



Date: February 28, 2019

TO: DISTRIBUTION

RE: DESERT CONSERVATION PROGAM PROJECT COMPLETION NOTIFICATION:

LOWER VIRGIN RIVER INTEGRATED WATERSHED PLAN

2013-TNC-1445F

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 facilitate the initial phase of plan development for the Lower Virgin River Integrated Watershed Management Plan. This began with the recruitment of the core steering committee responsible for developing the plan. This core steering committee met to develop goals and objectives for the planning process, gather existing information, and develop a Preliminary Project Plan composed of proposed elements and actions that identify in-stream and out-of-stream water needs, conservation/restoration priorities, and a preliminary schedule identifying plan implementation timing and sequencing.

The major accomplishment or findings of this project include:

The major accomplishment was in addition to establishing core steering committee members, a group of local community members, irrigation and water districts, non-profit organizations, city representatives, and county, state and federal partners convened to organize the Virgin River Coalition. The purpose of the Coalition is to develop and initiate implementation of a cooperative, broad-based, integrated watershed plan that will improve the human benefits and ecological health of the Virgin River for future generations of residents, businesses, recreational users, farmers, and ranchers. This strategic plan expands on previous efforts by working at the larger watershed scale, addressing the future of the river for both people and nature, and developing desired outcomes, strategies and actions through a collaborative process. The watershed plan will be the foundation document for the Coalition, to help guide and synergize the collaborative efforts of the members.

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

If you have any questions, please contact Caryn Wright at (702) 455-2972.

Sincerely,

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