



Developer Focus Group

February 6, 2025

1:00pm – 4:00pm

Brief Overview of the Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan and Status

- Introduction to habitat conservation plans and incidental take permits
- Status of the Clark County incidental take permit
- Why the amendment is needed and why changes are being made
- Lands Potentially Available for Development (Impact Area)

Background Material:

- [Information Session Presentation](#)
- [Information Session Video](#)
- [MSHCP Amendment Mapper](#)

Avoidance and Minimization Measures

Definition: Strategies to reduce the impact of a project on a Covered Species.

Three categories of Avoidance and Minimization Measures:

- **Project Design Measures:** Reduce indirect effects to species and as a result of project implementation. These measures are intended to limit edge effects in adjacent habitats and provide corridors for species movements with buffers from sensitive habitats.
- **General Construction Measures:** Reduce direct impacts to species during project implementation.
- **Species Specific Measures:** Additional avoidance and minimization measures for Covered Species will be implemented when disturbance-related project activities (construction or maintenance) are conducted in areas designated as potential to be occupied by the species.

Discussion of How Avoidance and Minimization Measures will be implemented

- Development Review Process
- Who is Responsible for What?

Background Material:

- [Avoidance and Minimization Measures](#)

Reserve System

Definition: A designated area of land set aside to specifically protect habitat of Covered Species.

Reserve System Assembly

- Carry forward existing Desert Conservation Program (DCP)-managed properties – [Boulder City Conservation Easement](#) and [Muddy and Virgin River](#) properties
- Identify BLM-administered lands that can be designated and managed for conservation purposes
 - Conserve lands at a 1:1 ratio in comparison to potential impacts to Covered Species habitat
 - Reserve design criteria:
 - Provide high quality habitat for Covered Species
 - Large enough to support sustainable populations of Covered Species
 - Provide connectivity to other conserved lands
 - Provide a diversity of environmental gradients
 - Provide opportunities for habitat enhancement and restoration
 - Minimize length of land use edges that are detrimental

Reserve System Management

- Will require a BLM RMP amendment/update
- Cooperative Management Agreements
- Overview of Reserve System management activities

Background Material:

- [Measures to Mitigate Unavoidable Take](#)

Funding Analysis

Cost Components

- Administration
- Adaptive Management and Monitoring
- Avoidance and Minimization Measures
- Vehicles
- Reserve Assembly
- Reserve Management
- Habitat Restoration and Enhancement
- Changed Circumstances
- Endowment

Background Material:

- [Funding Analysis](#)

Measures to Reduce Costs

- Reserve System– Acquisition vs. Mitigation on Federal Lands
- Contracting vs. Staff
- Monitoring – Use of Models and New Technologies

- Grant Funds, with a discussion on the challenges related to SNPLMA funds

In Context: Comparative View of Similar Programs

Background Material:

- [Funding Strategies Review](#)

Challenges