



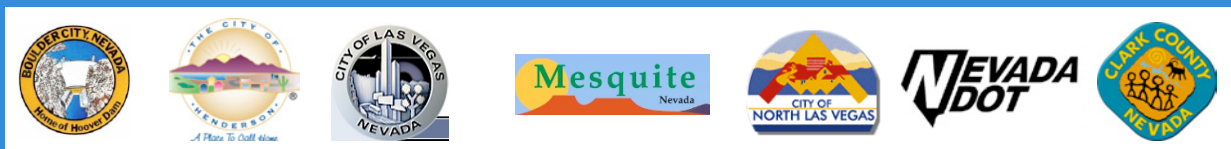
# desert conservation

PROGRAM

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## Quarterly Administrator Update

April through June 2013





**Desert Conservation Program  
Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan  
Quarterly Administrator Update  
July 2013**

**Contract & Interlocal Agreement Management**

- Contracted with Zee Designs for graphic design services for updated Mojave Max Emergence Contest pamphlets, Project 916M.
- Contracted with Weir Marketing for billboard advertising services for the Desert Conservation Program's (DCP) "Please Stay on the Trail" marketing campaign, Project 921C.
- Contracted with the University of Georgia to conduct a feasibility study to endoscopically sterilize desert tortoises, Project 719P.
- Contracted with Roadsafte Traffic Systems to develop traffic control plans needed in order to carry out an upcoming project with the Nevada Division of Forestry for cattle guard removal on the Boulder City Conservation Easement (BCCE), Project 802F.

**Project Management**

The Program currently shows an approximate dashboard of:

Project Status	# of Projects
Green	21
Yellow	0
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**

- Processed vendor payments 47 invoices: 45 accepted (96%), 2 rejected (4%).
- Started reconciliation for Fiscal Year (FY) 13 single audit act compliance.
- Started FY13 year end processes.



- FY14 County budget was approved by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) and the State of Nevada.
- Continued process development for centralized fee collection of tortoise fees – County has selected a potential vendor for credit card and electronic payments processing and is currently in contract negotiations. It is going slower than expected and there may not be a vendor selected until late fall.
- Currently still 8<sup>th</sup> on Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) waiting list for creation of desert tortoise specialty license plate.
- Continued conversion of permittee refund payments to be made via Automated Clearing House (ACH) or e-check. One permittee still left to be converted.
- Submitted Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) FY13-Q2 project status and FY13-Q3 financial projections reporting.
- Conducted site visit with SNPLMA for closeout of DCP and MSHCP Administration (Project 544P) and project was approved for closeout.
- Awaiting SNPLMA Executive Committee approval for two Round 14 proposals totaling \$473,150 that were approved by the Partners Working Group (PWG). The Executive Committee meets August 2013.
- Received reimbursement for Round 6, Round 8 and Round 12 SNPLMA projects totaling \$170,358.00.
- Staff scheduled and began planning the 2013 Annual Progress Report Symposium. Symposium to be held at the Clark County Government Center on August 22, 2013.

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

- Met with a representative of the Zephyr Power Transmission Project on May 30, 2013.
- Attended BLM Solar Energy Zone webinar on May 2, 2013.
- Attended a Pet Desert Tortoise Working Group meeting and participated in an interagency conference call regarding pet tortoise related issues on May 23, 2013.
- Provided GIS maps to the Moapa Reservation.
- Provided Palmer's Chipmunk GIS data to Nevada Natural Heritage Program.
- Provided road monitoring GIS data to the Friends of Gold Butte.
- Provided Mojave Preserve, Ecosystem and Geomorphic GIS data to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.
- Provided Big Horn Sheep GIS data to Newfields.



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

- Riparian Property (Muddy River and Virgin River) management activities for the quarter can be viewed on this webpage:  
<http://bit.ly/1e66zFI>

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

- BCCE management activities for the quarter can be viewed on this webpage:  
<http://bit.ly/16uB5pw>

## **Wild Desert Tortoise Assistance Line**

- The line logged three calls.
- One wild tortoise was collected from the new Wet and Wild construction site and transferred to the Desert Tortoise Conservation Center. Currently only wild tortoises from construction sites are being picked up.

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

- **Mojave Max Education Program** – Processed renewal for contract with Red Rock Canyon Interpretive Association for the Mojave Max Education Program for the 2013 – 2015 contract period.
- Submitted request with Clark County’s Channel 4 TV station to develop new 30 second public service announcement for the Mojave Max Emergence contest.
- Billboards with a “Please Stay on the Trail” public information message were placed at the following locations to maximize exposure to individuals heading out towards Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) locations:
  - I-515 North of W. Lake Mead (reads to traffic heading to Henderson, Boulder City and Southeast Las Vegas)
  - I-15 South of Blue Diamond Road (reads to traffic heading to the Southwest part of Las Vegas)
  - I-15 North of Range Road (reads to traffic heading North towards the Las Vegas Motor Speedway)

## **Desert Tortoise Fencing**

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

## **Financial**

- See attached financial summary.



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

- See attached summary.

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

- Issued three Work Authorization Forms (WAFs) as follows for tasks under the recently awarded Enduring Conservation Outcomes - Science Advisor contract, Project 801D:
  - Science Advisor to prepare peer review comments for the 2013 Annual Progress Report Symposium
  - Science Advisor to prepare Management Plans for the BCCE and the DCP riparian properties
  - Science Advisor to prepare a comprehensive, conservation-focused protocol for the translocation of desert tortoise from the Desert Tortoise Conservation Center (DTCC) to the Upper Eldorado Valley

### **Permit Amendment**

- Facilitated two meetings with the permittees to discuss revised approach to conservation strategy, the draft enhanced interlocal agreement, and code and ordinance change needs.
- Prepared meeting minutes and conducted general administrative activities.
- County management and staff met with United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) four times to review alternate conservation strategies, including their proposed Desert Tortoise Wildlife Refuge at Bird Springs.
- Discussions continued regarding removing the City of Mesquite as a permittee.
- The BCC authorized termination of the SNPLMA financial assistance agreement # L08AC13805 for Project 1011, due to time constraints. The BCC subsequently terminated the contract with Post, Buckley, Schuh & Jernigan (PBS&J), Project 1011B, which was funded by this agreement.

**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>	<b>\$1,436,939.37</b>	<b>% Spent:</b>	<b>48.66%</b>
<b>Amount Remaining:</b>	<b>\$1,515,944.13</b>	<b>% Remaining:</b>	<b>51.34%</b>

**Section 10**

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

S10 Administrative Expenditures	\$1,284,533.97		
S10 Conservation Project Expenditures	\$2,754,660.52		
Section 10 Refunds	\$20,545.50		
<b>Amount Spent:</b>	<b>\$4,059,739.99</b>	<b>% Spent:</b>	<b>106.34%</b>
<b>Amount Remaining:</b>	<b>(\$241,964.99)</b>	<b>% Remaining:</b>	<b>-6.34%</b>

**SNPLMA**

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

SNPLMA Administrative Expenditures	\$4,482,939.33		
SNPLMA Conservation Project Expenditures	\$17,153,231.01		
<b>Amount Spent:</b>	<b>\$21,636,170.34</b>	<b>% Spent:</b>	<b>98.19%</b>
<b>Amount Remaining:</b>	<b>\$397,865.66</b>	<b>% Remaining:</b>	<b>1.81%</b>

**DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM GRAND TOTALS**

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

**TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT: \$27,132,849.70**

**% SPENT: 94.20%**

**TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING: \$1,671,844.80**

**% REMAINING: 5.80%**

**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	\$2,985,090.77		
S10 Conservation Project Expenditures	\$1,842,977.98		
Section 10 Refunds	\$39,701.70		
<b>Amount Spent:</b>	\$4,867,770.45	<b>% Spent:</b>	108.17%
<b>Amount Remaining:</b>	(\$367,770.45)	<b>% Remaining:</b>	-8.17%

**SNPLMA**

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

SNPLMA Administrative Expenditures	\$1,211,886.57		
SNPLMA Conservation Project Expenditures	\$996,141.20		
<b>Amount Spent:</b>	\$2,208,027.77	<b>% Spent:</b>	52.11%
<b>Amount Remaining:</b>	\$2,029,459.23	<b>% Remaining:</b>	47.89%

**DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM GRAND TOTALS**

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

**TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT: \$7,086,267.26**

**% SPENT: 81.10%**

**TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING: \$1,651,219.74**

**% REMAINING: 18.90%**

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

**Section 10**

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

S10 Administrative Expenditures	\$2,648,780.13		
S10 Conservation Project Expenditures	\$1,736,545.32		
<b>Amount Spent:</b>	<b>\$4,385,325.45</b>	<b>% Spent:</b>	<b>61.08%</b>
<b>Amount Remaining:</b>	<b>\$2,794,501.55</b>	<b>% Remaining:</b>	<b>38.92%</b>

**DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM GRAND TOTALS**

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

**TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT: \$4,385,325.45**

**% SPENT: 61.08%**

**TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING: \$2,794,501.55**

**% REMAINING: 38.92%**



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

**Section 10**

**Required to spend: \$10,033,502.50**

S10 Administrative Expenditures	\$3,356,181.14		
S10 Conservation Project Expenditures	\$240,631.04		
<b>Amount Spent:</b>	<b>\$3,596,812.18</b>	<b>% Spent:</b>	<b>35.85%</b>
<b>Amount Remaining:</b>	<b>\$6,436,690.32</b>	<b>% Remaining:</b>	<b>64.15%</b>

**SNPLMA**

**Allocated to spend: \$92,000.00**

SNPLMA Administrative Expenditures	\$5,000.00		
SNPLMA Conservation Project Expenditures	\$42,051.75		
<b>Amount Spent:</b>	<b>\$47,051.75</b>	<b>% Spent:</b>	<b>51.14%</b>
<b>Amount Remaining:</b>	<b>\$44,948.25</b>	<b>% Remaining:</b>	<b>48.86%</b>

**DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM GRAND TOTALS**

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

**TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT: \$3,643,863.93**

**% SPENT: 35.99%**

**TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING: \$6,481,638.57**

**% REMAINING: 64.01%**

**LAND DISTURBANCE - TORTOISE MITIGATION ACREAGE/FEEES REPORT**

7/22/2013

	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	2.89	684.21	0.00	450.92	85.77	0.00	0.00	111.06	1,334.85
2012 Exempt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2012 Fees	\$1,589.50	\$376,315.50	\$0.00	\$249,656.00	\$47,173.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$61,077.00	\$735,811.50
2013 Acres	0.00	168.98	1,300.62	123.89	71.58	4.50	0.00	211.05	1,880.62
2013 Exempt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2013 Fees	\$0.00	\$92,939.00	\$715,341.00	\$68,139.50	\$39,369.00	\$2,475.00	\$0.00	\$116,077.50	\$1,034,341.00
<b>Total acres disturbed to date=</b>			<b>68,841.63</b>						
<b>Total fee Exempt acres disturbed to date (reconciled)=</b>			<b>2,513.77</b>	**					
<b>Total fees collected to date=</b>			<b>\$37,393,646.59</b>						
<b>**15,000 acres is exempt from the \$550 per acre mitigation fee for government use.</b>									
<b>Number of acres allowed for disturbance under current multiple species permit</b>						<b>145,000.00</b>			
<b>Less number of acres reported for which fees have been paid under current permit</b>						<b>68,841.63</b>			
<b>Less number of fee exempt acres under current permit **</b>						<b>15,000.00</b>	**		

Number of disturbable acres remaining under current permit			61,158.37			
<b>** Note: Clark County Department of Internal Audit has conducted an audit of the exempt acreage and as a result, fee exempt acres for public purpose is no longer allowed. Amount shown (15,000) is the maximum number of fee exempt acres allowed under the current permit.</b>						