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Quarterly Administrator Update

July through September, 2011





Desert Conservation Program Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan Quarterly Administrator Update

September 2011

Contract & Interlocal Agreement Management

- Awarded contract to Red Rock Canyon Interpretive Association for Mojave Max Education Program, Project 806A
- Amendment to contract with National Park Service to reduce the scope of work by deleting hypotheses 3 and 5, Project 532

Project Management

The Program currently shows an approximate dashboard of:

Project Status	# of Projects
Green	28
Yellow	2
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

- Began FY12 budget administration.
- Processed 54 invoices: 48 were accepted (89%), 6 were rejected (11%)
- Continued preparation of FY11 Schedule of Expenditures of Financial Awards (SEFA) documentation for County Comptroller.
- Worked with financial advisor on maximizing return on Desert Conservation Program (DCP) fund balance.
- Completed master projects list from 1999-2011.
- Completed design process for desert tortoise specialty license plate (moved up to 8th on Department of Motor Vehicles waiting list).



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- Attended June Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Executive Committee meeting and gave a presentation on SNPLMA accomplishments and status.
- DCP was added by SNPLMA as another rotating local government representative for the Partners Working Group.
- Received notification that because of our request for reconsideration and subsequent presentation, SNPLMA will fund both R12 project submittals.
- Prepared drawdown for FY10 indirect cost reimbursement based on approved model.
- Received reimbursement for 21 SNPLMA R6 projects for a total of \$1,900,409 and 14 R8 projects for a total of \$326,641.
- Status of SNPLMA change requests:
 - GBBO 581 Developing Habitat Models and Monitoring: time extension – we have received the cooperative agreement and we are waiting for fully-executed document.
 - CC 1012 Desert Tortoise Monitoring: we have submitted a change in the scope of work and a reduction in the dollar amount. Further information will be submitted regarding the technical review by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS).
- Completed and de-obligated the following SNPLMA R6 projects:
 - NPS 526 Monitoring of Illegal Ground Disturbance
 - NPS 529 Monitoring Road Conditions and Signs
 - NPS 535 Inventory, Research and Monitoring for Covered Plant Species
 - UNLV 575 Connectivity of Leopard Frog Populations
 - UNLV 597 Habitat Manipulations for Relict Leopard Frog
- Previously completed and are currently awaiting de-obligation on the following SNPLMA Round 6 projects:
 - CC 497 Rare Plant Inventories
 - NSHE 502 Sediment Transport Study for White-Margined Penstemon
 - NPS 542 Historical & Current Assessment of 6 Covered and 3 Evaluation Bird Species
 - USGS 580 Long Term Conservation Strategy for Palmers Chipmunk in SMNRA
- Preparing closeout packets for the following SNPLMA Round 6 projects:
 - NPS 476 Relict Leopard Frog Monitoring and Management
 - NPS 549 Peregrine Falcon Monitoring in Clark County
 - PIC 577 Volunteer Support for Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Roads Monitoring
- Submitted SNPLMA FY11-Q3 project status and Q4 financial projections reporting.
- Process development for centralized fee collection of tortoise fees for permit amendment is currently on hold.
- Development of Desert Tortoise Clearance Workshop in conjunction with USFWS for permit amendment is currently on hold.
- Development of Desert Tortoise Construction Worker Training class for permit amendment is currently on hold.



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- Reassigned information technology (IT) support services from Department of Air Quality and Environmental Management IT to Central IT for cost savings purposes. Currently working with Central IT to develop a Service Level Agreement for support needs.
- Completed a design revision to the Milestone Review Workflow in Case 360, the DCP's contract and project tracking system.

Document Reviews & External Agency Coordination

- Participated in Clark County's process to update the South County Land Use Plan.
- Participated in TransWest Express Transmission Project Cooperating Agency bi-weekly conference calls.
- Provided comment letter to USFWS on Clark County Southwestern Willow Flycatcher Critical Habitat Exclusion areas.
- Provided comment letter to USFWS on status of Las Vegas Buckwheat.
- Provided comment letter to USFWS on status of two springsnails, *Pyrgulopsis deaconi* and *P. turbatrix*.
- Provided comments to Clark County on Gypsum Resources' Gypsum Reclamation Concept Plan.
- Provided comments to Department of Air Quality and Environmental Management on the Southern Nevada Water Authority Groundwater Resources Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).
- Performed a migratory bird impact site inspection for the Clark County Communication Tower which serves Laughlin.

Acquisition & Management of Acquired Easements, Property, Grazing Rights & Water Rights

- Maintained and managed the Clark County Muddy River Reserve (CCMRR) properties with regular weekly tasks.
- Prepared a restoration plan and submitted a grant proposal to the Walton Family Foundation.
- Completed the Perkins Pond Implementation Plan through management of the NPS 810A contract.

Boulder City Conservation Easement (BCCE)

- Completed 95% of the signage inventory.
- Began work on a database for all signage.
- Began creation of a GIS layer that includes finalized roads and signage.
- Began signage removal on all closed roads.



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- Gave presentation on proposed finalize roads to Nevada Department of Wildlife, Bureau of Land Management and USFWS.
- Finalized roads and prepared documentation and maps.
- Finalized the BCCE Open Roads Designation and updated the brochure and webpage, which may be viewed at the following website: <http://www.clarkcountynv.gov/Depts/dcp/Pages/BCCE.aspx>
- A new County OpenDoor Application was developed to help the DCP with management of the Boulder City Conservation Easement.

BCCE Law Enforcement Statistics for July – September 2011:

Patrol Hours	455
Patrol Miles	5,950
Contacts	74
Warnings Given	2
Citations Issued	0

Wild Desert Tortoise Assistance Line

- The line logged 24 calls.
- Eleven wild tortoises were collected and transferred to the Desert Tortoise Conservation Center (DTCC).
- There were no non-desert tortoises picked up and taken to the DTCC.

Public Information and Education (PIE)

- Mojave Max Education Program – Planning for the 2012 Mojave Max Emergence Contest. Scheduled school assembly dates and updated the student contest entry database. Created mojavemaxtv on YouTube and uploaded all videos to the site. Currently update the www.mojavemax.com website.
- Outreach Events – Provided Mojave Max mascot appearances at 13 community events including National Night Out, Summerlin Art Festival and appearances at the Red Rock Canyon Visitor's Center.
- Public Information Videos – Continued work on two additional public information and education videos promoting the messages of the Desert Conservation Program. The video "Desert Tortoise Troubles" uses local agency representatives to present Southern Nevada desert tortoise issues. Representatives will discuss the listing of the desert tortoise, the biology of the desert, and current



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desert tortoise research. The video "Desert Dude or Dufus" uses animation to present desert "do's and don'ts" for 8-12 year old audiences.

- Contractors/Developers Outreach Effort – Continued working with Joshua Tree Productions, Inc. to acquire Mojave Desert videos and photos for use in future training courses.
- PIE SNPLMA R6 Funds – Continued to administer and close-out all R6 public information and education projects for project number CC 553. Projects must be completed and closed by December 31, 2011 in order for close out with the SNPLMA office to occur by February, 2012.

Desert Tortoise Fencing

- New contract with Nevada Division of Forestry (NDF) for fencing installation and maintenance (Project 804A) was awarded; NDF will provide fence installation, maintenance and data collection of fencing on public and private lands within Clark County for future DCP projects.

Financial

- See attached financial summary.

Land Disturbance and Mitigation Fees

- See attached summary

Adaptive Management Program (AMP)

- Held the 2011 Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) Progress Report Symposium on August 17, 2011, hosted by Science Advisor. Materials from presentations and poster session are posted on the DCP website:

<http://www.clarkcountynv.gov/Depts/dcp/Pages/Symposium.aspx>

- Received 41 written peer reviews of symposium presentations and of one final project report.
- Received final Desert Tortoise Occupancy Monitoring Protocol from Science Advisor, sent it to US-FWS Desert Tortoise Recovery Office for their review.
- Demonstrated the updated Species Status Database and Users' Guide to USFWS.

http://www.clarkcountynv.gov/Depts/dcp/Documents/Library/dcp%20reports/2011/SpeciesDatabaseUserGuide2_0.pdf

Permit Amendment

- Continued to prepare draft Amended MSHCP; preparing drafts of Chapter 6, Plan Implementation; Chapter 7, Implementation Costs and Funding Sources.



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- Continued meetings with local development companies and other related stakeholders to discuss grading schedules and how desert tortoise clearances could be incorporated into that process with minimal disturbance. Received comments on Chapter 4 (Conservation Strategy) of the MSHCP from the USFWS; consultant delivered chapters 5-7 of the EIS.
- Continued to coordinate permit amendment progress with Permittees on a monthly basis.
- Continued meetings with BLM and USFWS to discuss permit amendment and related issues, including a proposed Reserve System; developed draft Cooperative Management Agreement for management of the proposed Reserve System and provided to BLM and USFWS for comment.
- Completed economic analysis of proposed conservation strategy.

LAND DISTURBANCE - TORTOISE MITIGATION ACREAGE/FEEES REPORT

1/12/2012

	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	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	84.88	46.82	1.85	0.00	101.31	632.94
2010 Exempt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2010 Fees	\$561.00	\$218,383.00	\$0.00	\$46,557.50	\$25,751.00	\$1,017.50	\$0.00	\$55,720.00	\$347,990.00
2011 Acres	1.20	415.53	3.15	78.54	55.65	2.53	45.00	270.13	871.73
2011 Exempt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2011 Fees	\$660.00	\$228,541.50	\$1,732.50	\$42,817.50	\$30,607.50	\$1,391.50	\$24,750.00	\$148,571.50	\$479,072.00

Total acres disturbed to date=	64,764.55
Total fee Exempt acres disturbed to date (reconciled)=	2,513.77 **
Total fees collected to date=	\$35,149,153.09

****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	145,000.00
Less number of acres reported for which fees have been paid under current permit	64,764.55
Less number of fee exempt acres under current permit **	15,000.00 **
Number of disturbable acres remaining under current permit	65,235.45

**** Note: Clark County Department of Internal Audit is 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**

Section 7

Allocated to spend: \$2,952,883.50

S7 Conservation Project Expenditures	\$1,325,336.79		
Section 7 Refunds	\$111,602.58		
Amount Spent:	\$1,436,939.37	% Spent:	48.66%
Amount Remaining:	\$1,515,944.13	% Remaining:	51.34%

Section 10

Required to spend: \$3,817,775.00

S10 Administrative Expenditures	\$1,859,467.16		
S10 Conservation Project Expenditures	\$2,715,035.98		
Section 10 Refunds	\$20,545.50		
Amount Spent:	\$4,595,048.64	% Spent:	120.36%
Amount Remaining:	(\$777,273.64)	% Remaining:	-20.36%

SNPLMA

Allocated to spend: \$26,532,248.00

SNPLMA Administrative Expenditures	\$3,021,997.56		
SNPLMA Conservation Project Expenditures	\$16,674,003.46		
Amount Spent:	\$19,696,001.02	% Spent:	74.23%
Amount Remaining:	\$6,836,246.98	% Remaining:	25.77%

DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM GRAND TOTALS

TOTAL FUNDING: \$33,302,906.50

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT: \$25,727,989.03

% SPENT: 77.25%

TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING: \$7,574,917.47

% REMAINING: 22.75%

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

Section 7

Allocated to spend: \$0.00

Section 7 Refunds	\$10,469.04		
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	\$3,560,916.11		
S10 Conservation Project Expenditures	\$1,814,748.14		
Section 10 Refunds	\$39,701.70		
Amount Spent:	\$5,415,365.95	% Spent:	120.34%
Amount Remaining:	(\$915,365.95)	% Remaining:	-20.34%

SNPLMA

Allocated to spend: \$4,237,487.00

SNPLMA Administrative Expenditures	\$656,039.29		
SNPLMA Conservation Project Expenditures	\$908,253.37		
Amount Spent:	\$1,564,292.66	% Spent:	36.92%
Amount Remaining:	\$2,673,194.34	% Remaining:	63.08%

DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM GRAND TOTALS

TOTAL FUNDING: \$8,737,487.00

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT: \$6,990,127.65

% SPENT: 80.00%

TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING: \$1,747,359.35

% REMAINING: 20.00%

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SUMMARY
2009-2011 BIENNIUM**

Section 10

Required to spend: \$7,179,827.00

S10 Administrative Expenditures	\$2,940,369.35		
S10 Conservation Project Expenditures	\$1,179,454.44		
Amount Spent:	\$4,119,823.79	% Spent:	57.38%
Amount Remaining:	\$3,060,003.21	% Remaining:	42.62%

DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM GRAND TOTALS

TOTAL FUNDING: \$7,179,827.00

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT: \$4,119,823.79

% SPENT: 57.38%

TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING: \$3,060,003.21

% REMAINING: 42.62%

**CLARK COUNTY DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM
SUMMARY
2011-2013 BIENNIUM**

Section 10

Required to spend: \$10,125,502.50

S10 Administrative Expenditures	\$520,552.91		
S10 Conservation Project Expenditures	\$0.00		
Amount Spent:	\$520,552.91	% Spent:	5.14%
Amount Remaining:	\$9,604,949.59	% Remaining:	94.86%

DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM GRAND TOTALS

TOTAL FUNDING: \$10,125,502.50

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT: \$520,552.91

% SPENT: 5.14%

TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING: \$9,604,949.59

% REMAINING: 94.86%