



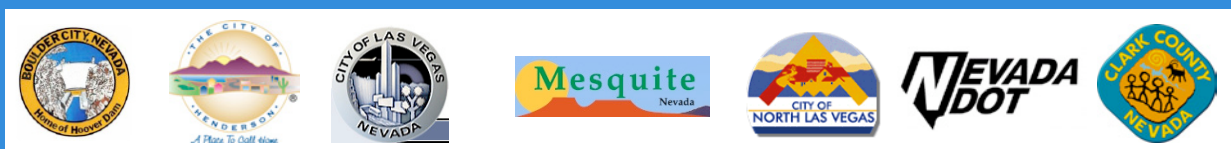
# desert conservation

PROGRAM

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## Quarterly Administrator Update

July through September 2014





**Desert Conservation Program  
Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan  
Quarterly Administrator Update  
October 2014**

**Contract & Interlocal Agreement Management**

- Contracted with the University of Texas for LiDAR Data Processing, Project 811G
- Contracted with The Great Basin Institute for Desert Tortoise Pre-Translocation Surveys of Stump Springs, Project 803C
- Contracted with Red Rock Canyon Interpretive Association for Mojave Max Pilot Program in Clark County High Schools, Project 1430F
- Contracted with United States Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) for Pet Tortoise Sterilization Workshop, Project 719U
- Contracted with Oquendo Center for Pet Tortoise Sterilization Workshop Classroom and Equipment, Project 719V
- Contracted with Nevada Natural Heritage Program for GIS Species Data Acquisition, Project 801G
- Contracted with Heron Ecological for Statistical Analysis on Vegetation Covariates, Project 801H
- Contracted with the Las Vegas Review Journal for Advertisement of Mojave Max Emergence Contest, Project 1430K
- Contracted with Radioactive Productions for Animated Mojave Max Video to be played at the Red Rock Canyon Visitor's Center, Project 1430J
- Advertised a Request For Proposals (RFP) for Desert Tortoise Occupancy Sampling Crews
- Advertised an RFP for Vegetation Data for Desert Tortoise Occupancy Covariate Monitoring

**Project Management**

The Program currently shows an approximate dashboard of:

Project Status	# of Projects
Green	25
Yellow	2
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 35 invoices: 34 accepted (97%), 1 rejected (3%).
- Submitted documents for the 2015-17 Implementation Plan and Budget, awaiting Board of County Commissioners (BCC) approval.
- 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.
- Continued wait for the desert tortoise specialty license plate application to make it to the top 5 (currently 7th on Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) waiting list).
- Received Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Executive Committee approval for two Round 14 proposals totaling \$473,150.00. Approved by the Secretary of Interior. Implementation Agreements have been received from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) contracting office, awaiting BCC approval to execute the agreements.
- Closed out one Round 6 and one Round 8 SNPLMA projects and remaining funds have been de-obligated.
- Received reimbursement for SNPLMA projects: R8: 1 draw down (\$72,500.00).

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

- Received 2014 Nevada Natural Heritage Program Sensitive Species database for Clark County.
- Provided City of Mesquite with Tortoise Habitat Modeling GIS dataset.
- Provided City of Mesquite with vegetation GIS dataset.
- Provided USFWS GIS datasets that included: tortoise fencing, grazing allotments, BLM law enforcement areas and properties purchased by the Desert Conservation Program (DCP).



- Provided USFWS GIS datasets of Boulder City Conservation Easement (BCCE) restoration and trash clean up areas.
- Provided USFWS GIS dataset of solar projects on private lands in Clark County.
- Provided Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) GIS datasets and final report of BLM's Rare Plants.
- Provided NDOT GIS datasets of the BCCE boundary.
- Provided comment letter to USFWS on Critical Habitat Designation of the Yellow-Billed Cuckoo.
- Reviewed BLM RISE Festival Environmental Assessment (EA).

### **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/1yHUIvS>

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

- BCCE management activities for the quarter can be viewed on this webpage:  
<http://bit.ly/1sW2fnO>

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

- There were nine calls logged during this reporting period.
- Four desert tortoises were picked up from the Copper Mountain Solar construction site on the BCCE and translocated to another area within the BCCE east of the pick-up site.
- Currently only wild tortoises from construction sites are being picked up.

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

- **Mojave Max Education Program**
  - Continued contract with Red Rock Canyon Interpretive Association and continued education programs.

### **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)**

- Helped USFWS and San Diego Zoo with tortoise translocations to the BCCE and Eldorado Valley on 9/12/2014, 9/19/2014, and 9/26/2014.
- Worked with United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to begin developing a landform layer for the BCCE.
- Attended the Tortoise Sterilization workshop on 8/28/2014.
- Attended the Southern Nevada Cooperative Weed Management Area Interagency meeting on 8/25/2014.
- Held the 2014 Annual Progress review Symposium on 08/21/2014.
- Reviewed and finalized the BCCE Translocation Plan.
- Attended the Southern Nevada Restoration Teams restoration forum on 7/24/2014.

### **Permit Amendment**

- Prepared a memorandum outlining the process for addressing the withdrawal by the City of Mesquite from the Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP).
- Prepared a status update memorandum and proposed schedule for submittal to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to support re-initiation of efforts to amend the MSHCP.
- Began discussions with regulatory agencies and species experts regarding the review and/or revision of species proposed for coverage under the MSHCP Amendment.
- Updates to draft MSHCP Amendment chapters were begun this quarter and are ongoing.

**CLARK COUNTY DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM  
SUMMARY  
2013-2015 BIENNIUM**

**Section 10**

**Required to spend: \$8,404,941.00**

S10 Administrative Expenditures	\$1,651,617.64		
S10 Conservation Project Expenditures	\$512,682.66		
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<b>Amount Spent:</b>	\$2,164,300.30	<b>% Spent:</b>	25.75%
<b>Amount Remaining:</b>	\$6,240,640.70	<b>% Remaining:</b>	74.25%

**SNPLMA**

**Allocated to spend: \$0.00**

SNPLMA Administrative Expenditures	\$17,986.74		
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<b>Amount Spent:</b>	\$17,986.74	<b>% Spent:</b>	0.00%
<b>Amount Remaining:</b>	(\$17,986.74)	<b>% Remaining:</b>	100.00%

**DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM GRAND TOTALS**

**TOTAL FUNDING: \$8,404,941.00**

**TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT: \$2,182,287.04**

**TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING: \$6,222,653.96**

**% SPENT: 25.96%**

**% REMAINING: 74.04%**



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

**Section 10**

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

S10 Administrative Expenditures	\$3,450,517.77
S10 Conservation Project Expenditures	\$499,357.31

<b>Amount Spent:</b>	\$3,949,875.08	<b>% Spent:</b>	39.37%
<b>Amount Remaining:</b>	\$6,083,627.42	<b>% Remaining:</b>	60.63%

**SNPLMA**

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

SNPLMA Administrative Expenditures	\$5,000.00
SNPLMA Conservation Project Expenditures	\$83,138.50

<b>Amount Spent:</b>	\$88,138.50	<b>% Spent:</b>	95.80%
<b>Amount Remaining:</b>	\$3,861.50	<b>% Remaining:</b>	4.20%

**DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM GRAND TOTALS**

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

**TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT: \$4,038,013.58**

**TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING: \$6,087,488.92**

**% SPENT: 39.88%**

**% REMAINING: 60.12%**

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

**Section 10**

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

S10 Administrative Expenditures	\$2,619,289.42
S10 Conservation Project Expenditures	\$2,343,091.37

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<b>Amount Spent:</b>	\$4,962,380.79	<b>% Spent:</b>	69.12%
<b>Amount Remaining:</b>	\$2,217,446.21	<b>% Remaining:</b>	30.88%

**DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM GRAND TOTALS**

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

**TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT: \$4,962,380.79**

**% SPENT: 69.12%**

**TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING: \$2,217,446.21**

**% REMAINING: 30.88%**



**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	\$3,007,631.23		
S10 Conservation Project Expenditures	\$1,910,788.65		
Section 10 Refunds	\$39,701.70		
<b>Amount Spent:</b>	\$4,958,121.58	<b>% Spent:</b>	110.18%
<b>Amount Remaining:</b>	(\$458,121.58)	<b>% Remaining:</b>	-10.18%

**SNPLMA**

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

SNPLMA Administrative Expenditures	\$1,239,834.62		
SNPLMA Conservation Project Expenditures	\$1,182,656.76		
<b>Amount Spent:</b>	\$2,422,491.38	<b>% Spent:</b>	57.17%
<b>Amount Remaining:</b>	\$1,814,995.62	<b>% Remaining:</b>	42.83%

**DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM GRAND TOTALS**

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

**TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT: \$7,391,082.00**

**TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING: \$1,346,405.00**

**% SPENT: 84.59%**

**% REMAINING: 15.41%**



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

10/15/2014

	CC-Civil	CC-Dev Svcs	Boulder City	Henderson	Las Vegas	Mesquite	NDOT	NLV	Yr Totals
<b>2001 Acres</b>	152.70	3,171.52	36.18	1,030.84	1,064.33	89.49	6.85	740.55	6,292.46
<b>2001 Exempt</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>2001 Fees</b>	\$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
<b>2002 Acres</b>	251.95	3,296.95	19.68	1,299.75	1,848.38	162.51	11.40	1,584.96	8,475.58
<b>2002 Exempt</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>2002 Fees</b>	\$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
<b>2003 Acres</b>	382.62	3,374.55	17.63	1,391.89	1,492.50	364.17	4.12	2,105.20	9,132.68
<b>2003 Exempt</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.94	0.00	0.00	2.75	11.69
<b>2003 Fees</b>	\$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
<b>2004 Acres</b>	412.01	4,062.93	9.81	1,856.55	1,621.89	518.21	0.00	2,039.21	10,520.61
<b>2004 Exempt</b>	0.00	0.00	1,644.95	0.00	110.97	13.41	0.00	8.28	1,777.61
<b>2004 Fees</b>	\$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
<b>2005 Acres</b>	243.27	4,339.36	12.36	1,995.51	1,175.01	408.62	46.80	1,498.52	9,719.45
<b>2005 Exempt</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13.65	0.00	0.00	13.65
<b>2005 Fees</b>	\$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
<b>2006 Acres</b>	105.41	3,365.42	530.50	3,831.64	1,157.47	1,244.43	0.00	739.65	10,974.52
<b>2006 Exempt</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	71.26	37.34	0.00	0.00	108.60
<b>2006 Fees</b>	\$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
<b>2007 Acres</b>	107.63	2,275.45	32.11	798.60	664.51	395.72	0.00	435.20	4,709.22
<b>2007 Exempt</b>	0.00	115.84	0.00	89.77	2.16	27.93	0.00	0.00	235.70
<b>2007 Fees</b>	\$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
<b>2008 Acres</b>	27.75	949.71	34.10	847.39	218.83	148.26	0.00	390.10	2,616.14
<b>2008 Exempt</b>	0.00	193.66	0.00	19.30	23.75	41.19	0.00	0.00	277.90
<b>2008 Fees</b>	\$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
<b>2009 Acres</b>	5.64	173.33	419.54	57.81	72.53	28.82	43.70	17.85	819.22
<b>2009 Exempt</b>	0.00	18.50	28.23	41.19	0.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	88.62
<b>2009 Fees</b>	\$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
<b>2010 Acres</b>	1.02	397.06	0.00	84.42	46.82	1.85	0.00	101.31	632.48
<b>2010 Fees</b>	\$561.00	\$218,383.00	\$0.00	\$46,431.00	\$25,751.00	\$1,017.50	\$0.00	\$55,720.00	\$347,863.50
<b>2011 Acres</b>	9.09	381.99	726.41	82.55	64.27	83.83	45.00	340.66	1,733.80
<b>2011 Fees</b>	\$4,999.50	\$210,044.50	\$399,525.50	\$45,402.50	\$35,348.50	\$46,106.50	\$24,750.00	\$187,363.00	\$953,540.00
<b>2012 Acres</b>	2.89	684.21	0.00	453.92	85.77	0.00	0.00	111.06	1,337.85
<b>2012 Fees</b>	\$1,589.50	\$376,315.50	\$0.00	\$249,656.00	\$47,173.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$61,083.00	\$735,817.50
<b>2013 Acres</b>	0.00	404.22	1,301.06	277.16	122.53	5.50	0.00	306.80	2,417.27
<b>2013 Fees</b>	\$0.00	\$222,321.00	\$715,583.00	\$152,438.00	\$67,391.50	\$3,025.00	\$0.00	\$168,740.00	\$1,329,498.50
<b>2014 Acres</b>	0.89	3,582.97	381.13	468.80	188.32	1.40	30.00	107.69	4,761.20
<b>2014 Fees</b>	\$489.50	\$1,970,633.50	\$209,621.50	\$257,840.00	\$103,576.00	\$770.00	\$16,500.00	\$59,229.50	\$2,618,660.00
<b>Total acres disturbed to date=</b>			<b>74,142.48</b>						
<b>Total fee Exempt acres disturbed to date (reconciled)=</b>			<b>2,513.77</b>	<b>**</b>					
<b>Total fees collected to date=</b>			<b>\$40,307,470.59</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>74,142.48</b>			
<b>Less number of fee exempt acres under current permit **</b>						<b>15,000.00</b>	<b>**</b>		
<b>Number of disturbable acres remaining under current permit</b>						<b>55,857.52</b>			

**\*\* Note: Clark County Department of Internal Audit has conducted an audit of the exempt acreage in January of 2010 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.**

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