



**Clark County Desert Conservation Program and
Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan
Plan Administrator Updates
April - June 2007**



Contract & Interlocal Agreement Management

- ❑ Awarded an Interlocal Agreement with Desert Research Institute to provide science advice to the Program.
- ❑ Awarded an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement between Clark County and U.S. Forest Service for Project 196 – Landscape Assessment.
- ❑ Awarded an Interlocal Agreement to Nevada System of Higher Education for Project 502A - Sediment Transport of Source Materials to White-Margined Penstemon Habitat (*Penstemon albomarginatus*).
- ❑ Negotiations between Clark County and the federal land managers have been difficult due to objections to Clark County’s standard Interlocal Agreement language and objections to meeting the technical conditions associated with projects recommended for Round 6 SNPLMA funding.
- ❑ Focusing on non-federal projects in an effort to make progress.
- ❑ Processed 91 professional services and goods invoices during the quarter.
- ❑ Submitted nine (9) nominations for Round 8 Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act funding.

Project Management

- ❑ Instituted a weekly dashboard report to track progress on implemented projects. Four metrics are tracked: 1) budget, 2) schedule, 3) scope, and 4) quality. Green indicates that project is currently within accepted tolerances for each metric. Yellow signifies there may be or is a problem, but is recoverable. Red signifies that a problem exists that requires immediate attention.
- ❑ The Program currently shows an approximate dashboard of:

Project Status	# of Projects
	46
	6
	1

Desert Tortoise Conservation Center

- ❑ Held several meetings with the US Fish and Wildlife Service and Bureau of Land Management regarding the operations and maintenance of the Desert Tortoise Conservation Center.
- ❑ Starting July 1, Clark County limited its activities at the Center to the operations of the Desert Tortoise Hotline, the pick-up and handling of Clark County tortoises, and the translocation of Clark County tortoises. BLM and USFWS will be handling daily operations and maintenance of the facility and the care and management of research tortoises and non-Clark County tortoises.
- ❑ SNEI’s contract to operate the facility ended June 30, 2007. In an effort to better understand the County’s responsibilities at the Center, staff will be taking an opportunity over the coming weeks to play a more active role in the operations of the hotline and the pick-up and handling of Clark County tortoises. UNR and USGS will be assisting us during this time. Our goal is to better understand the work required and the costs associated with that work.

- ❑ Desert Tortoise Hotline – the hotline has traditionally had a very aggressive service standard. It has operated from 6:30am to 6:30pm 365 days per year. Over the years, the calls for tortoise pick-up have migrated from those associated with the immediate needs of construction workers who have come upon a tortoise in the path of grading, to residents asking for their unwanted pet or pet’s progeny to be picked up. Given this migration, the historic service standard seems excessive. Over the coming weeks, staff will be resetting the service standard and evaluating its results. Those who call the Hotline may be asked to hold their unwanted tortoises for up to 48 hours for pick-up.

Changed Circumstance – Intensively Managed/Less Intensively Managed Lands Analysis

- ❑ Data analysis and draft findings anticipated for completion in September 2007.
- ❑ Public meeting to present analysis and findings anticipated in October 2007.

Assembly Bill 274/Special Session Assembly Bill 5

- ❑ Approved by the legislature in special session.
- ❑ \$5 million for the development and implementation of stream habitat and restoration efforts throughout Nevada.

Plan Amendment Assessment

- ❑ Briefed County Commissioners.
- ❑ Board received and adopted the Desert Conservation Program Advisory Committee’s recommendations on June 19 regarding permit amendment and directed staff to initiate an amendment to the MSHCP and Incidental Take Permit.
- ❑ Briefed City Managers and Planning Directors of Las Vegas, Henderson, and Boulder City.
- ❑ Briefings scheduled with City Managers and Planning Directors of North Las Vegas, Nevada Department of Transportation, and City of Mesquite.

Desert Tortoise Regional Recovery Working Group

- ❑ Participated in a meeting of the Nevada/Arizona/Utah Workgroup for the revision to the 2004 Desert Tortoise Recovery Plan

Land Disturbance and Mitigation Fees

- ❑ See attached land disturbance report.
- ❑ Updated “FAQ’s” sheet on tortoise mitigation. Sheets were distributed to all permittees and reporting contacts. Updated Mesquite developer information sheet with correct DCP phone number and sent to Max Little at the City of Mesquite.
- ❑ Establishing a Tortoise Fees Working Group among the permittees to develop consistent standard operating procedures for the assessment and collection of mitigation fees.
- ❑ Conducting an audit of exempt acres in order to secure a more precise and accurate accounting of how many government purpose acres have been exempted from the \$550/acre fee.

Budget

- ❑ See attached financial summary.

LAND DISTURBANCE - TORTOISE MITIGATION ACREAGE/FEEES REPORT

7/9/2007									
	CC-Civil	CC-Dev Svcs	Boulder City	Henderson	Las Vegas	Mesquite	NDOT	NLV	Yr Totals
2001 Acres	152.70	3171.52	36.18	1030.84	1064.33	89.49	6.85	740.55	6292.46
2001 Fees	\$ 84,041.60	\$ 1,727,378.56	\$ 19,919.00	\$ 566,948.47	\$ 585,436.00	\$ 28,543.66	\$ 3,767.50	\$ 402,055.50	\$ 3,418,090.29
2001 Exempt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$ -
2002 Acres	251.95	3296.95	19.68	1299.75	1848.38	162.51	11.40	1584.96	8,475.58
2002 Fees	\$ 137,603.40	\$ 1,802,376.26	\$ 10,824.00	\$ 709,254.00	\$ 1,013,806.15	\$ 89,382.00	\$ 6,270.00	\$ 871,757.00	\$ 4,641,272.81
2002 Exempt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$ -
2003 Acres	382.62	3385.20	17.63	1391.89	1492.50	364.17	4.12	2105.20	9143.33
2003 Fees	\$ 209,642.75	\$ 1,861,259.45	\$ 8,944.50	\$ 774,022.15	\$ 710,889.83	\$ 171,940.68	\$ 2,266.00	\$ 1,157,870.50	\$ 4,896,835.86
2003 Exempt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.94	0.00	0.00	2.75	\$ 11.69
2004 Acres	412.01	4070.33	9.81	1856.55	1621.89	518.21	0.00	2039.21	10528.01
2004 Fees	\$ 225,165.31	\$ 2,243,331.90	\$ 5,381.50	\$ 1,005,598.05	\$ 891,828.23	\$ 265,492.00	\$ -	\$ 1,121,631.05	\$ 5,758,428.04
2004 Exempt	0.00	0.00	1,644.95	0.00	110.97	13.41	0.00	8.28	\$ 1,777.61
2005 Acres	243.27	4360.17	12.36	1995.51	1176.01	412.33	8.50	1498.52	9706.67
2005 Fees	\$ 127,892.06	\$ 2,403,459.50	\$ 6,798.50	\$ 959,898.90	\$ 636,569.43	\$ 198,824.62	\$ 4,427.50	\$ 824,191.50	\$ 5,162,062.01
2005 Exempt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$ -
2006 Acres	105.41	3388.63	530.50	3831.64	1157.47	1244.43	0.00	739.65	10997.73
2006 Fees	\$ 54,970.45	\$ 1,863,782.18	\$ 291,643.50	\$ 2,092,211.09	\$ 636,955.65	\$ 680,664.35	\$ -	\$ 406,807.00	\$ 6,027,034.22
2006 Exempt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	71.26	37.34	0.00	0.00	\$ 108.60
2007 Acres	28.67	1055.88	1.66	551.59	441.17	139.65	0.00	169.34	2387.96
2007 Fees	\$ 15,769.00	\$ 580,734.00	\$ 913.50	\$ 303,176.50	\$ 242,654.08	\$ 76,807.00	\$ -	\$ 93,203.00	\$ 1,313,257.08
2007 Exempt	0.00	80.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	27.93	0.00	0.00	108.77
2008 Acres	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2008 Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
2008 Exempt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total acres disturbed to date=			57531.74						
Total fees collected to date=			\$31,216,980.31						
Total Exempt acres disturbed to date=			2,006.67						
**15,000 acres is exempt from the \$550 per acre mitigation fee for government use.									
Number of acres allowed for disturbance under current multiple species permit						145,000.00			
Less number of acres reported for which fees have been paid under current permit						57531.74			
Number of disturbable acres remaining under current permit						85,461.59			
Note: We are currently conducting an audit of the exempt acreage.									

**CLARK COUNTY DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM
SUMMARY
2005-2007 BIENNIUM**

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SECTION 10

REQUIRED TO SPEND:

\$ 3,817,775.00

COMMENTS

TOTAL SECTION 10 CONSERVATION PROJECT EXPENDITURES YTD	\$	2,310,025.51
TOTAL SECTION 10 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES YTD	\$	1,373,375.67
TOTAL SECTION 10 OTHER PROGRAM EXPENDITURES YTD	\$	113,100.05
TOTAL SECTION 10 REFUNDS	\$	20,545.50

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT	\$	3,817,046.73	TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING	\$	728.27
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% SPENT	99.98%	% AMOUNT REMAINING	0.02%
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SNPLMA REIMBURSEMENT FROM ROUND 6 IS	\$	582,429.20	AMOUNT REMAINING AFTER REIMBURSEMENT=	\$	583,157.47
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SECTION 7

ALLOCATED TO SPEND:

\$ 2,952,883.50

TOTAL SECTION 7 CONSERVATION PROJECT EXPENDITURES YTD	\$	739,216.21
TOTAL SECTION 7 OTHER PROGRAM EXPENDITURES YTD	\$	1,831,878.10

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT	\$	2,571,094.31	TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING	\$	381,789.19
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% SPENT	87.07%	% AMOUNT REMAINING	12.93%
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SNPLMA ROUND 6

ALLOCATED TO SPEND:

\$ 30,706,816.00

TOTAL SNPLMA CONSERVATION PROJECT EXPENDITURES YTD	\$	35,000.00
TOTAL SNPLMA ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES YTD	\$	263,546.39

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT	\$	298,546.39	TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING	\$	30,408,269.61
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% SPENT	0.97%	% AMOUNT REMAINING	99.03%
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DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM GRAND TOTALS

TOTAL FUNDING: \$ 37,477,474.50

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT	\$ 6,686,687.43	TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING	\$ 30,790,787.07
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%SPENT	17.84%	% AMOUNT REMAINING	82.16%
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