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Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan Overview and Progress

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Endangered Species Act of 1973

“...to provide a means whereby the ecosystems upon which endangered species and threatened species depend may be conserved [and] to provide a program for the conservation of such ... species...”

- **Section 10(a)(1)(B) - Habitat Conservation Plans & Incidental Take Permit**

- A plan prepared by non-federal parties wishing to obtain permits for incidental take of threatened and endangered species
- Describes the anticipated effects of proposed take and how these effects will be minimized and mitigated



The Desert Conservation Program serves as the Administrator of the Clark County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) and incidental take permit

Permittees:

- City of Las Vegas
- City of North Las Vegas
- City of Henderson
- City of Mesquite
- City of Boulder City
- Clark County
- Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT)





- 30-year permit effective February 2001 – February 2031
- Take cannot exceed 145,000 acres
- Covers all non-federal land in Clark County
- Covers 78 species
 - Threatened
 - Desert Tortoise
 - Yellow-billed cuckoo
 - Endangered
 - Southwestern Willow Flycatcher
 - Mt. Charleston blue butterfly
- Permittees collect a \$550 per acre disturbance fee to fund implementation
- Minimizes and mitigates the impacts of development by funding conservation actions; minimum required expenditure





Non-discretionary items:

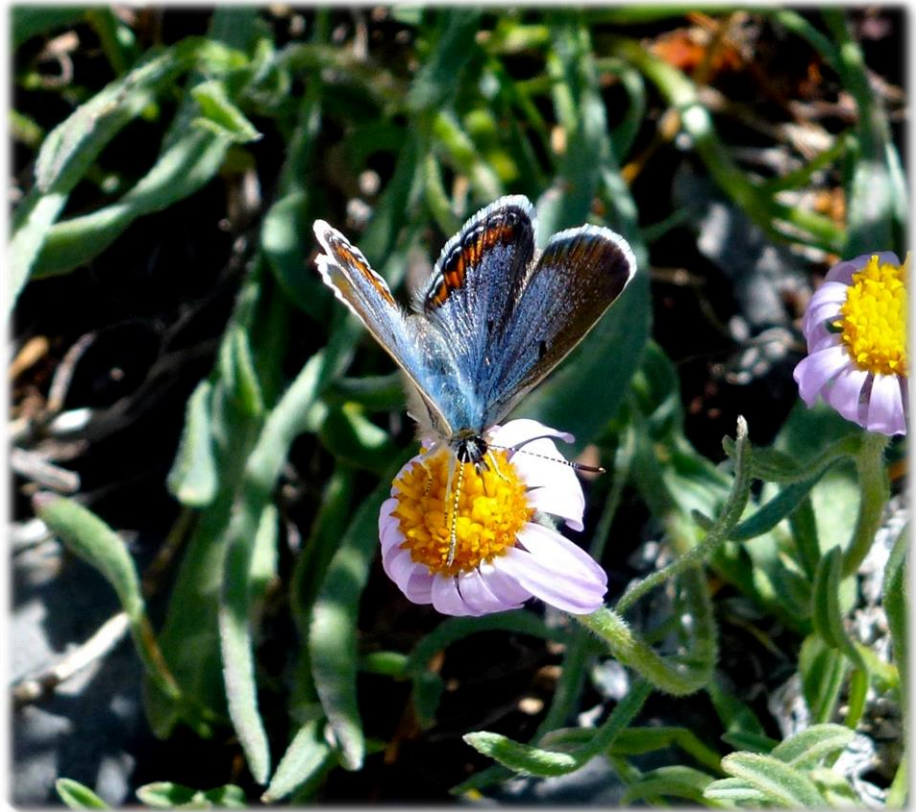
- BCCE
- Riparian property management
- Public information and education
- Tortoise fencing
- Wild Tortoise Assistance Line
- General administration





Discretionary:

- Research
- Inventory
- Monitoring
- Protective Measures
- Restoration and Enhancement
- Land Use Policies and Actions





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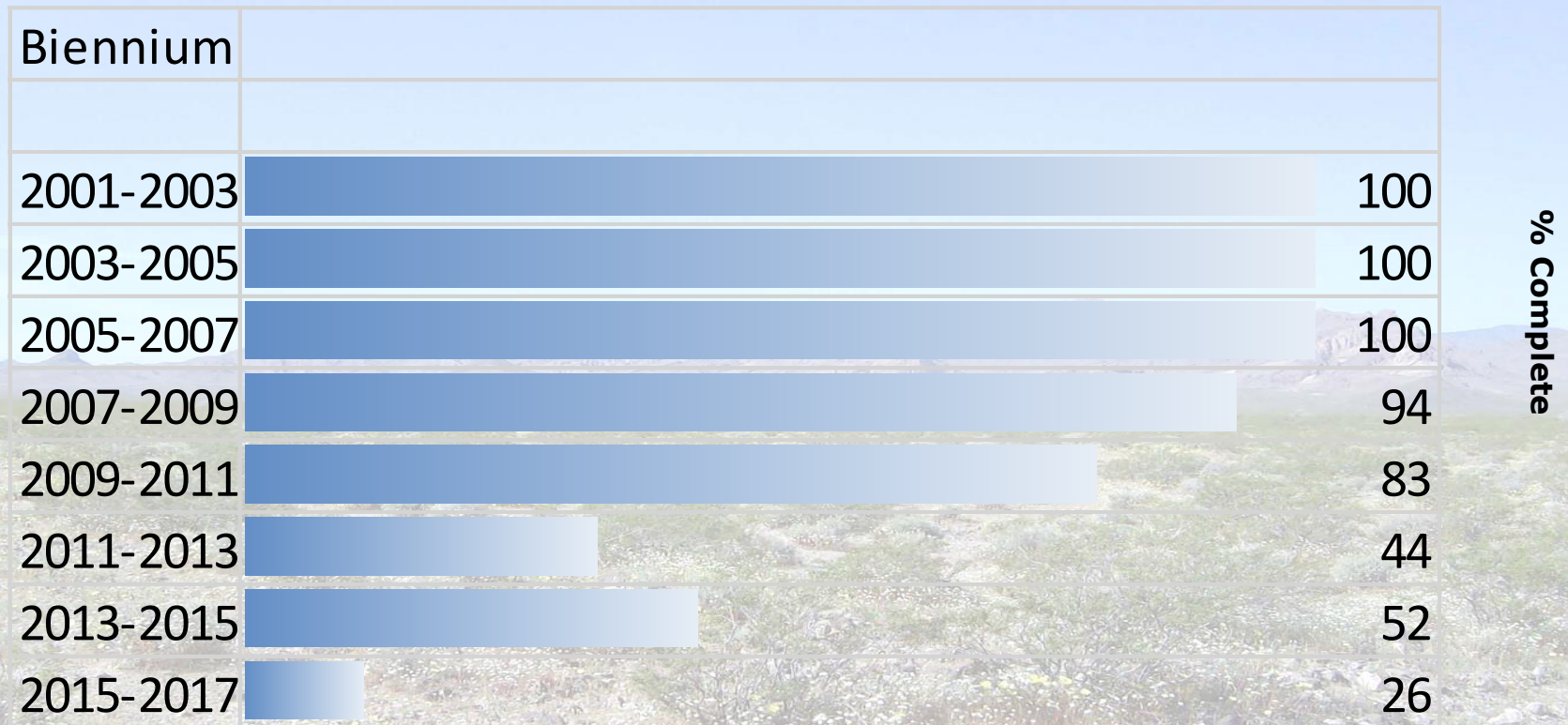
Implementation Plan & Budget (IPB)

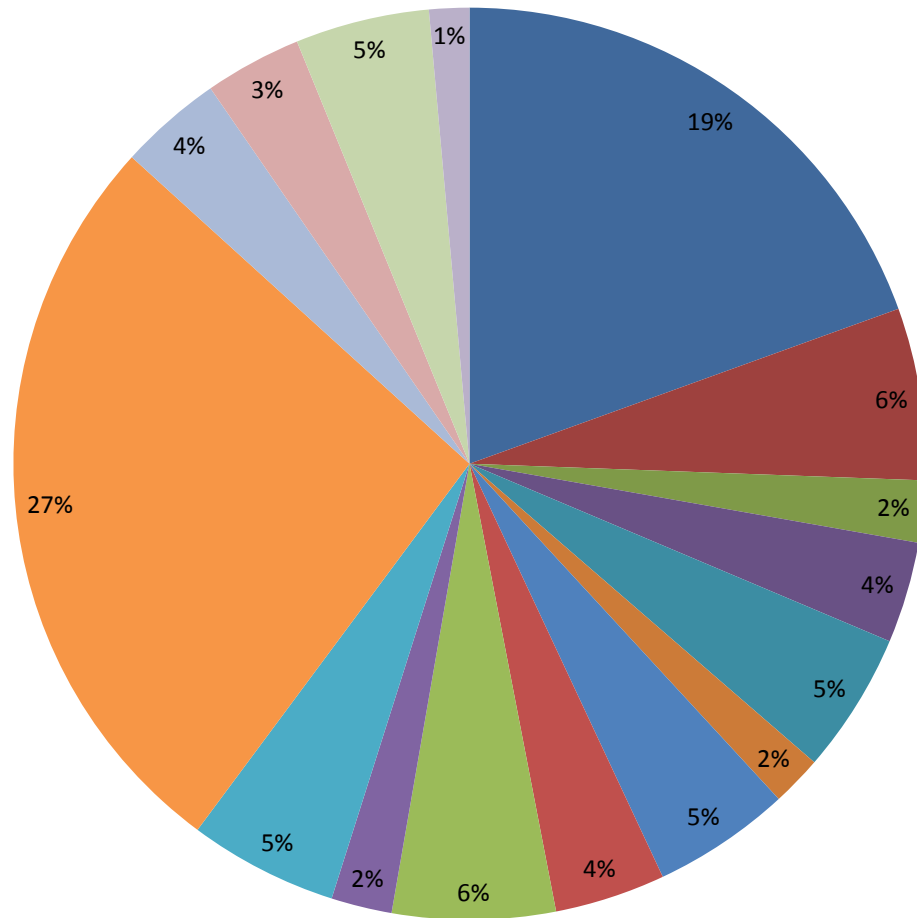
- Developed bi-annually (even numbered years)
- Identifies the mitigation actions to be funded each biennium
- Reviewed and recommended by:
 - Permittees
 - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
 - Science Advisor
 - Public Comment
- Approved by Clark County Board of County Commissioners



- Provides an update on the overall implementation of the MSHCP
- Provides updates on the progress of specific projects identified in Implementation Plans and Budgets





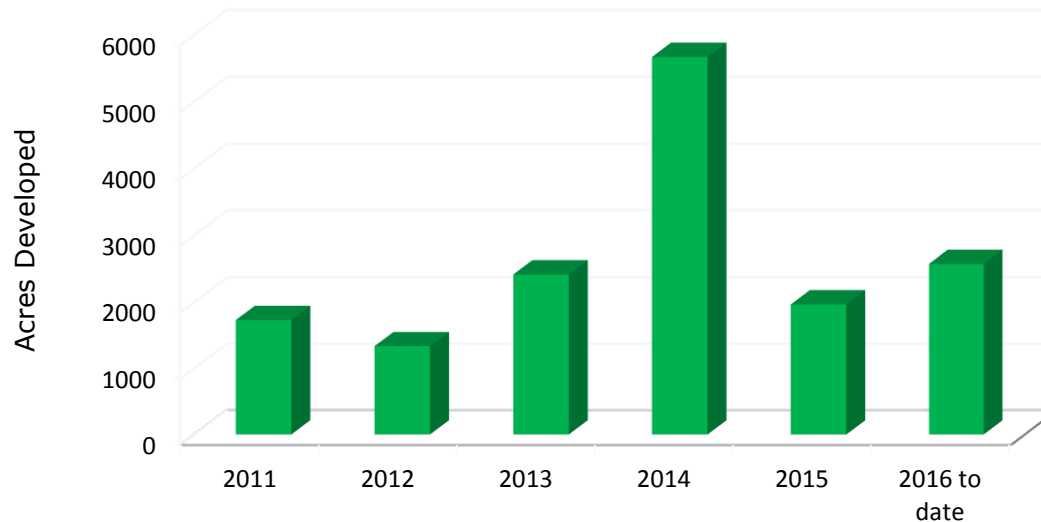


- Administration
- Permit Amendment
- Facilitation and Legal Representation
- Public Information and Education
- Purchasing of Property and Water Rights
- Management of Property and Water Rights
- Desert Tortoise Fencing
- Translocation of Desert Tortoises
- Law Enforcement
- Roads/OHV Activities
- Restoration/Rehabilitation

\$123 million from 2001 - Present



- 2015 – 1,969.72 acres disturbed; \$1.08 million
- 2016 to date – 2,574.31 acres; \$1.4 million
- 73,015.67* acres remain; \$43.7 million earned to date

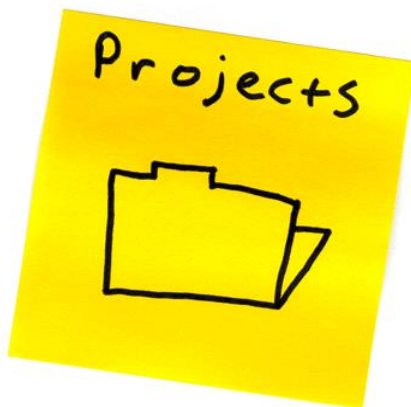


* Tule Springs amendment added 22,650 acres



Project and Contract Management

- July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016
 - 147 Milestones achieved
 - 256 invoices received
 - 223 deliverables received





Budget & Finance Oversight

- Drew down \$236,993.60 in SNPLMA funds
- Administered SNPLMA grant compliance
- Completed fiscal year close out
- Set up financial architecture for 17/19 biennium
- Continued work to convert the financial reporting database to SAP





Compliance Reporting

- Provided quarterly updates
- 2013-2015 Biennial Progress Report

2017-2019 Implementation Plan and Budget

- Currently in development
- Public comment opportunity





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Fencing

Desert Tortoise Fencing

- No new fencing or monitoring has occurred since our last symposium.



To learn more, please visit our website:

The screenshot shows the website's navigation and content. At the top, there's a breadcrumb trail: Clark County > Departments > Desert Conservation Program. A 'Quick Look-up' section has dropdown menus for 'I Want To...' and 'Most Popular'. A central banner for the 'Desert Conservation Program' features a tortoise image and a text block describing the program's role in managing endangered species. To the left is a vertical menu with links like 'Department Home', 'FAQ', 'Video Library', and 'Covered Species'. To the right, there are sections for 'Explore' (with links to 'Mojave Max!' and 'Records Request Form') and 'DCP Videos' (featuring a video thumbnail of Isabella Millington). At the bottom, an 'Announcements' section lists 'Now Hiring' and 'DCP 2015 Annual Progress Symposium'.

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Quick Look-up

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Isabella Millington and her first-grade class from...

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