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DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM PROJECT COMPLETION SUMMARY Eastern Mojave Conservation Collaborative Facilitation III 2023-SDR-2320B

The work for the above referenced project has been completed. Below is a summary of project related information.

The purpose of the above referenced project was:

The Eastern Mojave Conservation Collaborative (EMCC) initiated a Landscape Conservation Design (LCD) to identify, develop and strengthen large-scale collaborative relationships between government facilities. A meeting was conducted for presenters to provide information on water resources and/or groundwater-dependent ecosystems in Nevada. The Collaborative and the information that is provided, will support coordinated action across multiple government entities and support the work and objectives of the involved parties.

The major accomplishments or findings of this project include:

For the meeting, two presentations were conducted on groundwater-dependent ecosystems. One presenter discussed the current efforts of The Nature Conservancy to assess Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems (GDEs) and how to ensure reliable water supplies for GDEs. The other presentation discussed the ecological significance and importance of Ash Meadows and the primary threats that affect it. These threats are groundwater rights, unsustainable groundwater pumping, invasive species, and alternative energy development and mining. An overview on ecosystem restoration work at the refuge was also shared, with hydrological and aquatic habitat restoration, water rights efforts, and research into impacts of water withdrawal as focal points.

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