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Quarterly Administrator Update

April through June 2015

















Desert Conservation Program Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan Quarterly Administrator Update July 2015

Contract & Interlocal Agreement Management

- Contracted with Stillwater Sciences to conduct a geotechnical assessment and develop recommendations for a grading plan on the Muddy River Riparian Reserve Unit, Project 1446A.
- Advertised a request for proposals (RFP) for Covered Species Analysis Support, Project 901B.
- Contracted with Red Rock Canyon Interpretive Association (RRCIA) for the Mojave Max Education Program, Project 1515A.
- Advertised an RFP for Hotline and Processing of Wild Desert Tortoises, Project 803E.

Project Management

The Program currently shows an approximate dashboard of:

Project Status	# of Projects
	25
	1
	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

- Processed vendor payments 73 invoices: 69 accepted (95%), 4 rejected (5%).
- Fiscal Year (FY) 15 budgets were loaded and verified. Oversight and validation of the funded program roll process has begun.
- 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. It is going slower than expected and there may not
 be a vendor selected until late fall.
- Continued wait for the desert tortoise specialty license plate application to make it to the top 5 (now 7th on DMV waiting list).
- Oversight of the two Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Round 14 projects totaling \$473,150.00 continues in the County's financial system. The projects continue to be monitored for progress and reimbursement.
- Received reimbursement for SNPLMA projects: Round 8: 3 draw downs (\$73,372.38).

Document Reviews & External Agency Coordination

- Provided GIS data sets of tortoise data to Newfields Environmental.
- Provided BCCE potential land swap map to Desert Conservation Program (DCP)
 Program Manager.
- Reviewed TransWest Solar Transmission final environmental impact statement (EIS).
- Reviewed Aiya Solar Project draft EIS.

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/1JxTBzD



Boulder City Conservation Easement (BCCE)

 BCCE management activities for the quarter can be viewed on this webpage: http://bit.ly/1JfmbtR

Wild Desert Tortoise Assistance Line

- There were eight calls logged during this reporting period.
- One desert tortoise was picked up from a construction site near the BCCE, and was relocated to the BCCE, during this reporting period. Currently, only wild tortoises from construction sites are picked up.

Public Information and Education (PIE)

- Mojave Max Education Program
 - Continued contract with RRCIA and continued education programs.
- Outreach Events

Junior Ranger event at Lake Mead National Recreation Area	April 25, 2015
Las Vegas Science and Technology Festival	May 2, 2015
Kids for the Cure event at Fremont Street Experience	May 2, 2015
Kids Mix & Frozen Yogurt Festival at Galleria Mall	May 9, 2015

Desert Tortoise Fencing

 Nevada Division of Forestry (NDF) surveyed approximately 400 miles of tortoise fencing within Clark County and made repairs where needed.

Financial

See attached financial summary.

Land Disturbance and Mitigation Fees

See attached summary.

Adaptive Management Program (AMP)

- Assisted United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) with line distance training on 04/03/2015.
- Assisted Knight & Leavitt Associates (KLA) with field work on the desert tortoise occupancy project on 04/07/2015, 04/09/2015, 04/16/2015 and 04/28/2015.
- Led a class from College of Southern Nevada (CSN) in how to conduct radio telemetry on 4/10/2015.



- Conducted field work with Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to determine soils on the BCCE on 4/21/2015.
- Participated with USFWS and Great Basin Institute to film a spot for PBS' Outdoor Nevada TV show on the desert tortoise on 6/1/2015.
- Performed Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) surveys near Overton, NV on 6/5/2015.
- Participated in the Northeast Mojave Desert Tortoise Recovery Implementation Team on 6/9/2015.
- Participated in captive tortoise working group calls on 5/19/2015 and 6/16/2015.
- Held meeting with NRCS to finalize soils on BCCE for the desert tortoise occupancy project on 6/23/2015.
- Held debriefing meeting with KLA to discuss the desert tortoise occupancy sampling project on 6/29/2015.
- Held meeting with Arizona Game and Fish, Nevada Division of Wildlife (NDOW), and USFWS to discuss the upcoming health assessment training on 6/29/2015.
- Attended the Desert Tortoise Managers Oversight Group on 6/30/2015.

Permit Amendment

- Continued to meet with USFWS staff to coordinate permit amendment efforts.
- Attended USFWS open house meeting for the programmatic environmental impact statement for the proposal to authorize incidental take under the MBTA.
- Executed a no-cost extension of the contract with outside legal counsel to support the proposed permit amendment.
- Continued meeting with Nevada Division of Forestry staff to coordinate the development of a master permit to authorize take of state-listed plant species.

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% (\$10,469.04) % Remaining: 100.00%

Amount Remaining:

Section 10

Required to spend: \$4,500,000.00

S10 Administrative Expenditures \$3,042,716.41 S10 Conservation Project Expenditures \$2,143,634.54 Section 10 Refunds \$39,701.70

> \$5,226,052.65 **Amount Spent:** % Spent: 116.13% **Amount Remaining:** (\$726,052.65) % Remaining: -16.13%

SNPLMA

Allocated to spend: \$4,237,487.00

SNPLMA Administrative Expenditures \$1,245,335.74 SNPLMA Conservation Project Expenditures \$1,327,656.76

> **Amount Spent:** \$2,572,992.50 % Spent: 60.72% **Amount Remaining:** % Remaining: 39.28% \$1,664,494.50

DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM GRAND TOTALS

TOTAL FUNDING: \$8,737,487.00

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT: \$7,809,514.19 TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING: \$927,972.81

> % SPENT: 89.38% % REMAINING: 10.62%

CLARK COUNTY DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM SUMMARY 2009-2011 BIENNIUM

Section 10

Required to spend: \$7,179,827.00

S10 Administrative Expenditures \$2,625,989.42 S10 Conservation Project Expenditures \$2,822,584.19

 Amount Spent:
 \$5,448,573.61
 % Spent:
 75.89%

 Amount Remaining:
 \$1,731,253.39
 % Remaining:
 24.11%

DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM GRAND TOTALS

TOTAL FUNDING: \$7,179,827.00

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT: \$5,448,573.61 TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING: \$1,731,253.39

CLARK COUNTY DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM SUMMARY 2011-2013 BIENNIUM

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Required to spend: \$10,033,502.50

S10 Administrative Expenditures \$3,450,517.77 S10 Conservation Project Expenditures \$606,371.70

 Amount Spent:
 \$4,056,889.47
 % Spent:
 40.43%

 Amount Remaining:
 \$5,976,613.03
 % Remaining:
 59.57%

SNPLMA

Allocated to spend: \$92,000.00

SNPLMA Administrative Expenditures \$5,000.00 SNPLMA Conservation Project Expenditures \$86,618.50

 Amount Spent:
 \$91,618.50
 % Spent:
 99.59%

 Amount Remaining:
 \$381.50
 % Remaining:
 0.41%

DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM GRAND TOTALS

TOTAL FUNDING: \$10,125,502.50

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT: \$4,148,507.97 TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING: \$5,976,994.53

CLARK COUNTY DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM SUMMARY

2013-2015 BIENNIUM

Section 10

Required to spend: \$7,931,791.00

S10 Administrative Expenditures \$2,850,246.32 S10 Conservation Project Expenditures \$889,426.87

> **Amount Spent:** \$3,739,673.19 % Spent: 47.15% **Amount Remaining:** \$4,192,117.81 % Remaining: 52.85%

SNPLMA

Allocated to spend: \$473,150.00

SNPLMA Conservation Project Expenditures \$161,627.50

> **Amount Spent:** % Spent: 34.16% \$161,627.50 \$311,522.50 % Remaining: 65.84% **Amount Remaining:**

DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM GRAND TOTALS

TOTAL FUNDING: \$8,404,941.00

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT: \$3,901,300.69 TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING: \$4,503,640.31

> % SPENT: 46.42% % REMAINING: 53.58%

CLARK COUNTY DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM SUMMARY

2015-2017 BIENNIUM

Section 10

Required to spend: \$6,914,884.00

S10 Administrative Expenditures \$0.00 S10 Conservation Project Expenditures \$1,101.60

 Amount Spent:
 \$1,101.60
 % Spent:
 0.02%

 Amount Remaining:
 \$6,913,782.40
 % Remaining:
 99.98%

SNPLMA

Allocated to spend: \$1,291,523.00

SNPLMA Conservation Project Expenditures \$0.00

 Amount Spent:
 \$0.00
 % Spent:
 0.00%

 Amount Remaining:
 \$1,291,523.00
 % Remaining:
 100.00%

DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM GRAND TOTALS

TOTAL FUNDING: \$8,206,407.00

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT: \$1,101.60 TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING: \$8,205,305.40

LAND DISTURBANCE - TORTOISE MITIGATION ACREAGE/FEES REPORT

7/28/2015	CC-Civil	CC-Dev Svcs	Boulder City	Henderson	Las Vegas	Mosquite	TOUN	NI (Vr T0
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	
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	
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	\$4,641,272.8
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	-
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	10,520.6
2004 Exempt	0.00	0.00	1,644.95	0.00	110.97	13.41	0.00	8.28	
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	_	
2005 Exempt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13.65	0.00	0.00	
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	- 1	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	
2008 Exempt	0.00	193.66	0.00	19.30	23.75	41.19	0.00	0.00	
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,
2009 Acres	5.64	173.33	419.54	57.81	72.53	28.82	43.70	17.85	- 1
2009 Exempt	0.00	18.50	28.23	41.19	0.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	
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 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 Fees	\$4,999.50	\$210,044.50	\$399,525.50	\$45,402.50	\$35,348.50	\$46,106.50	\$24,750.00	\$187,363.00	\$953,540.00
2012 Acres	2.89	684.21	0.00	453.92	85.77	0.00	0.00	111.06	1,337.85
2012 Fees	\$1,589.50	\$376,315.50	\$0.00	\$249,656.00	\$47,173.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$61,083.00	\$735,817.50
2013 Acres	0.00	404.22	1,301.06	277.16	122.53	5.50	0.00	306.80	2,417.27
2013 Fees	\$0.00	\$222,321.00	\$715,583.00	\$152,438.00	\$67,391.50	\$3,025.00	\$0.00	\$168,740.00	\$1,329,498.50
2014 Acres	2.29	4,001.50	381.13	634.21	449.66	1.40	30.00	198.87	5,699.06
2014 Fees	\$1,259.50	\$2,200,825.00	\$209,621.50	\$348,815.50	\$247,313.00	\$770.00	\$16,500.00	\$109,378.50	\$3,134,483.00
2015 Acres	56.00	1,116.49	264.00	287.68	236.85	69.17	0.00	8.63	2,038.82
2015 Fees	\$30,800.00	\$614,069.50	\$145,200.00	\$158,224.00	\$130,267.50	\$38,043.50	\$0.00	\$4,746.50	\$1,121,351.00
Total acres disturbed to date=	urbed to date=		77,119.16						
Total fee Exempt	ed	to date (reconciled)=	2.513.77 **						
Total fees collected to date=			\$41,944,644.59						
**15,000 acres is	exempt from the	**15,000 acres is exempt from the \$550 per acre mitigation fee for government use	ee for governmen	nt use.				10	
Number of scree	allowed for dietur	hance under current mult	inle enecies per	1		145 000 00			
Less number of	acres reported for	Less number of acres reported for which fees have been paid under current permit	d under current	permit		77,119.16			
Less number of	fee exempt acres u	Less number of fee exempt acres under current permit **				15,000.00 **	*		
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Number of disturbable acres remaining under current permit	52,880.84
** Note: Clark County Department of Internal Audit has conducted an audit of the exempt	
acreage in January of 2010 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.	