

Agency/Organization: Alta Science and Engineering, Inc.

Project Name: Science Advisor Panel

Project Number: 2023-ALTA-2320A

Reporting Period: October - December 2025

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QUESTION 1: What did you accomplish during this reporting period?

How did these accomplishments help you reach the goal of your project?

If relevant, what indicators or benchmarks were used to determine your progress?

This quarter we accomplished several deliverables and milestones. We attended the November Quarterly Meeting held virtually, completed the draft and final Biennial Adaptive Management Reports, resubmitted the tortoise movement manuscript to Movement Ecology, and are currently working on preliminary data analysis comparing UAV versus ground-based tortoise surveys.

QUESTION 2: What, if any, problems were encountered? Briefly describe those problems and the manner in which they were dealt.

There were no significant problems encountered this quarter.

QUESTION 3: What, if any, proposed activities were not completed? Briefly describe those activities, the reasons they were not completed and your plans for carrying them out.

The initial report on assessing UAV versus ground-based tortoise surveys (D66) was due on 12/31/25 and is expected to be completed and submitted tomorrow, 1/6/25.

QUESTION 4: What is the calculated percent of work completed?

The calculated percent of work completed is 98%, based on the number and budget of completed milestones and deliverables.

QUESTION 5: Do you foresee any upcoming problems with future project activities? If so, how do you propose to overcome those problems?

There are no foreseen upcoming problems.

QUESTION 6: Is there anything else you want to tell the DCP about this project?

Not at this time.

QUESTION 7: What was produced during the reporting period?

Deliverable and Milestones due in 2025 are tracked in the table below. This quarter we completed M13, D22, D23, D24, D25, and D65. All submitted deliverables for the quarter, have been approved by DCP.

Due Date	D/M #	Description	Revised Date	Date Delivered/ Status	Approved by DCP
January 5, 2025	D11	Quarterly Progress Report (Oct–Dec 2024)	2/19/2025	1/5/2025	Yes
May 30, 2025	D12	Tortoise Settling Rate Manuscript Submittal		6/16/2025	Yes
February 28, 2025	M09	Quarterly Meeting / Management Plan Workshop		2/19/2025	NA
March 15, 2025	D13	Quarterly Project Meeting Summary		3/3/2025	Yes
March 30, 2025	D14	Management Plan Workshop Summary		3/27/2025	Yes
April 5, 2025	D15	Quarterly Progress Report (Jan– March 2025)		4/8/2025	Yes
May 31, 2025	M10	Quarterly Meeting		5/7/2025	NA
June 15, 2025	D16	Quarterly Project Meeting Summary		5/8/2025	Yes
July 1, 2025	D17	Biennium Progress Summary Report		7/8/2025	Yes
July 5, 2025	D18	Quarterly Progress Report (April–June 2025)		7/1/2025	Yes
July 31, 2025	D19	BCCE Management Plan Revision		8/2/2025	Yes
August TBD, 2025	M11	2025 Annual Project Rev Presentation (If requested)		8/18/2025	NA
August, TBD 2025	M12	Quarterly Meeting		8/19/2025	NA
September 15, 2025	D20	Quarterly Project Meeting Summary		9/3/2025	Yes
September 21, 2025	D21	Annual Project Review Symposium Evaluation		9/19/2025	Yes
October 5, 2025	D22	Quarterly Progress Report (July –Sept 2025)		10/2/25	Yes
November 1, 2025	D23	Draft Biennial Adaptive Management Report		10/31/25	Yes
November 15, 2025	M13	Quarterly Meeting		11/12/25	NA
December 1, 2025	D24	Quarterly Project Meeting Summary		11/14/25	Yes
December 15, 2025	D25	Final Biennial Adaptive Management Report		12/17/25	Yes
January 5, 2026	D26	Quarterly Progress Report (Oct–Dec 2025)	This deliverable	Not Started	
January 15, 2026	D28	Final Project Review Summary and Claim Release		4/7/2025	Yes
March 31, 2025	D61	Veg Occupancy Re-analysis and Submission		4/30/2025	Yes
April 30, 2025	D62	Herbivory Deterrent Analysis Summary Report		6/11/2025	Yes
July 31, 2025	D63	Veg Occupancy Manuscript Final Submission		9/29/2025	Yes
September 30, 2025	D64	Habitat Functionality Report		10/14/25	Yes
October 31, 2025	D65	Movement manuscript submittal	11/12/25	In Progress	
December 31, 2025	D66	Initial report on assessing UAV versus ground-based tortoise surveys			