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## Quarterly Administrator Update

January through March, 2012





**Desert Conservation Program  
Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan  
Quarterly Administrator Update  
April 2012**

**Contract & Interlocal Agreement Management**

- Contracted with Knight and Leavitt for Wild Desert Tortoise Assistance Line, Project 803A.
- Contracted with American Fence Company for fencing materials for the Muddy River properties, Project 804B.
- Contracted with The Nature Conservancy for expert peer review services, Project 801C.
- Contracted with Natalie Wood for web enhancement and social medial development, Project 916A.
- Contracted with Steve-N-Kids for Mojave Max mascot appearances, Project 916B.
- Contracted with Affordable Tree Service for Muddy River property management activities, Project 805M.

**Project Management**

The Program currently shows an approximate dashboard of:

Project Status	# of Projects
Green	14
Yellow	1
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.clarkcountynv.gov/Depts/dcp/Pages/CurrentProjects.aspx>



## Other Administrative Accomplishments

- Invoices processed = 48 invoices: 44 accepted (92%), 4 rejected (8%)
- FY11 Schedule of Expenditures of Financial Awards (SEFA) audit was completed by independent auditor with zero exceptions.
- Initiated development of inventory tracking database to track division assets, 60% complete.
- Initiated development of purchase order workflow in Case 360, 15% complete.
- Continued coordination with County Finance office and County Comptroller on the Desert Conservation Program's (DCP) transition to the Department of Comprehensive Planning.
- Continued process development for centralized fee collection of tortoise fees.
- Awaiting direction from Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) on next step for desert tortoise specialty license plate (still 8th on DMV waiting list).
- Participated in one conference call meeting as a member of the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Streamlining Committee.
- Submitted necessary documentation for creating funding instruments for two SNPLMA R12 projects totaling \$92,000.
- Prepared drawdown for FY11 (\$299,647) indirect cost reimbursement based on approved model.
- Received reimbursement for SNPLMA R6 projects: 10 draw downs (\$594,515), R8 projects: 3 draw downs (\$28,246).
- Status of SNPLMA change requests:
  - NPS 532 Threats Research and Monitoring of Invasive Weeds: reduce scope – received approval from SNPLMA. Scope reduction will be handled with closeout agreement.
  - CC 605 Volunteer Resource Stewardship Project: reduce scope – received approval from SNPLMA. Scope reduction will be handled with closeout agreement.
  - CC 1012 Desert Tortoise Monitoring: submitted for a change of scope and reduction of dollar amount. Approved by Executive Committee and awaiting agreement amendment from SNPLMA.
- Completed and de-obligated the following SNPLMA R6 projects:
  - NPS 476 Relict Leopard Frog Monitoring and Management
  - CC 497 Rare Plant Inventories
  - NDOW 549 Peregrine Falcon Monitoring in Clark County
  - UCSB 552 Effectiveness Monitoring of Wetlands and Other Riparian Areas
  - NHP 557 Sensitive Species Data Management
  - PIC 577 Volunteer Support for BLM Roads Monitoring



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- UNR 578 Ecosystem Indicators
- USGS 580 Long Term Conservation Strategy for Palmers Chipmunk in Spring Mountains National Recreation Area (SMNRA).
- CC 609 Adaptive Management of Information Gathering and Analysis
- Terminated and currently awaiting de-obligation of the following R6 projects:
  - BLM 499 Support of the Virgin River Conservation Management Strategies
  - CC 548 Conservation Management Strategies
  - USDA 583 Native Bee Pollinators
  - CC 607 Risk Analysis
- Preparing closeout packets for the following SNPLMA Round 6 projects:
  - BLM 503 Roads Monitoring on BLM Lands
  - NPS 525 Lake Mead GIS & Data Management Support
  - NPS 532 Threats Research & Monitoring
  - CC 559 Mojave Max Education Program
  - UNR 567 Epidemiology of Desert Tortoise
- Submitted SNPLMA FY12-Q1 project status and FY12-Q2 financial projections reporting.

### **Document Reviews & External Agency Coordination**

- Attended a meeting hosted by the Federal Rapid Response Team for Transmission (RRTT) regarding the TransWest Express Transmission Project in Henderson, Nevada.
- Provided comment letter for the TransWest project.
- Provided comment letter for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) supplement to the Draft Solar Preliminary Environmental Impact Statement.
- Provided mapping assistance to the City of Las Vegas for the Conservation Planning Document.
- Provided map support of the proposed Gold Butte National Conservation Area (NCA).
- Attended Southern California Edison meeting on proposed work in the Boulder City Conservation Easement (BCCE).
- Provided comments to BLM on the Searchlight Wind Energy Project.
- Provided comments to CH2M Hill on a proposed Sloan National Guard project in Sloan, Nevada.
- Provided comments to United States Fish and Wildlife (USFWS) regarding the rule about significant portion of a species range.
- Provided comments to BLM regarding the Red Rock Canyon NCA Fuels Reduction Treatment Environmental Assessment.
- Provided comments to Nevada Division of Wildlife (NDOW) regarding the updated Wildlife Action Plan.



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

- Riparian Property (Muddy River and Virgin River) management activities for the quarter are reported separately and can be viewed on this webpage:  
<http://bit.ly/10v52n>

### **Boulder City Conservation Easement (BCCE)**

- Boulder City Conservation Easement management activities for the quarter are reported separately and can be viewed on this webpage:  
<http://bit.ly/KMu07v>

### **Wild Desert Tortoise Assistance Line**

- The line logged 9 calls.
- Five wild tortoises were collected and transferred to the Desert Tortoise Conservation Center (DTCC). Four of the tortoises came from the solar construction site in the Energy Zone by the BCCE.
- One non-desert tortoise was picked up and taken to the DTCC.

### **Public Information and Education (PIE)**

- Mojave Max Education Program – Continued the contract with Red Rock Canyon Interpretive Association for educational programs at Clark County schools. Administered 12 Mojave Max Assembly presentations which reached 3,569 students. Mojave Max instructors visited 45 additional schools and reached a total of 4,810 students through the classroom program. Administered professional development course for teachers on March 17th and 24th. Seventeen teachers attended the training and became certified to teach the Mojave Max lessons at their sites.
- Outreach Events – The Mojave Max mascot made appearances at six (6) community events where he reached approximately 2,050 people. Staff prepared and issued a new purchase order to Steve-N-Kids to provide Mojave Max Mascot appearances at the Clark County Fair and other events during the month of April 2012.
- PIE SNPLMA R6 Funds – We are currently completing close-out and final reporting for all R6 public information and education projects.

### **Desert Tortoise Fencing**

- There was no desert tortoise fencing installed during this reporting period.



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### **Financial**

- See attached financial summary.

### **Land Disturbance and Mitigation Fees**

- See attached summary

### **Adaptive Management Program (AMP)**

- The Adaptive Management Coordinator attended the 2012 Desert Tortoise Council Symposium and presented the Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Program (MSHCP) update and a poster on Desert Tortoise Occupancy and Habitat Covariate Monitoring Pilot Study.

### **Website Updates**

- Posted updated land disturbance reports for Plan Administrator Updates from April 2010 - September 2011.
- Posted errata sheets for species identification and host plant relationships in final project reports and posters related to Spring Mountains National Recreation Area (NRA).

### **Permit Amendment**

- Continued meetings with BLM and USFWS to discuss permit amendment and related issues, including a proposed Reserve System.
- Worked with the City of Mesquite to revise the Virgin River Habitat Conservation and Recovery Program to include the desert tortoise as a covered species for the City of Mesquite.

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

**Section 7**

**Allocated to spend: \$2,952,883.50**

S7 Conservation Project Expenditures	\$1,325,336.79		
Section 7 Refunds	\$111,602.58		
<b>Amount Spent:</b>	\$1,436,939.37	<b>% Spent:</b>	48.66%
<b>Amount Remaining:</b>	\$1,515,944.13	<b>% Remaining:</b>	51.34%

**Section 10**

**Required to spend: \$3,817,775.00**

S10 Administrative Expenditures	\$1,516,518.43		
S10 Conservation Project Expenditures	\$2,680,115.57		
Section 10 Refunds	\$20,545.50		
<b>Amount Spent:</b>	\$4,217,179.50	<b>% Spent:</b>	110.46%
<b>Amount Remaining:</b>	(\$399,404.50)	<b>% Remaining:</b>	-10.46%

**SNPLMA**

**Allocated to spend: \$22,034,036.00**

SNPLMA Administrative Expenditures	\$4,356,088.96		
SNPLMA Conservation Project Expenditures	\$17,107,947.04		
<b>Amount Spent:</b>	\$21,464,036.00	<b>% Spent:</b>	97.41%
<b>Amount Remaining:</b>	\$570,000.00	<b>% Remaining:</b>	2.59%

**DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM GRAND TOTALS**

**TOTAL FUNDING: \$28,804,694.50**

**TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT: \$27,118,154.87**

**% SPENT: 94.14%**

**TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING: \$1,686,539.63**

**% REMAINING: 5.86%**

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

**Section 7**

**Allocated to spend: \$0.00**

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

**Section 10**

**Required to spend: \$4,500,000.00**

S10 Administrative Expenditures	\$3,024,555.17		
S10 Conservation Project Expenditures	\$1,824,298.14		
Section 10 Refunds	\$39,701.70		
<b>Amount Spent:</b>	\$4,888,555.01	<b>% Spent:</b>	108.63%
<b>Amount Remaining:</b>	(\$388,555.01)	<b>% Remaining:</b>	-8.63%

**SNPLMA**

**Allocated to spend: \$4,237,487.00**

SNPLMA Administrative Expenditures	\$1,105,487.73		
SNPLMA Conservation Project Expenditures	\$909,102.53		
<b>Amount Spent:</b>	\$2,014,590.26	<b>% Spent:</b>	47.54%
<b>Amount Remaining:</b>	\$2,222,896.74	<b>% Remaining:</b>	52.46%

**DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM GRAND TOTALS**

**TOTAL FUNDING: \$8,737,487.00**

**TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT: \$6,913,614.31**

**% SPENT: 79.13%**

**TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING: \$1,823,872.69**

**% REMAINING: 20.87%**



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

**Section 10**

**Required to spend: \$7,179,827.00**

S10 Administrative Expenditures	\$2,756,494.29		
S10 Conservation Project Expenditures	\$1,295,147.75		
<b>Amount Spent:</b>	<b>\$4,051,642.04</b>	<b>% Spent:</b>	<b>56.43%</b>
<b>Amount Remaining:</b>	<b>\$3,128,184.96</b>	<b>% Remaining:</b>	<b>43.57%</b>

**DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM GRAND TOTALS**

**TOTAL FUNDING: \$7,179,827.00**

**TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT: \$4,051,642.04**

**% SPENT: 56.43%**

**TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING: \$3,128,184.96**

**% REMAINING: 43.57%**

**CLARK COUNTY DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM  
SUMMARY  
2011-2013 BIENNIUM**

**Section 10**

**Required to spend: \$10,125,502.50**

S10 Administrative Expenditures	\$1,032,682.12		
S10 Conservation Project Expenditures	\$79,500.00		
<b>Amount Spent:</b>	<b>\$1,112,182.12</b>	<b>% Spent:</b>	<b>10.98%</b>
<b>Amount Remaining:</b>	<b>\$9,013,320.38</b>	<b>% Remaining:</b>	<b>89.02%</b>

**DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM GRAND TOTALS**

**TOTAL FUNDING: \$10,125,502.50**

**TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT: \$1,112,182.12**

**% SPENT: 10.98%**

**TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING: \$9,013,320.38**

**% REMAINING: 89.02%**

LAND DISTURBANCE - TORTOISE MITIGATION ACREAGE/FEEES REPORT

4/17/2012

	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	1.02	397.06	0.00	84.42	46.82	1.85	0.00	101.31	632.48
2010 Exempt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2010 Fees	\$561.00	\$218,383.00	\$0.00	\$46,431.00	\$25,751.00	\$1,017.50	\$0.00	\$55,720.00	\$347,863.50
2011 Acres	9.09	381.99	726.41	82.55	64.27	83.83	45.00	340.66	1,733.80
2011 Exempt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2011 Fees	\$4,999.50	\$210,044.50	\$399,525.50	\$45,402.50	\$35,348.50	\$46,106.50	\$24,750.00	\$187,362.50	\$953,539.50
2012 Acres	0.00	85.34	0.00	37.17	7.13	0.00	0.00	92.12	221.76
2012 Exempt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2012 Fees	\$0.00	\$46,937.00	\$0.00	\$22,093.50	\$3,921.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50,660.00	\$123,612.00
Total acres disturbed to date=			65,847.92						
Total fee Exempt acres disturbed to date (reconciled)=			2,513.77 **						
Total fees collected to date=			\$35,747,106.09						
**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						65,847.92			
Less number of fee exempt acres under current permit **						15,000.00 **			
Number of disturbable acres remaining under current permit						64,152.08			

**\*\* 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.**

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