

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) | 5/7/2025 | 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 | 8/18/2025 | 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 | 8/19/2025 | NA |
| September 15, 2025 | D20 | Quarterly Project Meeting Summary | 11/12/25 | 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 | |
| January 15, 2026 | D28 | Final Project Review Summary and Claim Release | | Not Started | |
| March 31, 2025 | D61 | Veg Occupancy Re-analysis and Submission | | 4/7/2025 | Yes |
| April 30, 2025 | D62 | Herbivory Deterrent Analysis Summary Report | | 4/30/2025 | Yes |
| July 31, 2025 | D63 | Veg Occupancy Manuscript Final Submission | | 6/11/2025 | Yes |
| September 30, 2025 | D64 | Habitat Functionality Report | | 9/29/2025 | Yes |
| October 31, 2025 | D65 | Movement manuscript submittal | | 10/14/25 | Yes |
| December 31, 2025 | D66 | Initial report on assessing UAV versus ground-based tortoise surveys | | In Progress | |