



desert conservation PROGRAM

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Quarterly Administrator Update

January through March 2013





**Desert Conservation Program
Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan
Quarterly Administrator Update
April 2013**

Contract & Interlocal Agreement Management

- Contracted with Sanborn Map Company for aerial photography on the Boulder City Conservation Easement (BCCE), Project 801E.
- Contracted with American Fence for Fencing Materials to be used on the Muddy River Reserve Properties, Project 805R.
- Contracted with Zip Code Magazine for advertising for the spring 2013 “Stay on the Trails” advertising campaign, Project 921A.
- Contracted with Steve-N-Kids for Mojave Max mascot appearances, Project 916H.
- Contracted with the Las Vegas Review Journal (LVRJ) for advertising for the spring 2013 “Responsible Desert User” advertising campaign, Project 921B.
- Contracted with Terraspectra Geomatic to provide remote sensing and GIS support for the Desert Tortoise Occupancy Covariate Monitoring Project, Project 811A.
- Contracted with Zee Designs to create and develop Mojave Max Emergence contest pamphlets, Project 916M.
- Contracted with Weir Advertising for billboard advertisements for the spring 2013 “Stay on the Trails” advertising campaign, Project 921C.

Project Management

The Program currently shows an approximate dashboard of:

Project Status	# of Projects
Green	20
Yellow	1
Red	1

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

- Processed vendor payments 52 invoices: 50 accepted (96%), 2 rejected (4%).
- Continued reconciliation for Fiscal Year (FY) 12 single audit act compliance.
- Continued process development for centralized fee collection of tortoise fees – County has selected a potential vendor for credit card and electronic payments processing and is currently in contract negotiations. Contract should be issued by late spring.
- Currently still 8th on Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) waiting list for creation of desert tortoise specialty license plate.
- Continued conversion of permittee refund payments to be made via Automated Clearing House (ACH) or e-check. One permittee still left to be converted.
- Submitted FY14 County budget and FY13 revenue and expenditure projections.
- Submitted Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) FY13-Q1 project status and FY13-Q2 financial projections reporting.
- Submitted SNPLMA closeout packet for DCP and Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) Administration, Project 544 and scheduled site visit.
- Received SNPLMA Partners Working Group (PWG) approval for two Round 14 nomination proposals. Next step is SNPLMA recommendation to their Executive Committee which meets in August 2013.
- Received reimbursement for SNPLMA projects: Round 6- 3 draw downs (\$238,396), Round 8- 6 draw downs (\$29,400), Round 12-1 draw down (\$3,718).
- Received final updated SNPLMA Implementation Agreement dated 2/5/13.
- Submitted documentation for purchase of a field vehicle.
Staff attended County required Core Values and Customer Service classes.

Document Reviews & External Agency Coordination

- Assisted the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) with a request for documentation on the purchase and retirement of grazing allotments in Clark County. Provided final paperwork on the Jean Lake Allotment purchase.
- Attended BLM Solar Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) webinar on March 21, 2013.
- Attended BLM Solar Programmatic EIS workshop on February 27, 2013.
- Provided GIS data to Latitude Consulting.
- Provided GIS data to Stillwater Sciences for Southwestern Willow Flycatcher work.
- Provided GIS data to United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and Nevada Natural Heritage Program (all butterfly data).



- Provided GIS data to Argonne National Lab for use in the BLM Solar Programmatic EIS
- Provided GIS data to USFWS (Ivanpah airport and Large Scale Tortoise Translocation Site data).
- Provided GIS data to USFWS (DCP MSHCP study area and conserved lands data).
- Provided 2012 Tortoise Pickup Map to the San Diego Zoo.
- Reviewed and provided comments to BLM on the Silver State South Solar Project EIS.
- Reviewed and provided comments to BLM on the Searchlight Wind Project Final EIS.
- Reviewed the National Park Service (NPS) Cottonwood Cove and Katherine Landing EIS.
- Reviewed USFWS Townsite Solar Biological Opinion.
- Begin reviewing Zephyr Transmission Project.
- Reviewed four Clark County Comprehensive Planning Regional Infrastructure Services Evaluation (RISE) reports.

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

- Riparian Property (Muddy River and Virgin River) management activities for the quarter can be viewed on this webpage:
<http://bit.ly/14fiqBy>

Boulder City Conservation Easement (BCCE)

- BCCE management activities for the quarter can be viewed on this webpage:
<http://bit.ly/17YOBSj>

Wild Desert Tortoise Assistance Line

- The line logged no calls.
- There were no wild tortoises collected and transferred to the Desert Tortoise Conservation Center (DTCC) during this time period. Currently only wild tortoises from construction sites are being picked up.

Public Information and Education (PIE)

- **Mojave Max Education Program** – Continued contract with Red Rock Canyon Interpretive Association and continued education programs.
- Participated in twelve Mojave Max School Assemblies during the 2012-2013 assembly period.
- Prepared and distributed news release for various media outlets for Mojave Max for Ground Hog day 2013.



- Participated in KXNT radio morning news announcement for Mojave Max for Ground Hog's day 2013.
- Prepared and distributed news release for Mojave Max's emergence on March 14, 2013.
- Created new Facebook Page for Mojave Max.

Desert Tortoise Fencing

- There was no desert tortoise fencing installed during this reporting period.

Financial

- See attached financial summary.

Land Disturbance and Mitigation Fees

- See attached summary.

Adaptive Management Program (AMP)

- Updated the MSHCP Implementation Database User Manual, which can be found here: <http://bit.ly/11C03EE>

Permit Amendment

- Facilitated two meetings with the permittees to discuss revised approach to conservation strategy.
- Prepared meeting minutes and conducted general administrative activities.
- County management met with USFWS to review alternate conservation strategy.
- Discussions continued regarding removing the City of Mesquite as a permittee.
- Began discussions as to whether or not to terminate the financial assistance agreement, Project 1011, for funding due to time constraints.

**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	\$1,275,064.47		
S10 Conservation Project Expenditures	\$2,754,660.52		
Section 10 Refunds	\$20,545.50		
Amount Spent:	\$4,050,270.49	% Spent:	106.09%
Amount Remaining:	(\$232,495.49)	% Remaining:	-6.09%

SNPLMA

Allocated to spend: \$22,034,036.00

SNPLMA Administrative Expenditures	\$4,479,788.86		
SNPLMA Conservation Project Expenditures	\$17,131,031.01		
Amount Spent:	\$21,610,819.87	% Spent:	98.08%
Amount Remaining:	\$423,216.13	% Remaining:	1.92%

DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM GRAND TOTALS

TOTAL FUNDING: \$28,804,694.50

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT: \$27,098,029.73

% SPENT: 94.08%

TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING: \$1,706,664.77

% REMAINING: 5.92%

**CLARK COUNTY DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM
SUMMARY
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	\$2,966,474.84		
S10 Conservation Project Expenditures	\$1,832,663.89		
Section 10 Refunds	\$39,701.70		
Amount Spent:	\$4,838,840.43	% Spent:	107.53%
Amount Remaining:	(\$338,840.43)	% Remaining:	-7.53%

SNPLMA

Allocated to spend: \$4,237,487.00

SNPLMA Administrative Expenditures	\$1,193,575.68		
SNPLMA Conservation Project Expenditures	\$971,973.20		
Amount Spent:	\$2,165,548.88	% Spent:	51.10%
Amount Remaining:	\$2,071,938.12	% Remaining:	48.90%

DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM GRAND TOTALS

TOTAL FUNDING: \$8,737,487.00

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT: \$7,014,858.35

% SPENT: 80.28%

TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING: \$1,722,628.65

% REMAINING: 19.72%

**CLARK COUNTY DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM
SUMMARY
2009-2011 BIENNIUM**

Section 10

Required to spend: \$7,179,827.00

S10 Administrative Expenditures	\$2,648,780.13		
S10 Conservation Project Expenditures	\$1,623,890.86		
Amount Spent:	\$4,272,670.99	% Spent:	59.51%
Amount Remaining:	\$2,907,156.01	% Remaining:	40.49%

DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM GRAND TOTALS

TOTAL FUNDING: \$7,179,827.00

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT: \$4,272,670.99

% SPENT: 59.51%

TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING: \$2,907,156.01

% REMAINING: 40.49%

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

Section 10

Required to spend: \$10,033,502.50

S10 Administrative Expenditures	\$2,975,825.80		
S10 Conservation Project Expenditures	\$192,062.54		
Amount Spent:	\$3,167,888.34	% Spent:	31.57%
Amount Remaining:	\$6,865,614.16	% Remaining:	68.43%

SNPLMA

Allocated to spend: \$92,000.00

SNPLMA Administrative Expenditures	\$4,029.38		
SNPLMA Conservation Project Expenditures	\$28,850.00		
Amount Spent:	\$32,879.38	% Spent:	35.74%
Amount Remaining:	\$59,120.62	% Remaining:	64.26%

DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM GRAND TOTALS

TOTAL FUNDING: \$10,125,502.50

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT: \$3,200,767.72

% SPENT: 31.61%

TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING: \$6,924,734.78

% REMAINING: 68.39%

LAND DISTURBANCE - TORTOISE MITIGATION ACREAGE/FEEES REPORT

4/16/2013

	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	84.42	46.82	1.85	0.00	101.31	632.48
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	\$46,431.00	\$25,751.00	\$1,017.50	\$0.00	\$55,720.00	\$347,863.50
2011 Acres	9.09	381.99	726.41	82.55	64.27	83.83	45.00	340.66	1,733.80
2011 Exempt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2011 Fees	\$4,999.50	\$210,044.50	\$399,525.50	\$45,402.50	\$35,348.50	\$46,106.50	\$24,750.00	\$187,362.50	\$953,539.50
2012 Acres	2.89	684.21	0.00	450.92	85.77	0.00	0.00	111.06	1,334.85
2012 Exempt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2012 Fees	\$1,589.50	\$376,315.50	\$0.00	\$249,656.00	\$47,173.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$61,077.00	\$735,811.50
2013 Acres	0.00	125.76	0.00	60.44	9.19	4.50	0.00	42.25	242.14
2013 Exempt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2013 Fees	\$0.00	\$69,168.00	\$0.00	\$33,242.00	\$5,054.50	\$2,475.00	\$0.00	\$23,237.50	\$133,177.00
Total acres disturbed to date=			67,203.15						
Total fee Exempt acres disturbed to date (reconciled)=			2,513.77	**					
Total fees collected to date=			\$36,492,482.59						
**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						67,203.15			
Less number of fee exempt acres under current permit **						15,000.00	**		

Number of disturbable acres remaining under current permit			62,796.85			
** Note: Clark County Department of Internal Audit has conducted an audit of the exempt acreage and as a result, fee exempt acres for public purpose is no longer allowed. Amount shown (15,000) is the maximum number of fee exempt acres allowed under the current permit.						