



**Clark County Desert Conservation Program and
Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan
Plan Administrator Updates
April 1 – June 30, 2008**



Contract & Interlocal Agreement Management

- ✓ Awarded a contract with The Nature Conservancy for the Management of Properties Acquired Along the Muddy River, Project No. 561.
- ✓ Interviewed two top firms in response to a Request for Proposals for Meeting Facilitation and Process Consultation. Began contract negotiations with selected team.
- ✓ Interviewed three highly specialized environmental law firms. Selected top firm and began contract negotiations.
- ✓ Received and rejected amendment request from the U.S. Forest Service for Landscape Assessment, Project 196 A.
- ✓ Received and accepted amendment request from the National Park Service for Inventory & Research of Watch Plants at Lake Mead National Recreation Area, Project 536.
- ✓ Issued Request for Proposals for the Desert Tortoise Hotline and Pick-Up Service.
- ✓ Processed 85 professional services and goods invoices during the quarter.

Project Management

- ✓ The Program currently shows an approximate dashboard of:

Project Status	# of Projects
	47
	7
	7

Four metrics are tracked: 1) budget, 2) schedule, 3) scope, and 4) quality. Green indicates that the 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.

For more information on our projects, please visit our website at:

http://www.accessclarkcounty.com/Air_Quality/DCPActiveProjects/DCPActiveProjects.htm

Other Administrative Accomplishments

- ✓ Continued closeout of Round 4 Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act (SNPLMA)-funded projects.
- ✓ Completed conceptual design and development of the Milestone and Deliverable Tracking Module of the automated contract administration and project management tracking system.
- ✓ Received reimbursements requests from SNPLMA Office from January 2008:
 - Non-County Projects for \$129,664.68
 - County Projects for \$85,79.35
- ✓ Submitted reimbursement requests to SNPLMA Office for April 2008:
 - Non-County Projects for \$381,159.33
 - County Projects for \$113,530.06
- ✓ Reviewed and commented on 58 amended cooperative agreements from the SNPLMA Office to incorporate provisions for a new ASAP reporting system.

- ✓ Completed fiscal year-end processes and procedures.
- ✓ Completed a Records Information Management Inventory for a County-wide records management project.

2009-2011 Implementation Plan and Budget Process

- ✓ Met with the permittees on May 7, 2008 and finalized reviewing and ranking criteria. Provided the permittees the seven (7) discretionary project concepts to review.
- ✓ Provided permittees with Desert Research Institute's Science Advisor Decision Support System Results Report on May 16, 2008 and requested that the permittees take its findings into consideration when evaluating project concepts.
- ✓ Received project concept scores from permittees during the week of May 26, 2008.
- ✓ Met with the permittees on June 4, 2008 to review and validate the results of the rankings and to develop a proposed overall budget and implementation plan for the 2009-2011 biennium.
- ✓ Met with the Implementing Agencies to provide the draft Implementation Plan and Budget and take comment from the agencies on the deliberations and proposed budget in preparation for the public meeting scheduled from July 15, 2008 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

Boulder City Conservation Easement

- ✓ Patrol Statistics:
 - Made contact with 306 visitors to the easement
 - Handed out 163 maps, 109 brochures, and 132 refrigerator magnets
 - Issued three (3) citations
 - Issued 13 warnings for minor violations
- ✓ Reviewing City of Boulder City's temporary wastewater permit and its application for a five-year wastewater discharge permit for review and comment to avoid and minimize impacts to the easement.
- ✓ Requested additional information from Western Area Power Administration on its minimization and mitigation measures conducted in the easement as a result of its Davis-Mead 230-kV Transmission Line Reconductor Project. Met with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding concerns.
- ✓ Drafted project charter and scope of work for the preparation of a Boulder City Conservation Easement Management Plan. Next step is to issue a Request for Quote for the scope of work.
- ✓ Met with City of Boulder City and U.S. Fish and Wildlife (USFWS) to discuss possible swap of acres currently configured in the energy zone for equivalent acres outside of energy zone and in the easement. Concluded that field work to determine the appropriateness of the swap was needed and settled on several decision criteria associated with the proposed swap. Overarching criterion: If the survey results show either a net benefit or a net neutral comparison of habitat value gained, then the benefit of a wider corridor justifies proposing the swap to USFWS.

Maintenance of Acquired Grazing Allotments

- ✓ Met with The Nature Conservancy and staff from the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Las Vegas Field Office staff regarding two grazing allotments that straddle the California/Nevada border. The Nevada portions were retired in support of the Clark County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan, while the California portions were still available to be permitted. There has been recent grazing permit activity on the California side of these allotments.

- ✓ Preparing a letter to the BLM's Needles Field Office requesting assurances that provisions will be contained in the grazing permits issued from their office that cows will not trespass onto the Nevada side of the allotments.

Desert Tortoise Fencing

- ✓ Continued contracted work with Nevada Division of Forestry (NDF) to retrofit high priority roads with tortoise-proof mesh. As of July 1, 2008, NDF had completed a total of 38 miles along I-15 (from 93 turnoff going north) under this contract.
- ✓ Purchased second year of fencing materials from renewal of contract with American Fence. Purchased an additional 20 miles of fencing material for retro-fencing and fencing maintenance projects. Materials purchased included mesh fencing, hog rings, t-posts and smooth wire.

Public Information and Education

- ✓ **Mojave Max Education Program** – Mojave Max passed away on June 30, 2008. He was in his burrow. Sent out a news release and attended a small service at Red Rock. Currently working with BLM to select successor tortoise (Mojave Max II). Successor shall be selected by October 2008 and the emergence contest will continue, without skipping a year. However, a few adjustments will be made for 2009 and 2010 since the remodeling of the visitor's center at Red Rock will not be complete until 2010.
- ✓ **Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) Video Project** – Continued contracted work with Partners In Conservation for the development and production of two videos targeting teen and pre-teen OHV use. Videos use teen and pre-teen talent to better inform those target audiences. Videos highlight responsible use and the *Respect, Protect and Enjoy our Desert* theme. Draft video products have been delivered, reviewed and edited. Final products due 07/15/08.
- ✓ **Mojave Max Assembly Video Project** – Continued administration of contract with Joshua Tree Productions to and produce a video of the Mojave Max Assembly program. This product will bring the assembly to additional classrooms, youth groups, and public through its posting on the internet. Draft video product has been delivered and approved with minor modifications. Final product due 08/15/08.
- ✓ **Outreach Events and Products** – Provided outreach at four spring events including the Clark County Fair and Rodeo in Logandale, Nevada and the Southern Nevada Homebuilder's Fair. Reached more than 5,000 people through direct contact at the Clark County Fair. Purchased additional outreach products: can coolers, zipper pulls and rulers.

Desert Tortoise Hotline and Pick-Up Service

- ✓ Operated the desert tortoise hotline and pick-up service with staff.
- ✓ Delivered a total of 292 tortoises to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at the Desert Tortoise Conservation Center:
 - 144 surrendered pet desert tortoises
 - 51 stray pet desert tortoises found in urban areas
 - 18 stray pet tortoises or turtles that are not desert tortoises
 - 53 tortoises of unknown origin
 - 26 wild tortoise
- ✓ Briefed the following animal control agencies on pet tortoise issues: Cities of Las Vegas, North Las Vegas, Clark County, Mesquite, Boulder City, Henderson and Lied Animal Shelter.

- ✓ Seating of the pet tortoise task force has been pushed back to allow for the selection of a facilitator to help convene and facilitate the process.

Adaptive Management Program

- ✓ Received the Decision Support System Report from Desert Research Institute.
- ✓ Coordinated independent review on the following projects:
 - Science Advisor, Project 2007 - DRI - 574
 - Landscape Assessment, Project 2003-USFS-196A
- ✓ **SAVE THE DATE - AUGUST 14 (12:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.) and August 15, 2008 (8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.) - MULTIPLE SPECIES HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT SYMPOSIUM. See Agenda attached.**

Plan Amendment

- ✓ Continued with key stakeholder briefings.
- ✓ Conducted follow-up briefings with senior management at the City of Henderson and North Las Vegas.
- ✓ Continued with review and negotiation of amended Interlocal Agreement among permittees.
- ✓ Finalized permit amendment process conceptual design.
- ✓ Interviewed three highly specialized environmental legal firms. Selected top firm and began contract negotiations.
- ✓ Held coordination meeting with USFWS staff in the Nevada and California/Nevada Operations Office that will be assisting with permit amendment. Presented draft 2001-2007 Mitigation Accomplishments Report to USFWS for feedback and to address questions regarding adequate mitigation of take under the current MSHCP.
- ✓ Began development of work plan and detailed timeline for permit amendment.

2005-2007 Biennium Progress Report

- ✓ Reviewing draft 2005-2007 biennium progress report.

Land Disturbance and Mitigation Fees Report

- ✓ See attached.
- ✓ Received and reconciled monthly land disturbance and mitigation fee reports from permittee entities, with the exception of Boulder City. Boulder City experienced staffing transitions again during this quarter, but is expected to submit reports as soon as possible.

Financial Report

- ✓ See attached.

Fencing Program Accomplishments

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2008 Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan Project Progress Report Symposium

August 14, 2008 12:30 PM – 5:00 PM

August 15, 2008 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Place: Organizational Development Center Training Room 3

Clark County Government Center

500 S. Grand Central Parkway, Las Vegas, NV. 89155

August 14, 2008

12:30 PM	Introduction	Sue Wainscott – CC
12:45 PM	Relict Leopard Frog Habitat Manipulations (597)	Jef Jaeger – UNLV
1:15 PM	Relict Leopard Frog Connectivity/Genetics (575)	Jef Jaeger – UNLV
1:45 PM	Coordination of Relict Leopard Frog Activities(476)	Ross Haley – NPS
2:15 PM	Bald Eagle Surveys (540)	Ross Haley – NPS
2:45 PM	Break	
3:00 PM	Peregrine Falcon Surveys (475)	Ross Haley – NPS
3:30 PM	Nine Rare Bird Surveys (542)	Ross Haley – NPS
4:00 PM	Nine Rare Bird Surveys (581)	Elisabeth Ammon – GBBO
4:30 PM	Burrowing Owl Surveys (582)	Katherine Longshore – USGS

August 15, 2008

8:30 AM	Introduction	Sue Wainscott – CC
8:45 AM	Adaptive Management Program (574)	Sue Wainscott – CC
9:15 AM	Spring Mountains NRA Landscape Assessment (196A)	Randy Sharp – USFS
9:45 AM	Butterfly Monitoring in the Spring Mountains NRA (570)	Sonja Kokos – CC
10:15 AM	Break	
10:30 AM	Rare Plant Monitoring - Covered species (535)	Alice Newton – NPS
11:00 AM	Rare Plant Monitoring - Evaluation and Watch List species (536)	Alice Newton – NPS
11:30 AM	Sediment Transport for <i>Penstemon albomarginatus</i> (502A)	Stephen Zitzer - NSHE
12:00 PM	Lunch	

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August 15, 2008

12:45 PM	Developing Teen and Pre-Teen Off-Highway Vehicle Videos (319)	Elise McAllister - PIC
1:15 PM	Virgin River Conservation Assessment (350A)	Anna Toline - ENTRIX
1:45 PM	Water Rights Consulting (722A)	Michael Buschelman
2:15 PM	Desert Tortoise Monitoring (585)	Ron Marlow – UNR
2:45 PM	Break	
3:00 PM	Desert Tortoise Monitoring (585A)	Linda Allison - FWS
3:30 PM	Epidemiology of Desert Tortoise (567)	C. Richard Tracy - UNR
4:00 PM	Movements and Barriers to Movement of Desert Tortoise (576)	C. Richard Tracy - UNR
4:30 PM	Boulder City Conservation Easement Law Enforcement (714)	Robert Oliver

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

Revised:
7/15/08 8:33 AM

SECTION 10

REQUIRED TO SPEND:
\$ 3,817,775.00

COMMENTS

TOTAL SECTION 10 CONSERVATION PROJECT EXPENDITURES YTD
TOTAL SECTION 10 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES YTD
TOTAL SECTION 10 OTHER PROGRAM EXPENDITURES YTD
TOTAL SECTION 10 REFUNDS

\$ 2,813,049.82
\$ 1,378,428.27
\$ 462,772.28
\$ 20,545.50

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT

\$ 4,669,793.67 TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING \$ (852,018.67)

% SPENT

122.32% % AMOUNT REMAINING -22.32%

SNPLMA REIMBURSEMENT FROM ROUND 6 IS

\$ 2,918,283.28 AMOUNT REMAINING AFTER REIMBURSEMENT= \$ 2,086,284.61

SECTION 7

ALLOCATED TO SPEND:

\$ 2,952,883.50

TOTAL SECTION 7 CONSERVATION PROJECT EXPENDITURES YTD
TOTAL SECTION 7 OTHER PROGRAM EXPENDITURES YTD

\$ 768,006.21
\$ 1,974,810.15

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT

\$ 2,742,816.36 TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING \$ 210,067.14

% SPENT

92.89% % AMOUNT REMAINING 7.11%

SNPLMA ROUND 6

ALLOCATED TO SPEND:

\$ 30,706,816.00

TOTAL SNPLMA CONSERVATION PROJECT EXPENDITURES YTD
TOTAL SNPLMA ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES YTD

\$ 1,657,134.06
\$ 261,790.64

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT

\$ 1,918,924.70 TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING \$ 28,787,891.30

% SPENT

6.25% % AMOUNT REMAINING 93.75%

DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM GRAND TOTALS

TOTAL FUNDING: \$ 37,477,474.50

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT \$ 9,331,534.73

TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING \$ 28,145,939.77

%SPENT

24.90%

% AMOUNT REMAINING

75.10%

**CLARK COUNTY DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM
SUMMARY
2007-2009 BIENNIUM**

Revised:
7/16/08 12:42 PM

SECTION 10

REQUIRED TO SPEND:

\$ 4,500,000.00

COMMENTS

TOTAL SECTION 10 CONSERVATION PROJECT EXPENDITURES YTD
 TOTAL SECTION 10 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES YTD
 TOTAL SECTION 10 OTHER PROGRAM EXPENDITURES YTD
 TOTAL SECTION 10 REFUNDS

\$ 105,079.00
\$ 1,612,479.36
\$ 97,778.86
\$ 36,473.20

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT

\$ 1,851,810.42

\$ 2,648,189.58

TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING

% SPENT

41.15%

% AMOUNT REMAINING

58.85%

SNPLMA REIMBURSEMENT FROM ROUND 8 IS

\$ -

AMOUNT REMAINING AFTER REIMBURSEMENT=

\$ 2,648,189.58

SNPLMA ROUND 8

ALLOCATED TO SPEND:

\$ 4,317,301.00 PENDING SNPLMA APPROVAL

TOTAL SNPLMA CONSERVATION PROJECT EXPENDITURES YTD

\$ -

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT

\$ -

\$ 4,317,301.00

% SPENT

0.00%

% AMOUNT REMAINING

100.00%

DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM GRAND TOTALS

TOTAL FUNDING: \$ 8,817,301.00

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT \$ 1,851,810.42

\$ 6,965,490.58

%SPENT

21.00%

% AMOUNT REMAINING

79.00%