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Quarterly Administrator Update

April through July, 2010



Desert Conservation Program Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan Quarterly Administrator Update

August 2010

Contract & Interlocal Agreement Management

- Awarded an Interlocal Agreement to the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) for an assessment of post fire rehabilitation in desert tortoise habitat, Project No. 808A.
- Terminated an Interlocal Agreement with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) for the collection and disbursement of Section 7 mitigation fees. Effective July 1, 2010, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) began collecting Section 7 mitigation fees in coordination with the USFWS.
- Awarded Amendment No. 1 to Partners in Conservation to reduce the scope and fees associated with volunteer support for BLM roads monitoring, Project No. 577.
- Received Board of County Commissioner approval to submit a request to the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act Office to change the scope of Project No. 499 to focus on correcting land surveys along the Virgin River.

Project Management

The Program currently shows an approximate dashboard of:

Project Status	# of Projects
Green	48
Yellow	5
Red	0

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>

Other Administrative Accomplishments

- Received Board of County Commissioners authorization to submit an application to the Department of Motor Vehicles for a specialty license plate to promote the conservation of the desert tortoise and to help offset program costs.



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- Completed quarterly reporting required for Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act (SNPLMA)-funded projects.
- Completed a review and reconciliation of all awarded, encumbered and expended funds from 1999 to present against the General Ledger for the purposes of calculating the minimum required expenditure and mitigation credits earned for the 2011-2013 biennium and to use in a 10-year summary report.
- Converted all permittee monthly mitigation fee remittance from checks to automated clearing house remittance to save staffing costs.
- Completed final budget projections for 2011 County fiscal year and prepared for closeout of the 2010 fiscal year.
- Completed DCP Administration budget for 2011-2013 biennium.
- Submitted Supplemental Account Reserve Request to SNPLMA for MSHCP Permit Amendment project.
- Submitted SNPLMA quarter three project status reports and financial projections.
- Developed and completed staff training on financial reporting database.
- Converted most outgoing letters from postal delivery to e-mail delivery.
- DCP has been working on the development of a "Change" module as part of the Case 360 project and contract tracking system. This module allows for automated change request processing, which is expected to improve efficiency related to receiving and processing contract change and amendment requests for the DCP's 50+ active projects/contracts. This effort, which began in November 2009, was completed in May 2010.
- DCP began work on a close-out module in May 2010, which will automate the close out review process for all projects and Purchase Orders in Case 360.

Document Reviews & External Agency Coordination

- Requested cooperating agency status for Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) amendment to the Las Vegas Resource Management Plan
- Reviewed an Environmental Impact Statement regarding a proposed project at Walking Box and provided a comment letter
- Provided a letter to the BLM regarding deficiencies in impact analyses. Analyses are failing to account for the loss of Clark County-funded conservation measures to mitigate impacts anticipated in the MSHCP. A project proponent must be required to mitigate not only for the impacts of its project, but also for the loss of the conservation measure funded by Clark County, which was to mitigate the impacts of development on non-federal land.
- Provided a letter to the California Public Utilities Commission regarding the NextLight Silver State solar development solar project proposed in the Jean Lake area, which is undergoing the



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development of a draft Environmental Impact Statement. Clark County purchased the Jean Lake grazing allotment for \$99,008.33 and worked with the BLM to retire grazing in this area to mitigate impacts anticipated in the MSHCP and to protect and improve the quality of covered species' habitat. It appears that a portion of this area may now be developed for solar and a portion of the conservation measure and its intent will be lost permanently. The project proponent must be required to mitigate not only for the impacts of its project, but also for the loss of the conservation measure funded by Clark County, which was to mitigate the impacts of development on non-federal land.

Acquisition & Management of Acquired Easements, Property, Grazing Rights & Water Rights

- Initiated Grant of Options to purchase the Henrie Property from The Nature Conservancy
- Continued working with Real Property Management on updated surveys of Boulder City Conservation Easement (BCCE) expansion boundaries
- Filed a Notice of Appeal with the U.S. Department of the Interior Board of Land Appeals regarding disputed corridors reserved by the BLM within the BCCE
- Provided 439 hours of law enforcement patrol in the BCCE
- Traveled 6392 miles patrolling the BCCE
- Made contact with 83 visitors to the BCCE
- Issued one warning for illegal activities and one citation for illegal activity

Desert Tortoise Transition

- As of January 1, 2010, the DCP no longer collects pet desert tortoises and has spent the last several months transitioning that effort to the San Diego Zoo. The DCP is focusing its efforts on wild desert tortoises. This transition has been highlighted through direct mailings and a media campaign.
- In late May, the DCP distributed an e-card to our interested parties list of over 200 people, promoting the proper surrender of pet desert tortoises to the San Diego Zoo's new tortoise pickup line (702-488-9422). The media effort to promote this change, which kicked off in March, will resume in August.
- The DCP has collected 14 wild tortoises and/or stray pet tortoises on the fringe of development through the Wild Tortoise Assistance Line since the transition. This number is consistent with the number of wild tortoises collected in past years for the same timeframe.
- DCP continues to participate in the Pet Desert Tortoise Working Group to resolve community issues that have arisen due to desert tortoises allowed as pets. The group meets approximately once a month.



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- DCP ran two ads (in April and May) promoting proper actions related to desert tortoises when encountered in the wild (do not touch or harass them, and if they are collected they must be surrendered to the DCP's Wild Tortoise Assistance Line at 702-593-9027). This media effort will also resume in August.

Wild Desert Tortoise Assistance Line

- The line logged 37 calls
- Eleven (11) wild tortoises were collected and transferred to the Desert Tortoise Conservation Center
- One (1) non-desert tortoise was collected and transferred to the Desert Tortoise Conservation Center

Public Information and Education

- Mojave Max Education Program – Held field trip for winner of 2010 Mojave Max Emergence Contest. Wrapped up annual Mojave Max Education Program which correlates with the school year. During the 2009-2010 year, 20,707 students, 948 teachers and 114 schools received a Mojave Max Education Program and 6,100 students entered the 2010 contest.
- Mass Media Campaign – Concluding 2009-2010 Stay on the Trails and Mojave Max ad campaigns with BLVDS magazine and KNPR and the Las Vegas Review Journal (Business Press, LVRJ Sports Page, Mesquite Local News and El Tiempo publications.) Initiating 2010-2011 advertising campaigns with the same media organizations.
- Pet/Wild Tortoise Campaign – Continued print advertisements providing messages: "leave it wild", "I'm back in the wild because you dialed" and "pets don't belong in the wild". Print advertisements continue to run in these Las Vegas Review Journal publications. (The Views, Boulder City Review, Mesquite Local News, El Tiempo and CERCA publications.) Evaluating future advertisement campaigns, postcards and development of a pet tortoise video.

Desert Tortoise Fencing

- Monitoring and Maintenance of Fencing (Existing Contract) – Under current contract with Nevada Division of Forestry (NDF) and with the approval of Nevada Department of Transportation, Clark County directed NDF to walk and repair all existing tortoise-proof fencing (350 miles) on a one time basis. NDF will provide ARCGis Shape files of all fencing walked, points where maintenance occurred, type of repair made, materials used and any other special incidents. All work encompassed under the current NDF contract will be completed or will cease by the end of the current contract, November 15, 2010.



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- Monitoring and Maintenance of Fencing (Future Work) - Evaluating needs and scope for future DCP fencing monitoring and maintenance. Evaluating budgets and contract options.

Financial

- See attached financial summary

Land Disturbance and Mitigation Fees

- See attached summary

Adaptive Management Program

- Peer review and completion of the final Adaptive Management Report for 2010
- Received Science Advisor recommendations for the 2011-2013 Implementation Plan and Budget Report
- Completed independent peer review of five products generated from conservation projects
- Planning for 2010 symposium complete and announcement posted to webpage: http://www.accessclarkcounty.com/depts/daqem/epd/dcp/Pages/dcp_independent.aspx

Permit Amendment

- Investigated the development of a construction worker education class
- Investigated the development of desert tortoise handling and authorized biologist training class in conjunction with US Fish and Wildlife Service
- Held three (2) meetings of the DCP Community Advisory Committee (CAC). The CAC has been working developed draft recommendations for revising the overall conservation strategy, including draft minimization measures and a draft Reserve System. Anticipate that the CAC will complete its work in September or October of 2010.
- Continued working to complete an agreement regarding the establishment of an off-highway vehicle licensing program with the Department of Motor Vehicles
- Continue to coordinate permit amendment progress with Permittees on a monthly basis
- Worked with PBS&J and ICF to develop draft proposals for minimization and mitigation in preparation for presentation to the CAC
- Met with BLM and FWS to discuss permit amendment and related issues, including a proposed revision to the Reserve Strategy
- Draft amended MSHCP projected to be completed Spring 2011



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LAND DISTURBANCE - TORTOISE MITIGATION ACREAGE/FEEES REPORT

1/12/2012

	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	408.62	46.80	1,498.52	9,719.45
2005 Exempt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13.65	0.00	0.00	13.65
2005 Fees	\$127,892.06	\$2,392,014.00	\$6,798.50	\$959,898.90	\$636,019.43	\$198,824.62	\$25,740.00	\$824,191.50	\$5,171,379.01
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	34.10	847.39	218.83	148.26	0.00	390.10	2,616.14
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	\$18,756.50	\$473,711.70	\$120,356.50	\$74,585.50	\$0.00	\$214,553.35	\$1,438,887.38
2009 Acres	5.64	173.33	419.54	57.81	72.53	28.82	43.70	17.85	819.22
2009 Exempt	0.00	18.50	28.23	41.19	0.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	88.62
2009 Fees	\$3,102.00	\$95,331.50	\$230,747.00	\$31,795.50	\$39,291.50	\$15,851.00	\$24,035.00	\$9,817.50	\$449,971.00
2010 Acres	0.29	95.51	0.00	24.45	25.28	0.00	0.00	80.81	226.34
2010 Exempt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2010 Fees	\$159.50	\$52,530.50	\$0.00	\$13,447.50	\$13,904.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$44,445.50	\$124,487.00
2011 Acres	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2011 Exempt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2011 Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Total acres disturbed to date=	63,486.22
Total fee Exempt acres disturbed to date (reconciled)=	2,513.77 **
Total fees collected to date=	\$34,446,578.09

**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	63,486.22
Less number of fee exempt acres under current permit **	15,000.00 **
Number of disturbable acres remaining under current permit	66,513.78

** Note: Clark County Department of Internal Audit is 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**

Section 7

Allocated to spend: \$2,952,883.50

S7 Conservation Project Expenditures	\$1,262,842.56		
Section 7 Refunds	\$111,602.58		
Amount Spent:	\$1,374,445.14	% Spent:	46.55%
Amount Remaining:	\$1,578,438.36	% Remaining:	53.45%

Section 10

Required to spend: \$3,817,775.00

S10 Administrative Expenditures	\$1,446,477.87		
S10 Conservation Project Expenditures	\$2,776,552.66		
S10 Other Program Expenditures	\$8,437.97		
Section 10 Refunds	\$20,545.50		
Amount Spent:	\$4,252,014.00	% Spent:	111.37%
Amount Remaining:	(\$434,239.00)	% Remaining:	-11.37%

SNPLMA

Allocated to spend: \$26,532,248.00

SNPLMA Administrative Expenditures	\$2,376,293.36		
SNPLMA Conservation Project Expenditures	\$13,307,468.55		
Amount Spent:	\$15,683,761.91	% Spent:	59.11%
Amount Remaining:	\$10,848,486.09	% Remaining:	40.89%

DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM GRAND TOTALS

TOTAL FUNDING: \$33,302,906.50

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT: \$21,310,221.05

% SPENT: 63.99%

TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING: \$11,992,685.45

% REMAINING: 36.01%

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

Section 7

Allocated to spend: \$0.00

Section 7 Refunds	\$10,469.04		
Amount Spent:	\$10,469.04	% Spent:	0.00%
Amount Remaining:	(\$10,469.04)	% Remaining:	100.00%

Section 10

Required to spend: \$4,500,000.00

S10 Administrative Expenditures	\$2,745,716.69		
S10 Conservation Project Expenditures	\$1,678,426.94		
S10 Other Program Expenditures	\$236,213.96		
Section 10 Refunds	\$39,701.70		
Amount Spent:	\$4,700,059.29	% Spent:	104.45%
Amount Remaining:	(\$200,059.29)	% Remaining:	-4.45%

SNPLMA

Allocated to spend: \$2,972,487.00

SNPLMA Administrative Expenditures	\$383,211.82		
SNPLMA Conservation Project Expenditures	\$660,046.36		
Amount Spent:	\$1,043,258.18	% Spent:	35.10%
Amount Remaining:	\$1,929,228.82	% Remaining:	64.90%

DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM GRAND TOTALS

TOTAL FUNDING: \$7,472,487.00

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT: \$5,753,786.51

% SPENT: 77.00%

TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING: \$1,718,700.49

% REMAINING: 23.00%

**CLARK COUNTY DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM
SUMMARY
2009-2011 BIENNIUM**

Section 10

Required to spend: \$7,179,827.00

S10 Administrative Expenditures	\$1,295,077.73		
S10 Conservation Project Expenditures	\$240,594.75		
Amount Spent:	\$1,535,672.48	% Spent:	21.39%
Amount Remaining:	\$5,644,154.52	% Remaining:	78.61%

DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM GRAND TOTALS

TOTAL FUNDING: \$7,179,827.00

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT: \$1,535,672.48

% SPENT: 21.39%

TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING: \$5,644,154.52

% REMAINING: 78.61%