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Quarterly Plan Administrator Update
October - December 2008



Contract & Interlocal Agreement Management

- Awarded an Interlocal Agreement to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for Desert Tortoise Monitoring, Project No. 785
- Awarded an Interlocal Agreement with University of California, Santa Barbara for Effects Monitoring of Spring-Fed Wetlands & Riparian Restoration Treatments, Project No. 552
- Awarded an Interlocal Agreement to University of Nevada, Reno for Ecosystem Indicators: Change Detection, Project No. 578
- Awarded Amendment 1 to The Nature Conservancy for Effectiveness Monitoring for Saltcedar & Knapweed on Upper Muddy River Flood Plain, Project No. 572

Project Management

The Desert Conservation Program currently shows an approximate dashboard of:

Project Status	# of Projects
Green	49
Yellow	1
Red	1

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/depts/daqem/epd/dcp/Pages/dcpactiveprojects.aspx>



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Other Administrative Accomplishments

- Updated Public Records Request Form and fee schedule.
- Prepared County Fiscal Year 2010 Capital and Operating Budget based on approved implementation plans and budgets for 2007-2009 and 2009-2011.
- Provided comments on the Searchlight Solar project.
- Met with Bureau of Land Management and County surveyor regarding survey discrepancies along the Virgin River in order to clear a path towards possible land acquisition along the Virgin River per Permit Condition K 1.
- Completed testing of milestone and deliverable module in the automated Contract Management and Project Tracking System. Scheduled to roll out in February 2009.

2009-2011 Implementation Plan and Budget Process

- The 2009-2011 Implementation Plan and Budget was presented to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) on December 16, 2008. BCC adopted the Plan and Budget and directed staff to submit it to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) for its consideration. For Final 2009-2011 Implementation and Budget please visit:

http://www.accessclarkcounty.com/depts/daqem/epd/dcp/Documents/20081121_FinalReportWithAttachments.pdf

Boulder City Conservation Easement

- Completed analysis on the possible expansion of the Boulder City Conservation Easement (BCCE).
- Provided data to Kimley-Horn and Associates regarding the Searchlight Trails Study, which could impact the BCCE by identifying and advertising a trail system within a 20-mile radius around Searchlight.
- Negotiating with the City of Boulder City and Boulder City Municipal Police Department to provide law enforcement services in the BCCE. Law enforcement is a requirement of the conservation easement agreement between Clark County and the City of Boulder City.



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Desert Tortoise Fencing

- Retro-Fencing – Continued contracted work with Nevada Division of Forestry (NDF) to retrofit high priority roads with tortoise-proof mesh. As of January 1, 2009, NDF had completed a total of 45 miles along I-15 (from 93 turnoff going north) under this contract. Project is expected to be complete by July 2009.
- Monitoring and Maintenance of Fencing – Initiated monitoring and maintenance project for tortoise fencing along the Boulder City Conservation Easement

Adaptive Management Program

- Completed biennial Adaptive Management Report. To view the report, please visit:

http://www.accessclarkcounty.com/depts/dagem/epd/dcp/Documents/20081121_FinalReportWithAttachments.pdf

Plan & Permit Amendment

- Met with permittees
- Met with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Interviewed top firms for biological consulting contract for amendment
- Drafted charter, stakeholder list and staff recommendation for citizen's advisory committee

Land Disturbance & Mitigation Fees

- See attached land disturbance and mitigation fee quarterly report
- Met with Boulder City to reconcile differences between fees deposited and reported. Drafting a findings and recommendations report

LAND DISTURBANCE - TORTOISE MITIGATION ACREAGE/FEEES REPORT

1/12/2009

	CC-Civil	CC-Dev Svcs	Boulder City	Henderson	Las Vegas	Mesquite	NDOT	NLV	Yr Totals
2001 Acres	152.70	3,171.52	36.18	1,030.84	1,064.33	89.49	6.85	740.55	6,292.46
2001 Exempt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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
2002 Acres	251.95	3,296.95	19.68	1,299.75	1,848.38	162.51	11.40	1,584.96	8,475.58
2002 Exempt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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
2003 Acres	382.62	3,374.55	17.63	1,391.89	1,492.50	364.17	4.12	2,105.20	9,132.68
2003 Exempt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.94	0.00	0.00	2.75	11.69
2003 Fees	\$209,642.75	\$1,855,402.45	\$8,944.50	\$774,022.15	\$710,889.83	\$171,940.68	\$2,266.00	\$1,157,870.50	\$4,890,978.86
2004 Acres	412.01	4,062.93	9.81	1,856.55	1,621.89	518.21	0.00	2,039.21	10,520.61
2004 Exempt	0.00	0.00	1,644.95	0.00	110.97	13.41	0.00	8.28	1,777.61
2004 Fees	\$225,165.31	\$2,239,261.90	\$5,381.50	\$1,005,598.05	\$891,828.23	\$265,492.00	\$0.00	\$1,121,631.05	\$5,754,358.04
2005 Acres	243.27	4,339.36	12.36	1,995.51	1,175.01	412.33	8.50	1,498.52	9,684.86
2005 Exempt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2005 Fees	\$127,892.06	\$2,392,014.00	\$6,798.50	\$959,898.90	\$636,019.43	\$198,824.62	\$4,427.50	\$824,191.50	\$5,150,066.51
2006 Acres	105.41	3,365.42	530.50	3,831.64	1,157.47	1,244.43	0.00	739.65	10,974.52
2006 Exempt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	71.26	37.34	0.00	0.00	108.60
2006 Fees	\$54,970.45	\$1,851,016.68	\$291,643.50	\$2,092,211.09	\$636,955.65	\$680,664.35	\$0.00	\$406,807.00	\$6,014,268.72
2007 Acres	107.63	2,275.45	32.11	798.60	664.51	395.72	0.00	435.20	4,709.22
2007 Exempt	0.00	115.84	0.00	89.77	2.16	27.93	0.00	0.00	235.70
2007 Fees	\$58,373.80	\$1,251,497.50	\$17,661.00	\$439,047.95	\$365,470.08	\$191,207.00	\$0.00	\$219,627.65	\$2,542,884.98
2008 Acres	27.75	949.71	0.00	844.87	218.97	148.26	0.00	390.10	2,579.66
2008 Exempt	0.00	193.66	0.00	19.30	23.75	41.19	0.00	0.00	277.90
2008 Fees	\$15,269.95	\$521,653.88	\$0.00	\$472,325.70	\$120,433.50	\$74,585.50	\$0.00	\$204,999.85	\$1,409,268.38
2009 Acres	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2009 Exempt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2009 Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total acres disturbed to date=			62,369.59						
Total fee Exempt acres disturbed to date (audited)=			2,411.50 **						
Total fees collected to date=			\$33,821,188.59						
**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									
Less number of acres reported for which fees have been paid under current permit									
Less number of fee exempt acres under current permit **									
Number of disturbable acres remaining under current permit **									
						145,000.00			
						62,369.59			
						15,000.00 **			
						67,630.41 **			
** Note: We are currently conducting an audit of the exempt acreage and as a result, fee exempt acres is subject to change. Amount shown (15,000) is the maximum number of fee exempt acres allowed under the current permit.									

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

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SECTION 10 REQUIRED TO SPEND:	COMMENTS
\$ 3,817,775.00	

TOTAL SECTION 10 CONSERVATION PROJECT EXPENDITURES YTD	\$ 3,007,772.19
TOTAL SECTION 10 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES YTD	\$ 1,373,426.27
TOTAL SECTION 10 OTHER PROGRAM EXPENDITURES YTD	\$ 529,577.59
TOTAL SECTION 10 REFUNDS	\$ 20,545.50

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT	\$ 4,931,321.55	TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING	\$ (1,113,546.55)
% SPENT	129.17%	% AMOUNT REMAINING	-28.17%
SNPLMA REIMBURSEMENT FROM ROUND 6 IS	\$ 3,980,882.76	AMOUNT REMAINING AFTER REIMBURSEMENT =	\$ 2,867,338.21

SECTION 7 ALLOCATED TO SPEND:	2,952,883.50
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TOTAL SECTION 7 CONSERVATION PROJECT EXPENDITURES YTD	\$ 768,006.21		
TOTAL SECTION 7 OTHER PROGRAM EXPENDITURES YTD	\$ 1,975,704.15		
TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT	\$ 2,743,710.36	TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING	\$ 209,173.14
% SPENT	92.92%	% AMOUNT REMAINING	7.08%

SNPLMA ROUND 6 ALLOCATED TO SPEND:	30,706,816.00
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TOTAL SNPLMA CONSERVATION PROJECT EXPENDITURES YTD	\$ 1,866,134.06		
TOTAL SNPLMA ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES YTD	\$ 261,790.64		
TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT	\$ 2,127,924.70	TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING	\$ 28,578,891.30
% SPENT	6.93%	% AMOUNT REMAINING	93.07%

DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM GRAND TOTALS	\$ 37,477,474.50		
TOTAL FUNDING:	\$ 37,477,474.50		
TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT	\$ 9,802,956.61	TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING	\$ 27,674,517.89
% SPENT	26.16%	% AMOUNT REMAINING	73.84%

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

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**SECTION 10
REQUIRED TO SPEND:
\$ 4,500,000.00**

				COMMENTS
TOTAL SECTION 10 CONSERVATION PROJECT EXPENDITURES YTD	\$	215,599.95		
TOTAL SECTION 10 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES YTD	\$	2,388,151.42		
TOTAL SECTION 10 OTHER PROGRAM EXPENDITURES YTD	\$	118,918.25		
TOTAL SECTION 10 REFUNDS	\$	36,473.20		

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT \$ 2,769,142.82 TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING \$ 1,730,857.18

% SPENT 61.54% % AMOUNT REMAINING 38.46%

SNPLMA REIMBURSEMENT FROM ROUND 8 IS \$ - AMOUNT REMAINING AFTER REIMBURSEMENT= \$ 1,730,857.18

**SNPLMA ROUND 8
ALLOCATED TO SPEND:
\$ 4,317,301.00 PENDING SNPLMA APPROVAL**

TOTAL SNPLMA CONSERVATION PROJECT EXPENDITURES YTD \$ -

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT \$ - TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING \$ 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 \$ 2,769,142.82 TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING \$ 6,048,158.18

%SPENT 31.41% % AMOUNT REMAINING 68.59%