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DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM PROJECT COMPLETION SUMMARY
Public Outreach and Stakeholder Engagement
2023-SDR-2315E

The work for the above referenced project has been completed. Below is a summary of project related information.

The purpose of the above referenced project was:

The Clark County Desert Conservation Program manages Endangered Species Act compliance on behalf of Clark County, Nevada Department of Transportation, and the cities of Boulder City, Henderson, Las Vegas, North Las Vegas, and Mesquite (the Permittees). It is managed through the implementation of the Clark County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) and associated incidental take permit. The current permit term has fewer than seven years remaining on the permit term and less than 18,000 acres of take remaining. With the permit expiring, the County has begun work towards securing a new incidental take permit. Due to changes in policies and regulations, the overall conservation strategy, including avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures, must change. With the changes, the new MSHCP has potential to affect numerous agencies, interests, and stakeholder groups. Thus, the Clark County Board of County Commissioners (BCC) directed staff to begin a public outreach and stakeholder engagement effort to inform interested parties and solicit feedback. If the BCC directs the County to submit the application for a new incidental take permit, feedback solicited during the public outreach and engagement process will be incorporated into the final application package.

The major accomplishments or findings of this project include:

The DCP hosted a series of public and partner engagement activities from December 2024 through February 2025 to gather feedback. Engagement activities included four virtual public information sessions, six focus group meetings (one in person, five virtual) and seven stakeholder interviews. More than 80 people representing 51 agencies, organizations, and businesses participated in the events. There was a high level of interest in the new MSHCP from members attending. However, most of the stakeholders had a low level of familiarity with the MSHCP, so an increase of public education about the MSHCP is needed. Stakeholders had a few suggestions for the new MSHCP such as boundaries of the Reserve System, possible additions to the Covered Species list, and revision of some compliance measures. There were concerns with the plan regarding the proposed



Reserve System and increasing the permit development fee. Developers were greatly concerned about the increased fee but they wish to maintain the simplicity of permitting that the current MSHCP provides. Stakeholders and the public wish for continued transparency and information from the county on its activities and costs related to the MSHCP.

A report summarizing stakeholder discussions and feedback was prepared at the conclusion of the engagement process. The report includes several recommendations for follow-up discussion or actions, and considerations for final revisions to the MSHCP Amendment application package.

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