

MBCA News
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**Public Meeting to support creation of Monuments in the
California Desert
Whitewater Preserve – Tuesday, October 13th**

Dear MBCA Members and Supporters,
The previous E-Blast brought you up to date on efforts to secure needed conservation protection for lands in the California desert. Senator Feinstein has now requested President to establish three new national monuments:

Sand to Snow, Mojave Trails, and Castle Mountains

MBCA is joining our conservation partners to encourage you to attend the **Public Meeting hosted by Senator Feinstein at the Whitewater Preserve on Tuesday, Oct. 13th at 1:00 PM** to discuss the designation of the monuments.

As stakeholders in this region our presence is important to show strong endorsement of these desert monuments. For those of you willing, please also express your sentiments publically. Deputy Secretary of the Interior Mike Connor, Under Secretary of Agriculture Robert Bonnie, and other senior Administration members will be in attendance. Let them know that we feel these lands are not adequately protected and deserve the protection that will be secured with monument status. As residents who live, recreate and make our livelihoods here we will be directly affected by this land use decision. Our voices will matter!

Danielle Segura, Executive Director of the Mojave Desert Land Trust has written: *We now have a unique opportunity to honor decades of cooperation, outreach, and commitments to support and protect the California desert for current and future generations. **These lands deserve designations that recognize their scenic, ecological, cultural, and economic importance.***

To RSVP to attend the event and to reserve bus transportation from the Basin [click here](#). We are encouraged to ride the bus or carpool as parking will be extremely limited at the Whitewater Preserve. **You are advised to arrive at the Whitewater Preserve no later than 12:00 noon.**

Background information will be provided on the bus that you may use

to prepare a strong public comment to deliver to the decision makers at the Meeting. You will also find information about these special places and efforts to protect them at the Campaign for California Desert [website](#).

See you there!

Sincerely,
Sarah Kennington, President

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