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DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM PROJECT COMPLETION SUMMARY:

SCIENCE ADVISOR PANEL FOR THE DCP 2017-ALTA-1730A

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 MSHCP and Permit required the development of a science-based adaptive management process, the AMP. Consequently, a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was prepared to describe the AMP, including specific goals and guiding principles to the AMP (Clark County 2000, USFWS 2001 and 2002). The AMP is designed to provide an objective, quantitative evaluation of the effectiveness of management actions in attaining program goals through the interpretation of inventory, monitoring, and research goals (USFWS 2000). The AMP thus provides objective data and analysis upon which to base management decisions, and a framework to evaluate those management decisions (USFWS 2000). The AMP is required to have an objective, science-based adaptive management contractor (i.e., Science Advisor Panel) to provide an independent assessment of MSHCP implementation.

The major accomplishments or findings of this project include:

A Science Advisor Panel's assessment was completed for land use trends, habitat loss by ecosystem, the effectiveness of management actions at meeting MSHCP goals, and population trends and ecosystem health. The Science Advisor Panel reviewed and updated the BCCE and Riparian properties management plans, created the Adaptive Management Report and Evaluated the Adaptive Management and Monitoring Plan, submitted two manuscripts, and created reports on biodiversity layers and occupancy monitoring.

For more information about this project and/or for other Project Reports or Symposium Reports, please visit our website

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