

QUADSTATE LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AUTHORITY

Presentation to Pinal County Board of Supervisors

April 22, 2015

- **QuadState Local Governments Authority**
- A nine county interstate joint powers authority
- Organized around regional (Mojave, Sonoran Desert) natural resources issues
- Desert tortoise, Mojave and Sonoran Populations
 - ✓ Listing, critical habitat, recovery planning, technical support
- Agency Relationships
 - ✓ US Fish and Wildlife Service
 - ✓ Bureau of Land Management
- Relationships with State Wildlife agencies in the 4 states

- Provides advice to local governments on request regarding regulations, policies and relationships
- Clearinghouse for information on programs and policies, e.g. RS 2477; legislative advocacy
- Advocate for local government positions in national forums, e.g. renewable energy mitigation, opposing land acquisitions by federal agencies in absence of local concurrence.

**Testimony of Hon. Robert Lovingood, First
District Supervisor**

County of San Bernardino California

Before:

**U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Natural Resources
Subcommittee on Federal Lands**

**Hearing on Federal Land Acquisition
April 15, 2015**

Good morning. Thank you Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee for inviting me to appear before you to discuss an issue of critical concern to the County I represent, and by extension to many other such counties in the West. It is simply the re-federalization of the West. And by extension that means the loss of economic development opportunities to counties and states, and for counties, loss of tax base and revenue required to support expanding population, mandated programs and local initiatives to serve our citizens.

A BILL

To establish a procedure for resolving claims to rights-of-way under the Revised Statutes, Section 2477 (R.S. 2477), which was previously codified as Title 43, Section 932, United States Code, and which was repealed by Section 706 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 ("FLPMA," Public Law 94-579; 90 Statutes 2793).

Reasons to Join QuadState LGA

- **Leverage**—the more member counties the stronger our voice on a variety of public lands issues, and the better access we have
- **Representation and feedback**- We provide communication with the Resource Advisory Councils (RACs) and other intergovernmental and interagency organizations
- **Participation with AIDTT** – providing representation on the conservation planning

Additional reasons to join QuadState

- **PILT** – additional lobbying voice
- **NACo** – regular participation, representation and feedback Public Lands Steering Committee and Western Interstate Region
- **Desert Landscape Conservation Cooperative** – representation, feedback, contacts with Congressional staffs on program; in the meantime, feedback, deferral

- QuadState does not operate in conflict with member programs and State Associations; rather it operates in a sphere that most members have neither the staff expertise or staff availability to participate, augmenting State organizations.

Cost to Member County-

- Below 50,000 - \$2,000 base payment
- Above 50,000 – formula on balance of budget:
- 40% desert tortoise critical habitat
 - Will not apply to AZ counties except Mohave unless (and until) Sonoran Population listed, FY 2016
 - At this time applies only in Mojave Population

Cost to Member County

- 30% County Population
- 30% Desert acreage under federal jurisdiction (excluding military withdrawals and Indian reservations)