

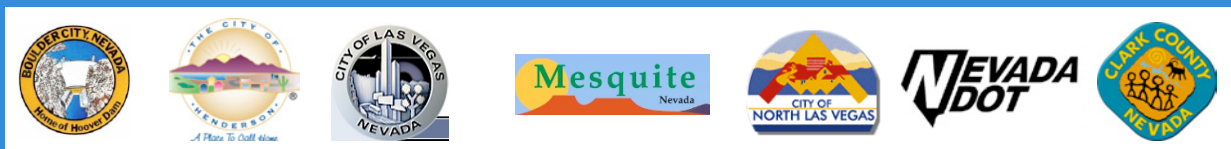


desert conservation PROGRAM

respect, protect and enjoy our desert!

Quarterly Administrator Update

October through December 2014





**Desert Conservation Program
Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan
Quarterly Administrator Update
January 2015**

Contract & Interlocal Agreement Management

- Contracted with the Great Basin Institute for Desert Tortoise Telemetry, Project 1450B
- Contracted with Doug Nance for Muddy River Property Maintenance, Project 1445A
- Amended the Interlocal Agreement with the Nevada Division of Forestry (NDF) to allow for repair of fencing that was heavily damaged due to flooding in Clark County, Project 804A
- Contracted with the Great Basin Institute for Desert Tortoise Monitoring, Project 1451A
- Contracted with Stanley Consultants, Inc. for Boundary Surveys for Virgin and Muddy River Properties, Project 917BB
- Contracted with Knight and Leavitt Associates for a Cultural Resource Records Search in the Muddy River Area, Project 915H
- Contracted with NDF for Emergency Repairs and Pipe Installation at the Muddy River, Project 805AB
- Contracted with L.J. McCormick Enterprises for an Emergency Irrigation Ditch Repair at the Muddy River, Project 915J

Project Management

The Program currently shows an approximate dashboard of:

Project Status	# of Projects
Green	26
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 - 57 invoices: 54 accepted (95%), 3 rejected (5%).



- Submitted Fiscal Year (FY) 14 Actuals and FY15 Estimated Expenditures to the Budget Office to begin the current year budget development process.
- 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 (now 7th on Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) waiting list).
- The budget for the two Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Round 14 projects totaling \$473,150 were submitted and loaded in the County's financial system.
- Completed one Round 8 SNPLMA project, submitted the close out documentation and requested the remaining funds to be de-obligated.
- Received reimbursement for SNPLMA projects: Round 12 - 1 draw downs (\$3,480.00), Round 8 - 2 draw downs (\$8,963.95).

Document Reviews & External Agency Coordination

- Provided GIS data to United States Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) (Clark County non-federal solar areas).
- Provided GIS data to Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) (Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Rare Plant Project).
- Provided GIS data and project information to USFWS (2009-USDA-Pollinator project).
- Provided Maps for Commissioner Collins' Town Hall Meeting on December 23, 2014.
- Provided maps of the BLM's Valley West Disposal boundaries to Clark County management.

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/1845KB3>



Boulder City Conservation Easement (BCCE)

- BCCE management activities for the quarter can be viewed on this webpage:
<http://bit.ly/1845BO4>

Wild Desert Tortoise Assistance Line

- There were six calls logged during this reporting period.
- No desert tortoises were picked up during this quarter. 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.
 - Selected Clark County schools where Mojave Max Assemblies would be held.
- **Advertising**
 - Contracted with Pinpoint Publications for a “Please Stay on the Trail” advertising campaign.
- **Outreach**
 - Participated in an outreach event for Trails Day at Craig Ranch.
 - Participated in an open house at the Water Reclamation District.

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)

- Lead a group of nine conducting tortoise surveys around Nipton Road on 10/09/2014.
- Conducted tortoise telemetry on 10/16/2014, 10/21/2014 and 10/23/2014.
- Attended occupancy training class from 10/27/2014 – 10/31/2014.
- Attended a workshop to talk about the MSHCP and BLM's Resource Management Plan (RMP) with The Nature Conservancy (TNC) on 11/19/2014.
- Attended a permit amendment meeting with USFWS on 12/4/2014.



- Attended a Relict Leopard Frog Conservation Team meeting on 12/11/2014.
- Attended a Desert Tortoise Interagency Meeting on 12/16/2014
- Attended a meeting to develop desert tortoise training on 12/17/2014.
- Attended a Desert Tortoise Management Oversight Group Meeting on 12/18/2014.

Permit Amendment

- Continued discussions with regulatory agencies and species experts regarding the review and/or revision of species proposed for coverage under the MSHCP Amendment.
- Met with NDF to discuss development of a master permit that would authorize take of state-listed plants.
- Prepared Request for Proposal (RFP) materials for the procurement of an environmental consultant to complete the Environmental Impact Statement to support the MSHCP Amendment.
- Developed new impact layer to estimate take of covered species under the MSHCP Amendment.
- Met with USFWS to re-initiate MSHCP Amendment efforts.
- Met with NDOT to review their role as a permittee.
- Continued updates to draft MSHCP Amendment chapters.

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

Section 7

Allocated to spend: \$0.00

Section 7 Refunds	\$10,469.04		
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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	\$3,025,468.27		
S10 Conservation Project Expenditures	\$2,076,148.09		
Section 10 Refunds	\$39,701.70		
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Amount Spent:	\$5,141,318.06	% Spent:	114.25%
Amount Remaining:	(\$641,318.06)	% Remaining:	-14.25%

SNPLMA

Allocated to spend: \$4,237,487.00

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

DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM GRAND TOTALS

TOTAL FUNDING: \$8,737,487.00

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT: \$7,574,278.48

% SPENT: 86.69%

TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING: \$1,163,208.52

% REMAINING: 13.31%

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

Section 10

Required to spend: \$7,179,827.00

S10 Administrative Expenditures \$2,622,789.42

S10 Conservation Project Expenditures \$2,547,470.40

Amount Spent:	\$5,170,259.82	% Spent:	72.01%
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Amount Remaining:	\$2,009,567.18	% Remaining:	27.99%
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DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM GRAND TOTALS

TOTAL FUNDING: \$7,179,827.00

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT: \$5,170,259.82

% SPENT: 72.01%

TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING: \$2,009,567.18

% REMAINING: 27.99%

**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	\$516,625.46		
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Amount Spent:	\$3,967,143.23	% Spent:	39.54%
Amount Remaining:	\$6,066,359.27	% Remaining:	60.46%

SNPLMA

Allocated to spend: \$92,000.00

SNPLMA Administrative Expenditures	\$5,000.00		
SNPLMA Conservation Project Expenditures	\$86,618.50		
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Amount Spent:	\$91,618.50	% Spent:	99.59%
Amount Remaining:	\$381.50	% Remaining:	0.41%

DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM GRAND TOTALS

TOTAL FUNDING: \$10,125,502.50

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT: \$4,058,761.73

% SPENT: 40.08%

TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING: \$6,066,740.77

% REMAINING: 59.92%

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

Section 10

Required to spend: \$8,404,941.00

S10 Administrative Expenditures	\$2,024,445.12		
S10 Conservation Project Expenditures	\$640,147.48		
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Amount Spent:	\$2,664,592.60	% Spent:	31.70%
Amount Remaining:	\$5,740,348.40	% Remaining:	68.30%

SNPLMA

Allocated to spend: \$0.00

SNPLMA Administrative Expenditures	\$473.49		
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Amount Spent:	\$473.49	% Spent:	0.00%
Amount Remaining:	(\$473.49)	% Remaining:	100.00%

DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM GRAND TOTALS

TOTAL FUNDING: \$8,404,941.00

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT: \$2,665,066.09

% SPENT: 31.71%

TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING: \$5,739,874.91

% REMAINING: 68.29%

LAND DISTURBANCE - TORTOISE MITIGATION ACREAGE/FEE REPORT

1/20/2015

	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	\$99,382.00	\$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	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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	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	\$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	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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 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 Fees	\$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
2012 Acres	2.89	684.21	0.00	453.92	85.77	0.00	0.00	111.06	1,337.85
2012 Fees	\$1,589.50	\$376,315.50	\$0.00	\$249,656.00	\$47,173.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$61,083.00	\$735,817.50
2013 Acres	0.00	404.22	1,301.06	277.16	122.53	5.50	0.00	306.80	2,417.27
2013 Fees	\$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
2014 Acres	2.29	4,001.50	381.13	634.21	449.66	1.40	30.00	198.87	5,699.06
2014 Fees	\$1,259.50	\$2,200,825.00	\$209,621.50	\$348,815.50	\$247,313.00	\$770.00	\$16,500.00	\$109,378.50	\$3,134,483.00
2015 Acres	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	\$0.00
2015 Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total acres disturbed to date=			75,080.34						
Total fee Exempt acres disturbed to date (reconciled)=			2,513.77						
Total fees collected to date=			\$40,823,293.59						
**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 **									
145,000.00									
75,080.34									
15,000.00 **									

Number of disturbable acres remaining under current permit

54,919.66

** 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.