



desert conservation

PROGRAM

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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
Green	25
Yellow	1
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

- 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		
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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	\$3,042,716.41		
S10 Conservation Project Expenditures	\$2,143,634.54		
Section 10 Refunds	\$39,701.70		
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Amount Spent:	\$5,226,052.65	% 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		
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Amount Spent:	\$2,572,992.50	% Spent:	60.72%
Amount Remaining:	\$1,664,494.50	% Remaining:	39.28%

DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM GRAND TOTALS

TOTAL FUNDING: \$8,737,487.00

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT: \$7,809,514.19

% SPENT: 89.38%

TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING: \$927,972.81

% 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%
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Amount Remaining:	\$1,731,253.39	% Remaining:	24.11%
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DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM GRAND TOTALS

TOTAL FUNDING: \$7,179,827.00

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT: \$5,448,573.61

% SPENT: 75.89%

TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING: \$1,731,253.39

% REMAINING: 24.11%

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

Section 10

Required to spend: \$10,033,502.50

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

% SPENT: 40.97%

TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING: \$5,976,994.53

% REMAINING: 59.03%

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

DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM GRAND TOTALS

TOTAL FUNDING: \$8,404,941.00

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT: \$3,901,300.69

% SPENT: 46.42%

TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING: \$4,503,640.31

% 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		
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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		
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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

% SPENT: 0.01%

TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING: \$8,205,305.40

% REMAINING: 99.99%

Number of disturbable acres remaining under current permit		52,880.84			
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**** 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.**