



desert conservation
PROGRAM

February 8, 2016

TO: DISTRIBUTION

RE: DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM PROJECT COMPLETION NOTIFICATION:
**SCIENCE ADVISOR FOR THE DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM
2009-ECO-801D**

The work for the above referenced project has been completed. Please see the attached for all project related information.

The purpose of the above referenced project was:

The purpose of this project was to provide programmatic analysis and science advice to the Clark County (COUNTY) Desert Conservation Program (DCP) and the Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) Implementing Agreement signatory agencies regarding implementation and development of the MSHCP. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Section 10(a)(1)(B) incidental Take Permit #TE 034927-0 requires that the MSHCP's Adaptive Management Program (AMP) to have an objective, science-based adaptive management consultant to provide an independent assessment of the MSHCP implementation and make recommendations for future implementation and development of the MSHCP and its AMP.

The major accomplishment or findings of this project include:

The Major Accomplishments of the Science Advisor were:

- Provided objective and independent science advice to the Program.
- Worked with DCP to plan and provided comments for five proposed projects and work plans.
- Reviewed and provided comments to DCP for six final project reports.
- Provided literature research and prepare briefing to DCP for one project.
- Developed two monitoring protocols for monitoring desert tortoise on the Boulder City Conservation Easement (BCCE) and for the covariate monitoring protocol.

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- Developed a pre- and post-translocation protocol to augment the desert tortoise population in the Eldorado Valley.
- Updated the Training Module for the Occupancy Sampling and Covariate Monitoring Protocol.
- Developed two reserve management plans, one for the DCP Riparian properties and one for the BCCE.
- Provided a review and comments of the project presentations for the annual MSHCP Project Progress Report Symposium.
- Provided review comments for the DCP Biennial Implementation Plan and Budget documents.
- Completed the 2016 Adaptive Management Report.

For more information about this project and/or for other Project Reports or Symposium Reports, please visit our website at: <http://www.clarkcountynv.gov/Depts/dcp/Pages/default.aspx>

If you have any questions, please contact Lee Bice at (702) 455-3554.

Sincerely,



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Program Manager

cc:

US Fish and Wildlife Service
Board of County Commissioners (7)
Permittees' Executive Committee
Permittees' Process Management Group
Thomas Boldt, Purchasing
Catherine Jorgenson, District Attorney – Civil Division
Desert Conservation Program Community Advisory Committee
Desert Conservation Program Interested Parties List
Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan Implementing Agencies
Science Advisor
SNPLMA Office (for SNPLMA projects)
Congressional Office
DCP Staff