

November 30, 2016

TO: DISTRIBUTION

RE: DESERT CONSERVATION PROGAM PROJECT COMPLETION NOTIFICATION:

## VEGETATION DATA FOR DESERT TORTOISE OCCUPANCY COVARIATE MONITORING PROJECT II 2009-KLA-811J

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 collect vegetation data that will be used later to develop a fine-scale predictive model to understand the distribution of the desert tortoise at the Boulder city Conservation Easement (BCCE) and similar landscapes.

## The major accomplishment or findings of this project include:

This year, all 60 vegetation plots were monitored, and data were collected on ephemeral native species cover, exotic species cover, and overall species richness. This project marks the third successful year of vegetation data collection. Having a multi-year data set available will allow for better accuracy in the development of a predictive model by allowing examination of variation in the vegetation community over time.

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

If you have any questions, please contact Stefanie Ferrazzano at (702) 455-6386.

## Sincerely,

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US Fish and Wildlife Service
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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
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