



Date: December 6, 2018

TO: DISTRIBUTION

RE: DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM PROJECT COMPLETION NOTIFICATION:  
**AVIAN SURVEYS ON RIPARIAN PROPERTIES**  
**2017-SWCA-1730E**

The work for the above referenced project has been completed. Please see the attached for all project related information.

**The purpose of the above referenced project was:**

The purpose of this project is to establish a baseline record federally listed bird species and non-listed bird species currently present on the riparian reserve units. These records can be used to detect changes in species presence and distribution over time and to inform future management actions on the riparian reserve units.

**The major accomplishment or findings of this project include:**

Three rounds of avian point-count surveys were completed in the spring and summer of 2018 at 24 randomly selected locations throughout the recently acquired riparian parcels, as well as presence/absence surveys for both southwestern willow flycatcher and yellow-billed cuckoo. A total of 59 avian species were recorded through this project, including all eight bird species covered by the MSHCP: American peregrine falcon (*Falco peregrinus anatum*), Arizona Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii arizonae*), blue grosbeak (*Passerina caerulea*), phainopepla (*Phainopepla nitens*), southwestern willow flycatcher, summer tanager (*Piranga rubra*), vermilion flycatcher (*Pyrocephalus rubinus*), and yellow-billed cuckoo. The surveys also detected two evaluation species: loggerhead shrike (*Lanius ludovicianus*) and crissal thrasher (*Toxostoma crissale*).

For more information about this project and/or for other Project Reports or Symposium Reports, please visit our website at: <http://www.clarkcountynv.gov/airquality/dcp/Pages/default.aspx>

If you have any questions, please contact Caryn Wright at (702) 455-2972.

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Sincerely,



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Permittees' Process Management Group  
Thomas Boldt, Purchasing  
Catherine Jorgenson, District Attorney – Civil Division  
Desert Conservation Program Community Advisory Committee  
Desert Conservation Program Interested Parties List  
Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan Implementing Agencies  
Science Advisor  
SNPLMA Office (for SNPLMA projects)  
Congressional Office  
DCP Staff