



desert conservation PROGRAM

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Quarterly Administrator Update

October through December 2013





**Desert Conservation Program
 Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan
 Quarterly Administrator Update
 January 2014**

Contract & Interlocal Agreement Management

- Contracted with Soiltech for Boulder City Conservation Easement (BCCE) restoration – Phase 2, Project 809C.
- Contracted with Signs Direct, Inc. for BCCE signage materials, Project 802G.
- Contracted with 702 Graphics for BCCE warning signage, Project 802I.
- Contracted with Jackson Media Works for public outreach and promotional materials, Project 916U.
- Contracted with Doug Nance for Muddy River property maintenance, Project 1445A.
- Contracted with Great Basin Institute (GBI) for Mormon Mesa restoration, Project 915C.
- Executed first renewal option with Newfields for Desert Tortoise Occupancy Sampling Crews, Project 1012B.

Project Management

The Program currently shows an approximate dashboard of:

Project Status	# of Projects
	31
	0
	0

Four metrics are tracked: 1) budget, 2) schedule, 3) scope, and 4) quality. Green indicates that the project is currently within accepted tolerances for each metric. Yellow signifies there may be or is a problem, but is recoverable. Red signifies that a problem exists that requires immediate attention. For more information on our projects, please visit our website at:

<http://www.clarkcountynv.gov/Depts/dcp/Pages/CurrentProjects.aspx>

Other Administrative Accomplishments

- Completed the 2011-2013 Biennium Progress Report. The report was presented to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) in December. The report is available on the Desert Conservation Program’s (DCP) website at:



http://www.clarkcountynv.gov/Depts/dcp/Documents/Library/dcp%20reports/2013/2011-2013_BPR.pdf

- Processed vendor payments 57 invoices: 49 accepted (86%), 8 rejected (14%).
- Continued work on the Fiscal Year (FY) 15 budget processes.
- Continued process development for centralized fee collection of tortoise fees – County has selected a potential vendor for credit card and electronic payments processing and is currently in contract negotiations. It is going slower than expected and there may not be a vendor selected until late fall.
- Continued wait for the desert tortoise specialty license plate application to make it to the top 5 (now 7th on DMV waiting list).
- Received Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Executive Committee approval for two Round 14 proposals totaling \$473,150. Approved by the Secretary of Interior.
- Received reimbursement for SNPLMA projects. Round 6: 1 draw down (\$36,200.82), Round 8: 2 draw downs (\$17,404.81), and Round 12: 1 draw down (\$3,600).
- Hired new Sr. Management Analyst, Daniel Hoover.

Document Reviews & External Agency Coordination

- Attended the Enterprise Open House on October 10, 2013.
- Attended the Partners in Flight meeting on November 6, 2013.
- Attended the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Dry Lake North Solar Energy Zone Meeting on November 19, 2013.
- Attended the Relict Leopard Frog Conservation Team meeting on December 5, 2013.
- Provided comments for the Silver State South Solar Project Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).
- Reviewed the Creech Air Force Base EIS.
- Reviewed the Primm Substation EIS.
- Reviewed the Soda Mountain Solar Project.
- Provided Las Vegas Buckwheat data to the USFWS.
- Provided GIS data to the City of Mesquite.



Acquisition & Management of Acquired Easements, Property, Grazing Rights & Water Rights

- Riparian Property (Muddy River and Virgin River) management activities for the quarter can be viewed on this webpage:
<http://bit.ly/1fbT7l6>

Boulder City Conservation Easement (BCCE)

- BCCE management activities for the quarter can be viewed on this webpage:
<http://bit.ly/1mFZz9s>

Wild Desert Tortoise Assistance Line

- The line logged three calls.
- Two desert tortoises were picked up from construction sites and transferred to the Desert Tortoise Conservation Center (DTCC). Currently only wild tortoises from construction sites are being picked up.

Public Information and Education (PIE)

- **Mojave Max Education Program**
 - Continued contract with Red Rock Canyon Interpretive Association and continued education programs.
 - Reviewed applications for Mojave Max School assemblies and chose schools for the 2014 assembly season.
 - Ran ads in the Las Vegas Review Journal (LVRJ), Pinpoint Magazine, with KNPR (Nevada Public Radio) and COX Media to advertise the 2014 Mojave Max Emergence Contest.
- Distributed promotional items (tire gauges) to the Southern Nevada Off-Road Enthusiasts (SNORE) for their December “Rage at the River” race.
- Attended a Dust Class at the Department of Air Quality on November 1, 2013 to present construction worker training as it relates to encountering wild desert tortoises on construction sites.

Desert Tortoise Fencing

- There was no desert tortoise fencing installed during this reporting period.

Financial

- See attached financial summary.



Land Disturbance and Mitigation Fees

- See attached summary.

Adaptive Management Program (AMP)

- Developed the Final Pre and Post Translocation Monitoring Plan for the augmentation of the desert tortoise population in Eldorado Valley.
- Provided a review of desert tortoise connectivity models and their use in Environmental Impact Statements.

Permit Amendment

- On November 6, 2013, the Board of County Commissioners adopted an Interlocal Agreement clarifying administrative procedures amongst the Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) Permittees.
- Clark County adopted code updates to Title 30, clarifying language related to the MSHCP and removing exemptions for government uses.

**CLARK COUNTY DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM
SUMMARY
2005-2007 BIENNIUM**

Section 7

Allocated to spend: \$2,952,883.50

S7 Conservation Project Expenditures	\$1,325,336.79		
Section 7 Refunds	\$111,602.58		
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Amount Spent:	\$1,436,939.37	% Spent:	48.66%
Amount Remaining:	\$1,515,944.13	% Remaining:	51.34%

Section 10

Required to spend: \$3,817,775.00

S10 Administrative Expenditures	\$1,284,533.97		
S10 Conservation Project Expenditures	\$2,754,660.52		
Section 10 Refunds	\$20,545.50		
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Amount Spent:	\$4,059,739.99	% Spent:	106.34%
Amount Remaining:	(\$241,964.99)	% Remaining:	-6.34%

SNPLMA

Allocated to spend: \$22,034,036.00

SNPLMA Administrative Expenditures	\$4,491,784.81		
SNPLMA Conservation Project Expenditures	\$17,231,231.01		
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Amount Spent:	\$21,723,015.82	% Spent:	98.59%
Amount Remaining:	\$311,020.18	% Remaining:	1.41%

DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM GRAND TOTALS

TOTAL FUNDING: \$28,804,694.50

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT: \$27,219,695.18

% SPENT: 94.50%

TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING: \$1,584,999.32

% REMAINING: 5.50%

**CLARK COUNTY DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM
SUMMARY
2007-2009 BIENNIUM**

Section 7

Allocated to spend: \$0.00

Section 7 Refunds	\$10,469.04		
	Amount Spent:	\$10,469.04	% Spent: 0.00%
	Amount Remaining:	(\$10,469.04)	% Remaining: 100.00%

Section 10

Required to spend: \$4,500,000.00

S10 Administrative Expenditures	\$2,985,593.09		
S10 Conservation Project Expenditures	\$1,842,977.98		
Section 10 Refunds	\$39,701.70		
	Amount Spent:	\$4,868,272.77	% Spent: 108.18%
	Amount Remaining:	(\$368,272.77)	% Remaining: -8.18%

SNPLMA

Allocated to spend: \$4,237,487.00

SNPLMA Administrative Expenditures	\$1,229,789.30		
SNPLMA Conservation Project Expenditures	\$1,056,712.70		
	Amount Spent:	\$2,286,502.00	% Spent: 53.96%
	Amount Remaining:	\$1,950,985.00	% Remaining: 46.04%

DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM GRAND TOTALS

TOTAL FUNDING: \$8,737,487.00

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT: \$7,165,243.81

TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING: \$1,572,243.19

% SPENT: 82.01%

% REMAINING: 17.99%

**CLARK COUNTY DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM
SUMMARY
2009-2011 BIENNIUM**

Section 10

Required to spend: \$7,179,827.00

S10 Administrative Expenditures \$2,619,213.42

S10 Conservation Project Expenditures \$1,987,386.52

Amount Spent:	\$4,606,599.94	% Spent:	64.16%
Amount Remaining:	\$2,573,227.06	% Remaining:	35.84%

DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM GRAND TOTALS

TOTAL FUNDING: \$7,179,827.00

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT: \$4,606,599.94

% SPENT: 64.16%

TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING: \$2,573,227.06

% REMAINING: 35.84%

**CLARK COUNTY DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM
SUMMARY
2011-2013 BIENNIUM**

Section 10

Required to spend: \$10,033,502.50

S10 Administrative Expenditures	\$3,450,517.77
S10 Conservation Project Expenditures	\$381,829.00

Amount Spent:	\$3,832,346.77	% Spent:	38.20%
Amount Remaining:	\$6,201,155.73	% Remaining:	61.80%

SNPLMA

Allocated to spend: \$92,000.00

SNPLMA Administrative Expenditures	\$5,000.00
SNPLMA Conservation Project Expenditures	\$73,708.50

Amount Spent:	\$78,708.50	% Spent:	85.55%
Amount Remaining:	\$13,291.50	% Remaining:	14.45%

DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM GRAND TOTALS

TOTAL FUNDING: \$10,125,502.50

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT: \$3,911,055.27

TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING: \$6,214,447.23

% SPENT: 38.63%

% REMAINING: 61.37%

**CLARK COUNTY DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM
SUMMARY
2013-2015 BIENNIUM**

Section 10

Required to spend: \$8,404,941.00

S10 Administrative Expenditures \$689,576.50

S10 Conservation Project Expenditures \$45,018.90

Amount Spent:	\$734,595.40	% Spent:	8.74%
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Amount Remaining:	\$7,670,345.60	% Remaining:	91.26%
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DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM GRAND TOTALS

TOTAL FUNDING: \$8,404,941.00

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT: \$734,595.40

TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING: \$7,670,345.60

% SPENT: 8.74%

% REMAINING: 91.26%

LAND DISTURBANCE - TORTOISE MITIGATION ACREAGE/FEEES REPORT

1/15/2014

	CC-Civil	CC-Dev Svcs	Boulder City	Henderson	Las Vegas	Mesquite	NDOT	NLV	Yr Totals
2001 Acres	152.70	3,171.52	36.18	1,030.84	1,064.33	89.49	6.85	740.55	6,292.46
2001 Exempt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2001 Fees	\$84,041.60	\$1,727,378.56	\$19,919.00	\$566,948.47	\$585,436.00	\$28,543.66	\$3,767.50	\$402,055.50	\$3,418,090.29
2002 Acres	251.95	3,296.95	19.68	1,299.75	1,848.38	162.51	11.40	1,584.96	8,475.58
2002 Exempt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2002 Fees	\$137,603.40	\$1,802,376.26	\$10,824.00	\$709,254.00	\$1,013,806.15	\$89,382.00	\$6,270.00	\$871,757.00	\$4,641,272.81
2003 Acres	382.62	3,374.55	17.63	1,391.89	1,492.50	364.17	4.12	2,105.20	9,132.68
2003 Exempt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.94	0.00	0.00	2.75	11.69
2003 Fees	\$209,642.75	\$1,855,402.45	\$8,944.50	\$774,022.15	\$710,889.83	\$171,940.68	\$2,266.00	\$1,157,870.50	\$4,890,978.86
2004 Acres	412.01	4,062.93	9.81	1,856.55	1,621.89	518.21	0.00	2,039.21	10,520.61
2004 Exempt	0.00	0.00	1,644.95	0.00	110.97	13.41	0.00	8.28	1,777.61
2004 Fees	\$225,165.31	\$2,239,261.90	\$5,381.50	\$1,005,598.05	\$891,828.23	\$265,492.00	\$0.00	\$1,121,631.05	\$5,754,358.04
2005 Acres	243.27	4,339.36	12.36	1,995.51	1,175.01	408.62	46.80	1,498.52	9,719.45
2005 Exempt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13.65	0.00	0.00	13.65
2005 Fees	\$127,892.06	\$2,392,014.00	\$6,798.50	\$959,898.90	\$636,019.43	\$198,824.62	\$25,740.00	\$824,191.50	\$5,171,379.01
2006 Acres	105.41	3,365.42	530.50	3,831.64	1,157.47	1,244.43	0.00	739.65	10,974.52
2006 Exempt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	71.26	37.34	0.00	0.00	108.60
2006 Fees	\$54,970.45	\$1,851,016.68	\$291,643.50	\$2,092,211.09	\$636,955.65	\$680,664.35	\$0.00	\$406,807.00	\$6,014,268.72
2007 Acres	107.63	2,275.45	32.11	798.60	664.51	395.72	0.00	435.20	4,709.22
2007 Exempt	0.00	115.84	0.00	89.77	2.16	27.93	0.00	0.00	235.70
2007 Fees	\$58,373.80	\$1,251,497.50	\$17,661.00	\$439,047.95	\$365,470.08	\$191,207.00	\$0.00	\$219,627.65	\$2,542,884.98
2008 Acres	27.75	949.71	34.10	847.39	218.83	148.26	0.00	390.10	2,616.14
2008 Exempt	0.00	193.66	0.00	19.30	23.75	41.19	0.00	0.00	277.90
2008 Fees	\$15,269.95	\$521,653.88	\$18,756.50	\$473,711.70	\$120,356.50	\$74,585.50	\$0.00	\$214,553.35	\$1,438,887.38
2009 Acres	5.64	173.33	419.54	57.81	72.53	28.82	43.70	17.85	819.22
2009 Exempt	0.00	18.50	28.23	41.19	0.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	88.62
2009 Fees	\$3,102.00	\$95,331.50	\$230,747.00	\$31,795.50	\$39,291.50	\$15,851.00	\$24,035.00	\$9,817.50	\$449,971.00
2010 Acres	1.02	397.06	0.00	84.42	46.82	1.85	0.00	101.31	632.48
2010 Exempt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2010 Fees	\$561.00	\$218,383.00	\$0.00	\$46,431.00	\$25,751.00	\$1,017.50	\$0.00	\$55,720.00	\$347,863.50
2011 Acres	9.09	381.99	726.41	82.55	64.27	83.83	45.00	340.66	1,733.80
2011 Exempt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2011 Fees	\$4,999.50	\$210,044.50	\$399,525.50	\$45,402.50	\$35,348.50	\$46,106.50	\$24,750.00	\$187,363.00	\$953,540.00
2012 Acres	2.89	684.21	0.00	453.92	85.77	0.00	0.00	111.06	1,337.85
2012 Exempt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2012 Fees	\$1,589.50	\$376,315.50	\$0.00	\$249,656.00	\$47,173.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$61,083.00	\$735,817.50
2013 Acres	0.00	404.22	1,301.06	277.16	122.53	5.50	0.00	306.80	2,417.27
2013 Exempt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2013 Fees	\$0.00	\$222,321.00	\$715,583.00	\$152,438.00	\$67,391.50	\$3,025.00	\$0.00	\$168,740.00	\$1,329,498.50
Total acres disturbed to date=			69,381.28						
Total fee Exempt acres disturbed to date (reconciled)=			2,513.77	**					
Total fees collected to date=			\$37,688,810.59						
**15,000 acres is exempt from the \$550 per acre mitigation fee for government use.									
Number of acres allowed for disturbance under current multiple species permit						145,000.00			
Less number of acres reported for which fees have been paid under current permit						69,381.28			
Less number of fee exempt acres under current permit **						15,000.00	**		

Number of disturbable acres remaining under current permit			60,618.72			
** Note: Clark County Department of Internal Audit has conducted an audit of the exempt acreage and as a result, fee exempt acres for public purpose is no longer allowed. Amount shown (15,000) is the maximum number of fee exempt acres allowed under the current permit.						