



2026 MSHCP Annual Project Progress Report Symposium
Monday, August 31, 2026
Silverado Ranch Community Center
9855 Gilespe Street
Las Vegas, NV 89183

The purpose of the Symposium is to highlight progress made to date on projects to implement the Clark County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan.

AGENDA

8:00	Sign-In
8:30 – 8:35	Welcome Marci Henson: Director of Environment and Sustainability
8:35 – 8:40	Opening Remarks Clark County Commissioner Michael Naft
8:40 – 8:45	Housekeeping Audrie Locke & Scott Cambrin
8:45 – 9:00	Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan Overview Kimberley Goodwin: Desert Conservation Program
9:00 – 9:10	Biological Goals and Objectives Scott Cambrin: Desert Conservation Program
9:10 – 9:30	Public Information & Education Audrie Locke: Desert Conservation Program
<u>Rare Plants and Restoration</u>	
9:30 – 9:50	Development of Resilient Plant Materials for Desert Restoration Sara Scoles-Sciulla and Lesley DeFalco: USGS
9:50 – 10:10	Rare Plant Propagation Research & Seed Ecology of Threecorner Milkvetch Lesley DeFalco and Sara Scoles-Sciulla: USGS

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- 10:10 – 10:30 Clark County Rare Plant Research: Persistence in a Novel Solar Environment and Restoration in a Disturbed Gypsum Landscape
Tiffany Pereira, Clair Karban, Seth Munson, and Lara Kobelt: Desert Research Institute, U.S. Geological Survey, & Bureau of Land Management
- 10:30 – 10:50 BREAK
- 10:50 – 11:10 Using On-Site Materials for Drought-Adapted Habitat Restoration in the BCCE.
Lindsay Chiquoine and Scott Abella: University of Nevada Las Vegas
- 11:10 – 11:30 Inventory and Demographic Monitoring of White-Margined Penstemon (*Penstemon albomarginatus*), Clark County, NV
Alice Miller: Pyramid Botanical Consultants

Monitoring and Management of DCP Properties

- 11:30 – 11:50 Riparian Properties Update
Caryn Wright: Desert Conservation Program
- 11:50 – 12:10 BCCE Property Update
Elizabeth Herrmann: Desert Conservation Program
- 12:10 – 1:00 LUNCH
- 1:00 – 1:20 2026 Avian Surveys and Cowbird Parasitism Control and Evaluation on MSHCP Properties
Sarah Nichols: SWCA Environmental Consultants
- 1:20 – 1:40 Ecology and Population Dynamics of Jackrabbits and Coyotes in the BCCE
Sean Murphy, Ben Gottsacker, Sarah Mendoza, Eddie Gaylord, Felicia Chen, Kathy Longshore, and Todd Esque: US Geological Survey
- 1:40 – 2:00 Weeds Surveys and Management on DCP properties
Tarl Norman: National Park Service

Survey Lightning Talks

- 2:00 – 2:05 Tortoise Occupancy Monitoring on the BCCE
Dan Roadhouse: Bio-logical
- 2:05 – 2:10 Tortoise Mark-Recapture Surveys on Demography Plots
Amanda Scheib: Ecocentric
- 2:10 – 2:20 Rangewide Monitoring and BCCE Telemetry
Brittnay Nelson: Great Basin Institute

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HCP Permit Amendment

- 2:20 – 2:40 HCP Permit Amendment Update
Kimberley Goodwin: Desert Conservation Program
- 2:40 – 3:00 Desert Pocket Mouse: Threats Assessment, Habitat Characterization, and Conservation Planning
Sean Neiswenter, Giavanna Fernandez, Juan Garcia, Danny Rakestraw:
University of Nevada Las Vegas & BEC Environmental
- 3:00 – 3:20 BREAK
- 3:20 – 3:40 Assessing Gila Monster Genetic Diversity
Dustin Wood and Amy Vandergast: US Geological Survey

The Adaptive Management Program

- 3:40 – 4:00 Variability in Common Raven Density and the Impact of Historic Raven Control Efforts
Seth Harju: Heron Ecological
- 4:00 – 4:20 Adaptive Management in the Desert Conservation Program
Scott Cambrin: Desert Conservation Program

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