

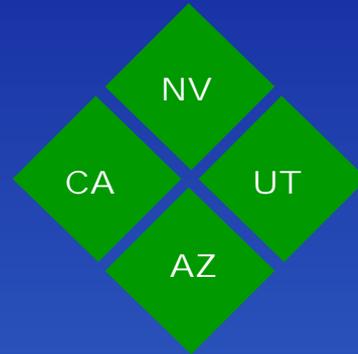
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**A Partner in Desert Tortoise
Recovery**

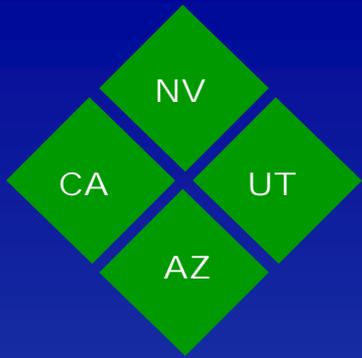
QuadState Local Governments Authority

A joint powers authority since 1999



Gerald Hillier
Executive Director

February 22, 2008
Desert Tortoise Council



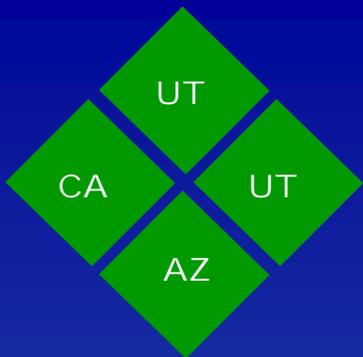
QuadState Membership

Seven Counties . . .

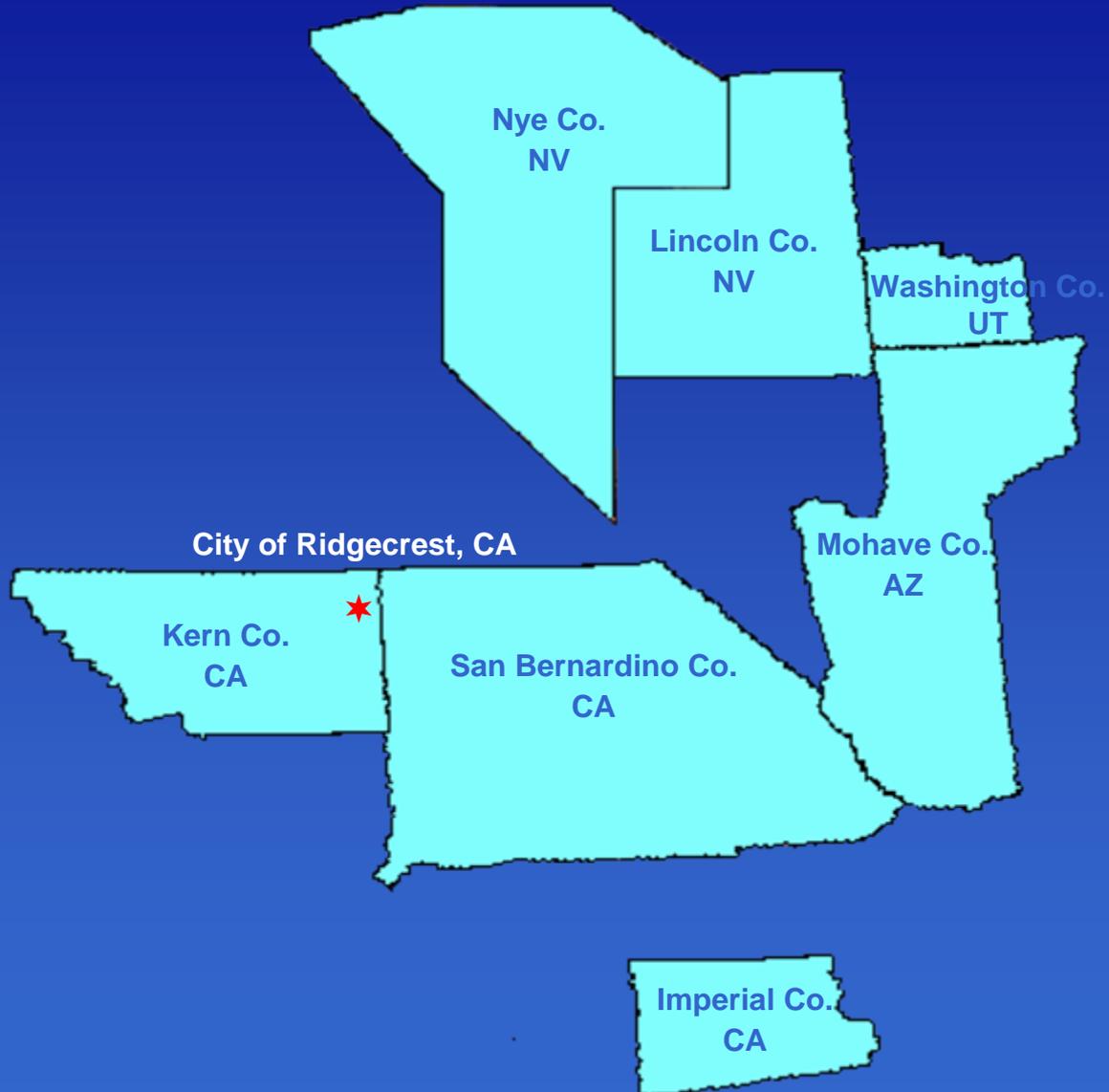
- Imperial County, CA
- Kern County, CA
- Lincoln County, NV
- Mohave County, AZ
- Nye County, NV
- San Bernardino County, CA
- Washington County, UT

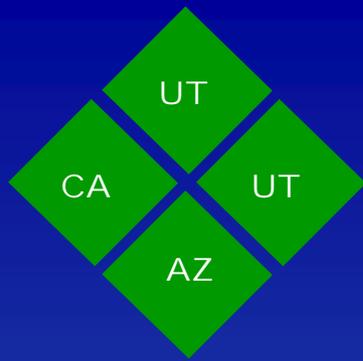
And One City

- Ridgecrest, CA



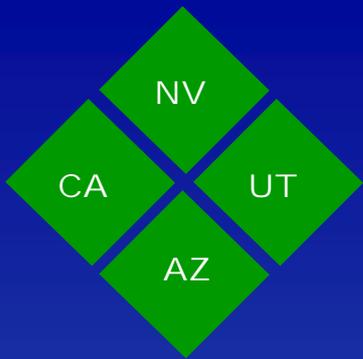
Member Counties





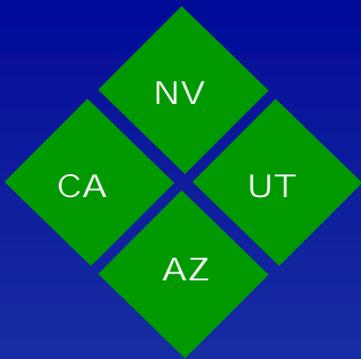
Generalized Extent of Mojave Population of Desert Tortoise





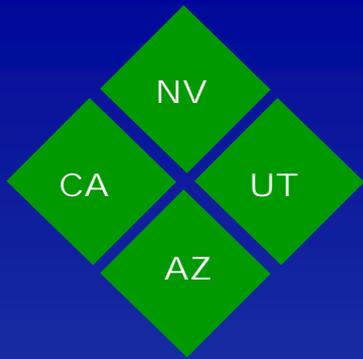
Participation in the Desert Tortoise Recovery Plan Review Process

- Attendance at all MOG meetings.
- Science Support to DTRPAC.
- Attendance at DTC annual meetings.
- Written input responding to public sessions.
- Participation and support of U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution.
- Individual county participation in meetings.
- Attendance at Science Advisory Committee meetings.
- Public participation in agency and stakeholder drafts, draft review, and written input.



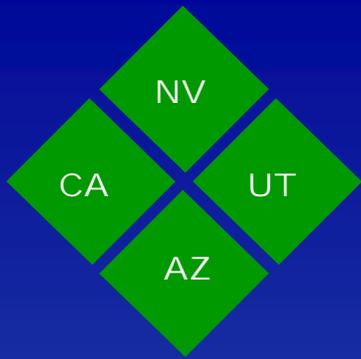
Main Points of Comment to the Draft Plan (ASRD)

(Agency/Stakeholder Review Draft)



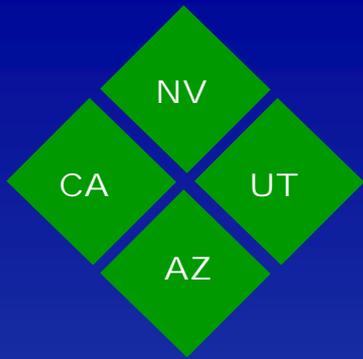
Efficacy

- We need to assess and continue to assess what has been done with a variety of management actions – honestly and objectively
 - Just saying “the plan wasn’t implemented” is not good enough—on many sites all or major portions have been undertaken.
 - We need to be sure the assessments include data from the Clark and Washington County HCPs.



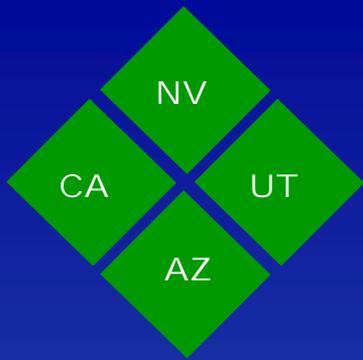
Flexibility

- Adoption of adaptive management is a good first step, but need to go beyond. Agencies must be free to try different approaches if recovery is not occurring.
- RITs need to be able to try different approaches without having to secure an amendment to the Recovery Plan.
- At its extreme, should provide for intervention.

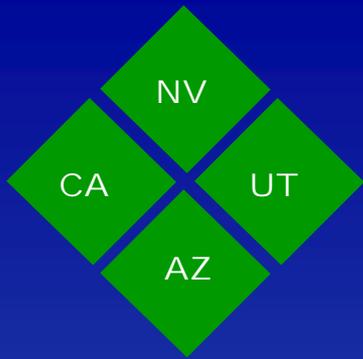


Disease

- The agency and stakeholder review drafts, while saying more about disease than the previous plan, must include strategies to deal with it.

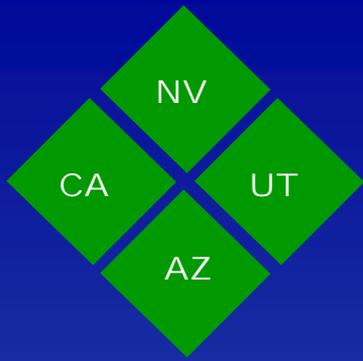


Partnership



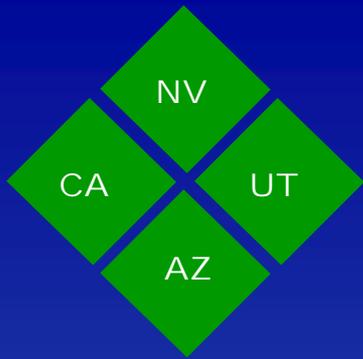
Partnership

- Local governments are a key partner for implementation
 - Private land planning and zoning.
 - Law enforcement.
 - Joining with Federal agencies to implement public land use plans.



Partnership

- Local governments provide and manage infrastructure
 - Transportation systems.
 - Solid waste disposal.



Partnership

- Local governments can assist with public education initiatives.
- Local governments will serve on RITs and provide local feedback.
- Local governments look forward to future participation on future interagency bodies and groups.
- QuadState has acted as an umbrella organization, providing information to local governments, coordinating their input, and providing regional overview on desert tortoise issues.