



DESERT AND MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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BLM-REQUEST FOR NOTIFICATION

Dear Mr. Borchard:

The Desert and Mountain Conservation Authority (DMCA) is a joint powers entity formed between the Antelope Valley Resource Conservation District and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, State of California. The DMCA jurisdictional boundaries are shown on the attached map. Our agency works closely with many other organizations and jurisdictions throughout the Los Angeles County portion of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) South Coast Planning Area. A key objective of the DMCA is to assure that every possible ecologically relevant parcel owned by the BLM remains as permanently protected natural open space. That protection can come under Federal, State, or local ownership.

The purpose of this letter is twofold. The most critical request is that the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) notify the DMCA staff of any BLM parcels, or property interests, that are currently in the process of being surplus, sold or transferred. We respectfully request a prompt reply to allow the DMCA the opportunity acquire properties that could otherwise be developed. In addition, the DMCA requests being added to any and all notification lists that apprise government agencies and private entities about potential surplus BLM parcels and/or property interests. Please mail such notification to my attention at the address on the above letterhead which is 44811 North Date Avenue, Suite G. Lancaster, California 93534.

The second purpose of this letter is to make the BLM fully aware that the DMCA is available to accept any real property interest in its jurisdiction spanning from the City of Santa Clarita, into Kern County and to the San Bernardino County line. The DMCA can contract with the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for ranger, restoration and open space operational services.

We look forward to a reply to our request and to a productive, longstanding relationship with your office. We greatly appreciate the input that your staff member Greg Hill has given at various local meetings in the past few years. Please direct any questions to Paul Edelman of our staff at (310) 589-3200 ext. 128

Sincerely,

JIM DODSON
Chairperson