go for those.

11 MR. LaFRANCHI: I think there used to be as a part of
12 the law that certain local grants had to be considered
13 first --

14 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes.

15 MR. LaFRANCHI: -- and then -- that changed a number
16 of years ago. I can't tell you exactly when, but the
17 current --

18 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Okay. So that's no longer
19 required?

20 MR. LaFRANCHI: Right.

21 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: All right. I'm sorry, I'm
22 off-writing from old information. But if you have comments
23 or suggestions on how to improve the process, please put them

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24 in writing, separate them from your comments on the grants
25 and on the applications. I'm sure -- I have -- personally

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1 have much more confidence in the scores that were given this
2 year. I -- I feel that -- that the procedure that was
3 adopted to have the -- have the teams reach a consensus on
4 the scoring was preferable to having numbers ranging all over
5 the -- all over the -- the field, trying to figure out, okay,
6 who was right and who was wrong and people wondering, okay,
7 who was it that scored it high and who was it that scored it
8 low and was that a friend or a foe was not a useful exercise,
9 and that having the -- having the staff reach some sort of
10 consensus on -- on what the scores were was an improvement
11 from my perspective. Obviously when you get new information,
12 you can't score it the same as you did if -- if the
13 application looked different, and I appreciate the staff's
14 struggling with the forms that came through. We had at least
15 one applicant who thinks this is an improvement over the
16 struggle they had last year. So let's see if we can perfect
17 this system in the future.

18 Thank you all very much. I really appreciate all the
19 work, all the effort. It's been really useful. I have no
20 other concluding remarks. I'll see you -- unless there's
21 something else.

22 MS. MILLER: Commissioner Anderson?

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23 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes.

24 MS. MILLER: May I make one comment just on the
25 comment about the re- -- putting all the like -- all the BLM

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1 together. And I believe that was done last year and --

2 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: Yes.

3 MS. MILLER: -- then it was just very difficult --
4 you were flipping back and forth between spreadsheets. And
5 so it was really at the Commissioners' request --

6 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I -- I understand. I like
7 this. I actually -- it's a little bit more of a problem, but
8 I like this system better.

9 MS. MILLER: So that's why -- why we did it this --
10 this way this year just to make it, I think, easier. You're
11 one page, you're doing all like grants at one time. So...

12 VICE-CHAIR ANDERSON: I think your head can get
13 around that a little bit better, not quite so many variables
14 to deal with at once.

15 Thank you very much.

16 This meeting is adjourned.

17 (The hearing was adjourned at 5:28 p.m.)

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