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Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan Status of Implementation

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Presentation Overview

- Update on MSHCP Administration & Implementation for 2009-2010
 - DCP Overview
 - Compliance
 - Budget/Finance
 - Projects/Programs
 - Projects Overview
 - Fencing
 - Public Information and Education
 - Desert Tortoise Activities



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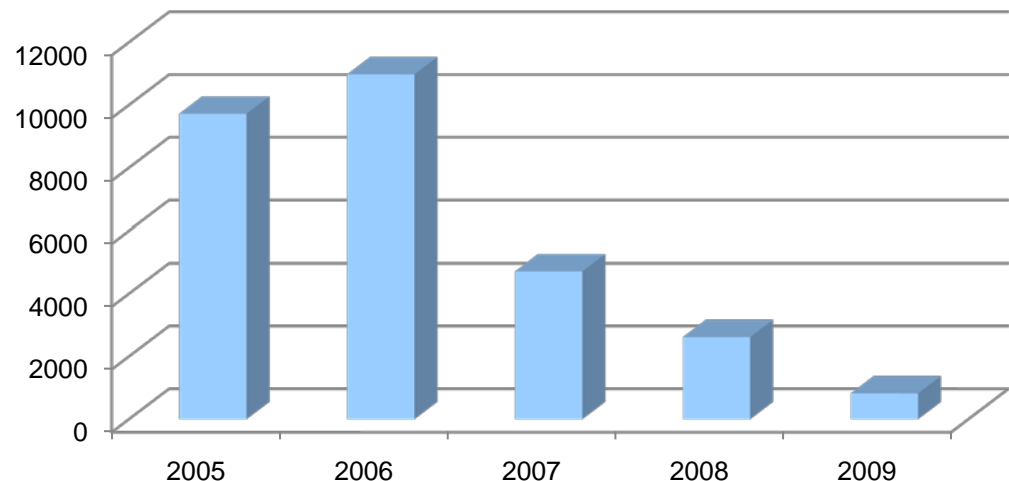
DCP Overview

- 16 filled staff positions
 - Two vacant positions
- Four main programmatic functions
 - Adaptive Management Program
 - Compliance
 - Budget/Finance
 - Projects and Contracts



- Mitigation Fees/Land Disturbance
 - From July 2009 to June 2010
 - 762 acres disturbed
 - \$419K revenues generated
 - Significant decline in acres disturbed and fees collected

Acres Disturbed

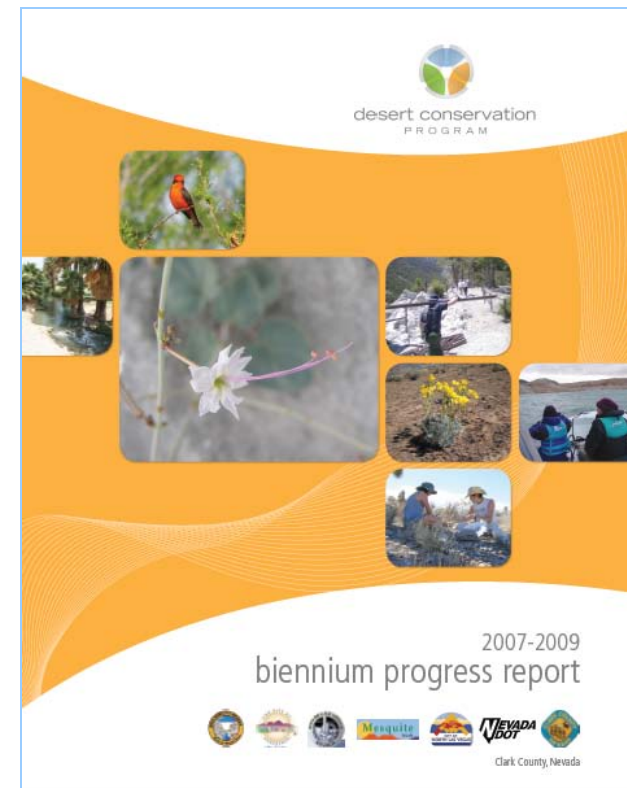




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Compliance

- Compliance Reporting
 - 2007-2009 Biennium Progress Report
 - Completed October 2009
 - 2010 Adaptive Management Report
 - Completed July 2010
- 1999-2009 Accomplishments Report





- SNPLMA Administration/Reporting
 - Round 6 – 43 cooperative agreements
 - \$15.1 million / \$25.2 million
 - 60% complete
 - Round 8 – three cooperative agreements
 - \$913,316/ \$4.2 million
 - 22% complete
- Nominations for Round 12 pending



- Project management

- Currently managing 53 active projects
- Utilize Case 360 as a contract/project tracking system
 - Central project repository
 - Provides for electronic workflow
 - Provides for custom reports
- 268 deliverables processed
 - Averaged 11 days to review
- 212 invoices processed
 - Averaged 13 days to review

Active/Awarded Projects Dashboard

Green Projects	48
Yellow Projects	5
Red Projects	0
Total	53



- Project-related or programmatic work
 - Staff tasks and activities not directly related to awarded, contracted projects

Pre-award Projects
14
1
0
15

In-house Projects/Programs
36
3
0
39

Assistance/Support
12
1
1
14

Administrative/Operational
30
2
0
32

Budget/Finance
20
3
0
23



- Monitoring and Maintenance of Desert Tortoise Fencing
 - North and south borders of the Large Scale Translocation Site and Nipton Road (biannual)
 - Boulder City Conservation Easement (2009)
- Providing a one-time monitoring and maintenance effort for all tortoise-proof fencing
 - NDOT assuming responsibility for future monitoring and maintenance





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Projects/Programs Public Information & Education

- Public Information and Education
 - 2009 marked the 10th anniversary of the Mojave Max Program
 - Produced 10-year Anniversary Yearbook
 - Celebration at Red Springs hosted by program partners





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Projects/Programs Public Information & Education



The screenshot shows the website's navigation menu on the left with buttons for Home, Contest, Teachers, Kids!, DMG, Links, and Store. The main content area features a 'Mojave Max Emergence Contest' banner with an illustration of Max and several eggs. Below the banner is a text prompt: 'Have you watched the Mojave Max Emergence Contest video yet? Click here to see it!'. A 'News' section on the right contains a post about Max's emergence on March 30th at 9:23 a.m., with a link to the press release and a Twitter follow button.

- 2009-2010 Mojave Max Emergence Contest
 - 20,707 students and 114 schools received a Mojave Max Education program
 - 6,100 students entered the contest
 - 5,200 entries in 2009
 - 6,200 entries in 2010

www.mojavemax.com



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Projects/Programs

Public Information & Education

- Stay on the Trails campaign
 - Promotes responsible use of the desert
 - 46 advertisements in the last year
 - Las Vegas Review Journal, Boulevards magazine



The Desert Conservation Program and its partners promote responsible use of our desert resources.



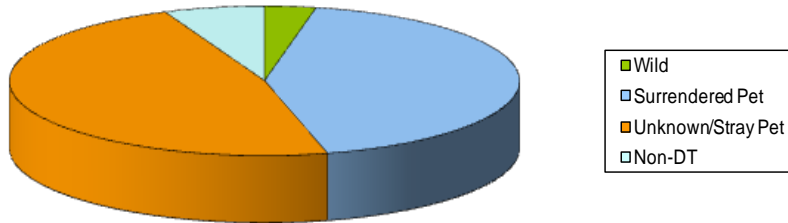
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www.accessclarkcounty.com
www.mojavemax.com



- Desert Tortoise Hotline and Pickup Service

Total Reptiles Collected by Type
2008-2009



- Purpose to collect tortoises found in harms way on construction sites
- 97-98% of incoming tortoises were unwanted or stray pets
- December 2009 transitioned pet pick up and management to the San Diego Zoo as operators of the Desert Tortoise Conservation Center



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Projects/Programs Desert Tortoise Activities

- Transition plan and activities
 - Updated procedures related to Desert Tortoise Hotline and Pickup Service
 - Wild Tortoise Assistance Line, 702-593-9027
 - Pet Desert Tortoise Pick Up Service, 702-488-9422
 - To prevent pet tortoises from entering the wild, DCP will collect stray pet tortoises found at urban perimeters



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Projects/Programs Desert Tortoise Activities



**Pets don't belong
in the wild.**

If you can no longer care for your pet tortoise or have found a stray pet tortoise, don't release it into the wild! Call for free pet tortoise pick-up at the number here. It's the human thing to do.

**Pet Tortoise Pick Up Service:
702-488-9422**

Desert Tortoises are a threatened species, protected under the federal Endangered Species Act. Pet tortoises may carry disease that could threaten wild tortoise populations.

- Transition plan and activities, cont.
 - Public information and education campaign
 - >5,000 postcards mailed
 - Information packet mailed to animal control offices, local pet stores, and local veterinarians
 - 18 advertisements printed in Spring 2010
 - 17 advertisements scheduled for Fall 2010



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Projects/Programs Desert Tortoise Activities

- Pet Desert Tortoise Working Group
 - USFWS, NDOW, San Diego Zoo, Tortoise Group, DCP
 - Issues being discussed:
 - Legal status
 - Limit on number of tortoises per household
 - Problems with backyard breeding
 - Public education needs



**I'm back
in the wild
because
you dialed!**

If you see a tortoise in the wild, **leave it undisturbed**. It's right where it should be: in its natural habitat. And it's the law. If you mistakenly collected a tortoise from the wild, call the Wild Desert Tortoise Assistance Line to surrender the tortoise to the Desert Conservation Program. We'll work to get it back to the wild.

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