



**Clark County Desert Conservation Program and
Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan
Plan Administrator Updates
October 1 – December 31, 2007**



Contract & Interlocal Agreement Management

- ✓ Awarded an Interlocal Agreement to National Park Service (NPS) for Adaptive Management of Information Gathering and Analysis projects, Project No. 609 A.
- ✓ Awarded a Memorandum of Agreement with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) for the Intake, Processing and Placement of Desert Tortoises, Project No. 719 J.
- ✓ Awarded an Interlocal Agreement to the U.S. Forest Service for Phase II of the Landscape Assessment, Project No. 196 A.
- ✓ Awarded a Contract to Partners in Conservation for the Development of Intensive Public Information and Education Program Targeting Pre-Teen & Teenage Off Highway Vehicle Users, Project No. 319.
- ✓ Awarded an Interlocal Agreement to the NPS for the Historical & Current Assessment of Six Covered and Three Evaluation Bird Species, Project No. 542.
- ✓ Awarded a Contract to Great Basin Bird Observatory for Developing Habitat Models and Monitoring Techniques for Nine Rare Birds, Project No. 581.
- ✓ Awarded an Interlocal Agreement to the U.S. Geological Survey for the Population Status & Reproductive Health Ecology of Western Burrowing Owl, Project No. 582.
- ✓ Processed 69 professional services and goods invoices during the quarter. Received 324 professional services and goods invoices for the year, 320 have been processed, and four are awaiting review and processing.

Project Management

- ✓ The Program currently shows an approximate dashboard of:

Project Status	# of Projects
	35
	7
	4

Four metrics are tracked: 1) budget, 2) schedule, 3) scope, and 4) quality. Green indicates that 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 current projects website at:

http://www.accessclarkcounty.com/Air_Quality/DCPActiveProjects/DCPActiveProjects.htm

Other Administrative Accomplishments

- ✓ Completed and closed out projects and agreements for Round 2 Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act funds.
- ✓ Implemented an automated contract and project tracking system with four modules live: Invoice Tracking, Contact Management, Data Entry, and Financial Tracking.

Adaptive Management Program

- ✓ Updating Habitat Loss by Ecosystem and Land Use Trend Reports.
- ✓ Held workshop between Plan Administrator, USFWS and Science Advisor to clarify expectations for a species status tracking system and an implementation tracking system as are required in the MSHCP. Also, reviewed various models for programmatic effectiveness monitoring scorecards.
- ✓ 2008 Adaptive Management Report will be delayed, notified the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
- ✓ **SAVE THE DATE - AUGUST 15, 2008 - MULTIPLE SPECIES HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN PROJECT PROGRESS REPORT SYMPOSIUM.**

Desert Tortoise Fencing

- ✓ Retro-fitted fencing along I-15 (from 93 turnoff going north) – Continued contracted work with Nevada Division of Forestry (NDF) to retrofit high priority roads with tortoise-proof mesh. As of January, 2008, NDF had completed a total of 175,300 feet of fencing (33 miles) under this agreement.

Public Information and Education

- ✓ Mojave Max Education Program – Initiated work under contract with the Red Rock Canyon Interpretative Association (RRCIA) to administer the Mojave Max Education Program. RRCIA revised and updated teacher education manual, volunteer manual, and assembly presentation. RRCIA implemented fall volunteer classroom program and hosted teacher's education workshop.
- ✓ Desert Conservation Week in Rural Northeastern Clark County – Completed Desert Conservation Week in rural northeastern Clark County project. Contractor, Partners in Conservation (PIC), developed and delivered a desert conservation teacher's guide to teachers of Moapa, Bunkerville, Logandale and Virgin Valley Elementary Schools and presented desert conservation education programs in the classrooms. PIC delivered program to 105 teachers and 2,200 students in the 4 rural elementary schools of northeast Clark County.
- ✓ OHV Video Project – Initiated new contract with PIC for the development and production of two videos targeting teen and pre-teen OHV use. Videos will use teen and pre-teen talent to better inform those target audiences. Videos will highlight responsible use and the Respect, Protect and Enjoy our Desert theme.
- ✓ Media and Outreach Projects – Developed project report, detailed budget and eight sub-projects: pet tortoise media project, conservation calendar support, "Respect, Protect, and Enjoy" media campaign, video updates, Mojave Max media campaign, products, Mojave Max appearances, and outreach. Initiated three sub-projects.

Desert Tortoise Conservation Center

- ✓ In February 2006, the Board established the Clark County Desert Conservation Program Advisory Committee (DCP-AC) and in May and July 2006 the Board appointed a total of 11 members representing various stakeholders. The DCP-AC's Charter and Operating Guidelines were adopted by the Board on May 16, 2006 and charged the committee with advising staff on major policy issues. The Committee visited the Desert Tortoise Conservation Center and made the following recommendation:

"The County and permittees should investigate current arrangements with the Desert Tortoise Conservation Center and consider alternative strategies for the translocation program. The responsibilities of the

Bureau of Land Management, US Fish and Wildlife Service and County are unclear and largely undocumented.”

- ✓ Completed and awarded a Memorandum of Agreement with the USFWS. This Memorandum of Agreement establishes the US Fish and Wildlife Service is responsible for the intake, processing, placement and disposal of tortoises delivered to the Center and is an important first step in clarifying and documenting roles and responsibilities.

Desert Tortoise Hotline and Pick-Up Service

- ✓ Operating the desert tortoise hotline and pick-up service with staff.
- ✓ Unwanted pet tortoise population continues to be a significant challenge. Approximately 1200 tortoises are taken to the DTCC each year, or 2400 per biennium. Given recent data provided by the Program's former consultant, less than 100 tortoises that enter the DTCC per biennium are known, wild tortoises. The majority of wild tortoises that enter the facility come from Section 10 and Section 7 clearances, and less than 50 wild tortoises are brought in through the pick-up service each biennium. Staff plans to initiate a task force to develop recommendations on how to collect, care for and place unwanted, pet desert tortoises during the first quarter of 2008. Additional notice of meetings and opportunities for participation will follow.

Changed Circumstance – Intensively Managed/Less Intensively Managed Lands Analysis

- ✓ Held a public meeting on the draft final Management Change Analysis Report and took public comments.
- ✓ Prepared minutes and distributed to the Interested Parties Mailing List.
- ✓ Took another look at land management categories at the very southern tip of Clark County in the Laughlin Area, associated with Big Bend State Park and the Fort Mojave Lands area to ensure accuracy.

Supplemental Airport Environmental Impact Statement Process

- ✓ Participated in an Ivanpah Drainage Summit and provided comments on proposed drainage plan.

Desert Tortoise Recovery Plan

- ✓ Submitted comments on the revised Desert Tortoise Recovery Plan.

Plan Amendment

- ✓ Permittees reviewed existing Interlocal Agreements pertaining to their roles and responsibilities and moved to amend, update and consolidate in to one new Interlocal Agreement.

2005-2007 Biennium Progress Report

- ✓ Delayed until Spring 2008.

Land Disturbance and Mitigation Fees Report

- ✓ See attached.
- ✓ Received and reconciled monthly land disturbance and mitigation fee reports from permittee entities, with the exception of Boulder City. Boulder City experienced staffing transitions during this quarter, but is expected to submit reports as soon as possible.
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Financial Report

- ✓ See attached.
- ✓ Awaiting reimbursements from Round 4 SNPLMA projects totaling \$167,254.10.

- ✓ Awaiting reimbursement from Round 6 SNPLMA projects totaling \$588,337.59

Staff

- ✓ Please congratulate Ann Magliere on her promotion to Administrative Specialist.
- ✓ Please welcome Jessica Clay to the DCP staff in her position as Sr. Financial Office Specialist.
- ✓ Please welcome John Brekke to the DCP as a Management Analyst – Project Manager.
- ✓ Please welcome John Tennert to the DCP in his position as Sr. Management Analyst – Permit Amendment and Compliance.

LAND DISTURBANCE - TORTOISE MITIGATION ACREAGE/FEES REPORT

1/10/2008

	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	3,385.20	17.63	1,391.89	1,492.50	364.17	4.12	2,105.20	9,143.33
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	\$1,861,259.45	\$8,944.50	\$774,022.15	\$710,889.83	\$171,940.68	\$2,266.00	\$1,157,870.50	\$4,896,835.86
2004 Acres	412.01	4,070.33	9.81	1,856.55	1,621.89	518.21	0.00	2,039.21	10,528.01
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	\$2,243,331.90	\$5,381.50	\$1,005,598.05	\$891,828.23	\$265,492.00	\$0.00	\$1,121,631.05	\$5,758,428.04
2005 Acres	243.27	4,360.17	12.36	1,995.51	1,176.01	412.33	8.50	1,498.52	9,706.67
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	\$2,403,459.50	\$6,798.50	\$959,898.90	\$636,569.43	\$198,824.62	\$4,427.50	\$824,191.50	\$5,162,062.01
2006 Acres	105.41	3,388.63	530.50	3,831.64	1,157.47	1,244.43	0.00	739.65	10,997.73
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	\$1,863,782.18	\$291,643.50	\$2,092,211.09	\$636,955.65	\$680,664.35	\$0.00	\$406,807.00	\$6,027,034.22
2007 Acres	107.63	2,275.64	32.11	798.77	665.01	395.72	0.00	435.20	4,710.08
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	\$1,251,602.00	\$17,661.00	\$439,141.45	\$365,770.08	\$191,207.00	\$0.00	\$219,627.65	\$2,543,382.98
2008 Acres	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2008 Exempt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2008 Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total acres disturbed to date=			59,853.86						
Total fee Exempt acres disturbed to date (audited)=			2,133.60	**					
Total fees collected to date=			\$32,447,106.21						
**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						145,000.00			
Less number of acres reported for which fees have been paid under current permit						59,853.86			
Less number of fee exempt acres under current permit **						15,000.00	**		
Number of disturbable acres remaining under current permit **						70,146.14	**		
** Note: We are currently conducting an audit of the exempt acreage and as a result, fee exempt acres is subject to change. Amount shown (15,000) is the maximum number of fee exempt acres allowed under the current permit.									

**CLARK COUNTY DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM
SUMMARY
2005-2007 BIENNIUM**

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SECTION 10

REQUIRED TO SPEND:

\$ 3,817,775.00

COMMENTS

TOTAL SECTION 10 CONSERVATION PROJECT EXPENDITURES YTD

TOTAL SECTION 10 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES YTD

TOTAL SECTION 10 OTHER PROGRAM EXPENDITURES YTD

TOTAL SECTION 10 REFUNDS

\$ 2,653,470.99

\$ 1,373,426.27

\$ 123,944.99

\$ 20,545.50

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT

\$ 4,171,387.75 TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING \$ (353,612.75)

% SPENT

109.26%

% AMOUNT REMAINING

-9.26%

SNPLMA REIMBURSEMENT FROM ROUND 6 IS

\$ 1,647,075.52 AMOUNT REMAINING AFTER REIMBURSEMENT= \$ 1,293,462.77

SECTION 7

ALLOCATED TO SPEND:

\$ 2,952,883.50

TOTAL SECTION 7 CONSERVATION PROJECT EXPENDITURES YTD

TOTAL SECTION 7 OTHER PROGRAM EXPENDITURES YTD

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT

\$ 2,609,688.61 TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING \$ 343,194.89

% SPENT

88.38%

% AMOUNT REMAINING

11.62%

SNPLMA ROUND 6

ALLOCATED TO SPEND:

\$ 30,706,816.00

TOTAL SNPLMA CONSERVATION PROJECT EXPENDITURES YTD

TOTAL SNPLMA ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES YTD

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT

\$ 907,208.64 TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING \$ 29,799,607.36

% SPENT

2.95%

% AMOUNT REMAINING

97.05%

DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM GRAND TOTALS

TOTAL FUNDING: \$ 37,477,474.50

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT \$ 7,688,285.00

TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING \$ 29,789,189.50

%SPENT

20.51%

% AMOUNT REMAINING

79.49%

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

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SECTION 10

REQUIRED TO SPEND:

\$ 4,500,000.00

COMMENTS

TOTAL SECTION 10 CONSERVATION PROJECT EXPENDITURES YTD
 TOTAL SECTION 10 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES YTD
 TOTAL SECTION 10 OTHER PROGRAM EXPENDITURES YTD
 TOTAL SECTION 10 REFUNDS

\$ 46,120.00
 \$ 690,511.94
 \$ 41,528.04
 \$ 17,323.50

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT

\$ 795,481.48 **TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING \$ 3,704,518.52**

% SPENT

17.88% **% AMOUNT REMAINING 82.32%**

SNPLMA REIMBURSEMENT FROM ROUND 8 IS

\$ - **AMOUNT REMAINING AFTER REIMBURSEMENT= \$ 3,704,518.52**

SNPLMA ROUND 8

ALLOCATED TO SPEND:

\$ 4,317,301.00 PENDING SNPLMA APPROVAL

TOTAL SNPLMA CONSERVATION PROJECT EXPENDITURES YTD

\$ -

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT

\$ - **TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING \$ 4,317,301.00**

% SPENT

0.00% **% AMOUNT REMAINING 100.00%**

DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM GRAND TOTALS

TOTAL FUNDING: \$ 8,817,301.00

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT

\$ 795,481.48 **TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING \$ 8,021,819.52**

%SPENT

9.02% **% AMOUNT REMAINING 90.98%**