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## Quarterly Administrator Update

April - June 2009

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## Desert Conservation Program Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan Quarterly Administrator Update

July 2009

### Contract & Interlocal Agreement Management

- Awarded an Interlocal Agreement to Nevada Department of Wildlife for Peregrine Falcon Monitoring in Clark County, Project No. 549.
- Awarded an Interlocal Agreement to Nevada Department of Wildlife for Peregrine Falcon Modeling in Clark County, Project No. 609E
- Awarded an Interlocal Agreement to the City of Boulder City for Boulder City Conservation Easement Law Enforcement, Project No. 802A
- Awarded an Interlocal Agreement to the Nevada Natural Heritage Program for Sensitive Species Data Management, Project No. 557.

### Invoice Metrics:

	Invoices Processed This Quarter (April 1-June 30)	Biennial Total (July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2007)
Received	108	729
Accepted	83	684
Rejected	15	45

### Project Management

The Program currently shows an approximate dashboard of:

Project Status	# of Projects
Green	45
Yellow	7
Red	2

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.accessclarkcounty.com/depts/daqem/epd/dcp/Pages/dcpactiveprojects.aspx>



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### **Other Operational Accomplishments**

- Completed 56 banking transactions.
- Completed Round 6 drawdowns. Total to date \$9,884,298.
- Completed Round 8 drawdowns. Total to date \$232,980.
- Completed de-obligation of 14 Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act projects.
- Provided support to Clark County Public Works on environmental compliance regarding burrowing owls.
- Provided map/document review for proposed North Las Vegas drainage easement.
- Provided map/document review and public meeting support for the Enterprise Land Use Plan Update Open House.
- Provided map/document review and public meeting support for the Searchlight Trails Study.
- Provided map/document review for Goodsprings and Moapa Trails Study.
- Provided map/document review for Searchlight Wind Energy Study.
- Provided map support for town boundary analysis.
- Provided map/document review for the U.S. Forest Service Kyle Canyon Complex Environmental Impact Statement and attended meeting.
- Provided MSHCP GIS Data to Natural Resource Group, Inc.

### **Boulder City Conservation Easement**

#### Patrol Statistics:

- 364 hours of patrol time
- Contacted 305 members of the public visiting easement
- Provided 189 brochures with map
- Provided 25 other Desert Conservation Program handouts
- Issued two (2) citations for violations
- Issued 22 warnings for minor violations
- Assisted other law enforcement agencies 12 times
- Installed 84 new signs
- Reinstalled seven (7) vandalized or removed signs
- Cleaned up 1 "dump" site
- Cleaned up 1 "party" site



### Desert Tortoise Hotline and Pick-up Service

Category	No. of Animals
Non-desert tortoise	33
Surrendered domestic desert tortoise	169
Stray domestic desert tortoise	102
Unknown origin desert tortoise	68
Wild desert tortoise	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>385</b>

### Public Information and Education

- Announced the winner of the 2009 Mojave Max Emergence Contest and provided the winner and his class a field trip to Red Spring at Red Rock.
- Produced "Mojave Max Yearbook, the First Decade 2000-2009" acknowledging accomplishments of the first ten years of the program.
- Continued "Stay on the Trails" print advertisement campaign published in BLVDS magazine.
- Developed two display signs for outreach and public display.
- The recently produced video "Respect the Ride" was awarded a Pacific Southwest Regional Emmy Award in the Children's Program category. This video was produced under contract with Partners In Conservation and features a young, all-terrain vehicle racer, David Kelley, along with his mother and father, telling their story of how he became a national champion on closed courses, as well as a safe rider who is respectful of the environment when he's traveling on designated roads and trails throughout the Mojave Desert. Please view this video online at:  
[http://www.accessclarkcounty.com/depts/public\\_communications/Pages/video\\_library.aspx](http://www.accessclarkcounty.com/depts/public_communications/Pages/video_library.aspx)

### Desert Tortoise Fencing

- Continued contracted work with Nevada Division of Forestry (NDF) to retrofit high priority roads with tortoise-proof mesh. As of July 2009, NDF had completed a total of 53 miles along I-15 (from 93 turnoff going north) under this contract. Project is expected to be completed by March 2010.
- Completed monitoring and maintenance (by walking entire fence line) of all tortoise-proof fencing in the Boulder City Conservation Easement. Found and repaired more than 300 gaps or deficiencies in the fencing.



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- Continued discussions and development of scope of work for fencing Project No. 737 to provide Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) funding to monitor and maintain 385 miles of tortoise-proof fencing along NDOT right-of-ways in Clark County.

### **Land Disturbance & Mitigation Fees**

- See attached land disturbance and mitigation fee quarterly report.

### **Adaptive Management Program**

- Posted a competitive Request for Proposals for the next term of an independent Science Advisor contractor (2009-2012).
- Posted a new page for Permit Amendment updates:  
[http://www.accessclarkcounty.com/depts/daqem/epd/dcp/pages/dcp\\_info.aspx](http://www.accessclarkcounty.com/depts/daqem/epd/dcp/pages/dcp_info.aspx)
- Launched a full-text search engine for DCP's digital document collection.
- Announced the 2009 MSHCP Annual Project Progress Report Symposium. To be held August 11-12 at the U.S. Geological Survey offices in Henderson. See latest information on this webpage:  
[http://www.accessclarkcounty.com/depts/daqem/epd/dcp/pages/dcp\\_meet.aspx](http://www.accessclarkcounty.com/depts/daqem/epd/dcp/pages/dcp_meet.aspx)

### **Permit Amendment**

- Continued working with PBS&J to complete a review of the covered species and draft species and ecosystem accounts
- Continue to meet with Permittees monthly to review operational status and continue permit amendment process; Permittees are currently reviewing covered activities and implementation structure
- Continue to meet with FWS monthly regarding permit amendment. NEPA scoping notice is currently pending review and publication in the Federal Register; finalized a Point of Tentative Agreement regarding mitigation credit for statewide OHV registration program seed money
- Anticipate NEPA scoping meetings to take place late August/early September; meetings will be held in Moapa, Searchlight and Las Vegas (2)
- Continued Community Advisory Committee meetings
- Participated in editorial board briefings with the Las Vegas Review-Journal and Las Vegas Sun in advance of publication of a Notice of Intent to Conduct Scoping



LAND DISTURBANCE - TORTOISE MITIGATION ACREAGE/FEEES REPORT

7/13/2009

	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	3,374.55	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	8.94	0.00	0.00	2.75	11.69
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	1,644.95	0.00	110.97	13.41	0.00	8.28	1,777.61
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	13.65	0.00	0.00	13.65
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	71.26	37.34	0.00	0.00	108.60
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	0.83	128.01	28.23	42.60	39.48	28.82	0.00	15.51	283.48
2009 Exempt	0.00	18.50	26.80	41.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	86.49
2009 Fees	\$456.50	\$70,405.50	\$15,526.50	\$23,430.00	\$21,114.00	\$15,851.00	\$0.00	\$8,530.50	\$155,314.00
Total acres disturbed to date=			62,724.14						
Total fee Exempt acres disturbed to date (audited)=			2,511.64 **						
Total fees collected to date=			\$34,027,434.09						
**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 **									
Number of disturbable acres remaining under current permit **									

\*\* 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.