

MBCA News  
Tuesday, September 30, 2014

Important notices with updates on dates – please take note.

**POSTPONED: State Mining and Geology Board hearing / Eagle Mountain**

The hearing will NOT be held as previously scheduled for Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup> in Palm Desert – it was postponed until November 13<sup>th</sup> and will be relocated.

However, don't change your plans to travel to Palm Springs **tomorrow**, October 1<sup>st</sup> in support Eagle Mountain and deny Kaiser's last ditch, all-out effort to retain their Eagle Mountain mining rights. Attend the BLM Scoping Meeting described below! It is important for the BLM to have a strong showing of public support for returning these 3,000 acres back to Joshua Tree National Park!

**RECENTLY SCHEDULED: BLM Scoping Meeting / Eagle Mountain**

Eagle Mountain Land Exchange

Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement ([press release](#))

**When:** Wednesday, October 1, 2014

The same meeting will be held twice, attend one most convenient for you:

One will be held from 2:00 - 3:30 PM / A second meeting from 6:00 - 7:30 PM

**Where:** Palm Springs Resource Office

1201 Bird Center Drive, Palm Springs [Map](#)

The public is encouraged to submit comments in writing at these meetings. Public comments will not be recorded orally. Comments may also be submitted in writing to

[blm\\_ca\\_eaglemountain\\_landexchange@blm.gov](mailto:blm_ca_eaglemountain_landexchange@blm.gov) or BLM Palm Springs Field Office, Attn: Eagle Mountain Project Manager, 1201 Bird Center Drive, Palm Springs, CA 92262. Comments must be received by October 16, 2014.

**Altamira Housing Project: COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED**

Don't delay in sending your comments to ensure they are included in the packet Commissioners receive by the date of the Planning Committee meeting. While the meeting date has not been verified – it is anticipated in Nov. or Dec. 2014. See [MBCA's website](#) for project specific documents obtained from the County, MBCA's assessments

and information for submitting comments.

**Candidates Virtual Forum**

The Forum will be posted on the MBCA website ([www.mbconservation.org](http://www.mbconservation.org)) on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. See Candidates responses to questions posed relating to quality of life issues of interest to MBCA members and supporters.

**REMINDER - High-Desert Water-Wise Landscaping Workshop:**

Don't forget to attend this Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-3:30 PM in Joshua Tree. Please also spread the word - let your friends and neighbors know about this popular workshop lead by Robin Kobaly, Executive Director of The SummerTree Institute. You will learn how to transform your home landscape into desert-wise gardenscapes with guidance on plant selection and irrigation methods. Details and registration information: [link](#).

Thanks again for your continuing interest and support!

Sincerely,  
Sarah Kennington, President

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