



desert conservation PROGRAM

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Quarterly Administrator Update

July through September 2012





**Desert Conservation Program
Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan
Quarterly Administrator Update
October 2012**

Contract & Interlocal Agreement Management

- Contracted with Berntsen International, Inc. for signage for the Boulder City Conservation Easement (BCCE), Project 714I.
- Contracted with Soil Tech Company for BCCE Restoration – Phase I, Project 809B.

Project Management

The Program currently shows an approximate dashboard of:

Project Status	# of Projects
Green	16
Yellow	1
Red	0

Four metrics are tracked: 1) budget, 2) schedule, 3) scope, and 4) quality. Green indicates that the project is currently within accepted tolerances for each metric. Yellow signifies there may be or is a problem, but is recoverable. Red signifies that a problem exists that requires immediate attention. For more information on our projects, please visit our website at:

<http://www.clarkcountynv.gov/Depts/dcp/Pages/CurrentProjects.aspx>

Other Administrative Accomplishments

- Processed vendor payments - 28 invoices: 24 accepted (86%), 4 rejected (14%).
- Prepared for move from the Atrium Building to the Clark County Government Center.
- Continued coordination with Clark County Department of Finance and Clark County Comptroller's Office on transition to the Department of Comprehensive Planning.
- Participated in conference call meeting as a member of the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Streamlining Committee.
- Started process to convert permittee refund payments to Automated Clearing House (ACH).
- Updated required Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) spending through end of permit based on current Consumer Price Index (CPI).



Other Administrative Accomplishments cont'd

- Executed funding instruments for two SNPLMA Round 12 projects totaling \$92,000.
- Remitted final Section 7 proceeds to San Diego Zoo and closed fund.
- Received reimbursement for SNPLMA projects: Round 6 projects: 1 draw down (\$377), Round 8 projects: 4 draw downs (\$29,177).
- Status of SNPLMA change requests:
 - Volunteer Resource Stewardship, Project 605: reduce scope – Scope reduction was handled with closeout agreement.
- Completed and de-obligated the following SNPLMA Round 6 projects:
 - Media and Outreach Development, Project 553
 - Muddy River Property Management, Project 561
 - Butterfly Monitoring in the Spring Mountains, Project 570
 - Volunteer Resource Stewardship, Project 605
- Prepared closeout packets and held final site visits for the following SNPLMA Round 6 projects.
 - Adaptive Management Program, Project 574
 - Effects of Fuel Management Treatment in the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area, Project 551
- Submitted SNPLMA Fiscal Year (FY) 12-Q3 project status and FY12-Q4 financial projections reporting.
- Developed required and discretionary project concepts and related budgets, based on approved budget principles for the FY 2013-2015 Implementation Plan and Budget (IPB).
- Provided draft FY 2013-2015 IPB to Permittees, Science Advisor, and United States Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS), received and incorporated comments.
- Draft posted for public comment August 1-20, 2012.
- Received Board of County Commissioner approval on the 2013 – 2015 IPB. See the following link for a copy of the report: <http://bit.ly/SxBQta>

Document Reviews & External Agency Coordination

- Assisted Clark County Shooting Park in scoping a burrow to determine if it was occupied by a desert tortoise prior to land disturbance.
- Assisted Clark County Real Property Management (RPM) on questions related to tortoise mitigation fees and compliance with Mountains Edge Lease.
- Reviewed KRoad Moapa Solar Generation Area Environmental Impact Statement.
- Reviewed and provided comments: BLM Solar Energy Development Programmatic EIS.



Document Reviews & External Agency Coordination cont'd.

- Reviewed and provided maps for the Southwest Ridge Study Area (bat data).
- Reviewed and provided comments to Terracon regarding potential development on the corner of Blue Diamond and Rainbow.
- Attended and provided support for the Southwest Ridge Study Area Open House.
- Provided maps and data support for the 2012 Annual MSHCP Progress Report Symposium. Provided the following data:
 - DCP property GIS data to the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR)
 - Butterfly data to USFWS
 - BCCE data to NewFields
 - County maps and data to URS Corporation (for the Calnev EIS/Revised)

Acquisition & Management of Acquired Easements, Property, Grazing Rights & Water Rights

- Riparian Property (Muddy River and Virgin River) management activities for the quarter can be viewed on this webpage:
<http://bit.ly/RKKpkZ>

Boulder City Conservation Easement (BCCE)

- BCCE management activities for the quarter can be viewed on this webpage:
<http://bit.ly/WG1fml>

Wild Desert Tortoise Assistance Line

- The line logged 38 calls.
- Eleven wild tortoises (7 Adults & 4 Hatchlings) were collected and transferred to the Desert Tortoise Conservation Center.
- Two of the tortoises that came from the solar construction site in the Energy Zone within the BCCE were returned equipped with monitors.

Public Information and Education (PIE)

- **Mojave Max Education Program** – Continued contract with Red Rock Canyon Interpretive Association and continued education programs at Clark County Schools. The 2012-2013 school-year began, and with it, preparations for the 2013 emergence contest. Mojave Max instructors visited 14 schools and reached 1,597 students.
- **Outreach Events** – The Mojave Max mascot made appearances at seven community events where he reached approximately 3,200 people.



Desert Tortoise Fencing

- There was no desert tortoise fencing installed during this reporting period.

Financial

- See attached financial summary.

Land Disturbance and Mitigation Fees

- See attached summary.

Adaptive Management Program (AMP)

- Held the 2012 Annual MSHCP Progress Report Symposium on August 16. Progress reports were presented by MSHCP staff, agencies, and contractors on 8 projects. Agenda and presentation materials may be found here: <http://bit.ly/kRE4vm>
- Provided proposed recovery actions and comments on the threats and available data model to the Desert Tortoise Recovery Implementation Team.
- Prepared a competitive Request for Proposals for Science Advisor for 2013-2015.
- Received the final protocol for monitoring Covariates of Desert Tortoise Occupancy in the BCCE.
- Prepared a competitive Request for Proposals for the Desert Tortoise Occupancy Monitoring field crews.

Permit Amendment

- Responded to BLM-SNPLMA Division letter regarding the status of permit amendment.
- Continued to meet with Permittees to discuss options for phasing and timing of amendment implementation.
- Initiated coordination with Clark County Department of Information Technology to begin fee collection consolidation. Goal of the project is to consolidate mitigation fee payment system within the Clark County without impacting end users/customers.

**CLARK COUNTY DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM
SUMMARY
2005-2007 BIENNIUM**

Section 7

Allocated to spend: \$2,952,883.50

S7 Conservation Project Expenditures	\$1,325,336.79
Section 7 Refunds	\$111,602.58

Amount Spent:	\$1,436,939.37	% Spent:	48.66%
Amount Remaining:	\$1,515,944.13	% Remaining:	51.34%

Section 10

Required to spend: \$3,817,775.00

S10 Administrative Expenditures	\$1,516,418.43
S10 Conservation Project Expenditures	\$2,673,034.30
Section 10 Refunds	\$20,545.50

Amount Spent:	\$4,209,998.23	% Spent:	110.27%
Amount Remaining:	(\$392,223.23)	% Remaining:	-10.27%

SNPLMA

Allocated to spend: \$22,034,036.00

SNPLMA Administrative Expenditures	\$4,384,388.10
SNPLMA Conservation Project Expenditures	\$17,126,370.73

Amount Spent:	\$21,510,758.83	% Spent:	97.63%
Amount Remaining:	\$523,277.17	% Remaining:	2.37%

DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM GRAND TOTALS

TOTAL FUNDING: \$28,804,694.50

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT: \$27,157,696.43

% SPENT: 94.28%

TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING: \$1,646,998.07

% REMAINING: 5.72%

**CLARK COUNTY DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM
SUMMARY
2007-2009 BIENNIUM**

Section 7

Allocated to spend: \$0.00

Section 7 Refunds	\$10,469.04		
Amount Spent:	\$10,469.04	% Spent:	0.00%
Amount Remaining:	(\$10,469.04)	% Remaining:	100.00%

Section 10

Required to spend: \$4,500,000.00

S10 Administrative Expenditures	\$3,036,331.61		
S10 Conservation Project Expenditures	\$1,828,706.14		
Section 10 Refunds	\$39,701.70		
Amount Spent:	\$4,904,739.45	% Spent:	108.99%
Amount Remaining:	(\$404,739.45)	% Remaining:	-8.99%

SNPLMA

Allocated to spend: \$4,237,487.00

SNPLMA Administrative Expenditures	\$1,166,477.11		
SNPLMA Conservation Project Expenditures	\$922,273.57		
Amount Spent:	\$2,088,750.68	% Spent:	49.29%
Amount Remaining:	\$2,148,736.32	% Remaining:	50.71%

DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM GRAND TOTALS

TOTAL FUNDING: \$8,737,487.00

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT: \$7,003,959.17

% SPENT: 80.16%

TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING: \$1,733,527.83

% REMAINING: 19.84%

**CLARK COUNTY DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM
SUMMARY
2009-2011 BIENNIUM**

Section 10

Required to spend: \$7,179,827.00

S10 Administrative Expenditures	\$2,641,895.29
S10 Conservation Project Expenditures	\$1,456,250.37

Amount Spent:	\$4,098,145.66	% Spent:	57.08%
Amount Remaining:	\$3,081,681.34	% Remaining:	42.92%

DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM GRAND TOTALS

TOTAL FUNDING: \$7,179,827.00

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT: \$4,098,145.66

% SPENT: 57.08%

TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING: \$3,081,681.34

% REMAINING: 42.92%

**CLARK COUNTY DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM
SUMMARY
2011-2013 BIENNIUM**

Section 10

Required to spend: \$10,033,502.50

S10 Administrative Expenditures	\$2,099,812.21
S10 Conservation Project Expenditures	\$129,440.00

Amount Spent:	\$2,229,252.21	% Spent:	22.22%
Amount Remaining:	\$7,804,250.29	% Remaining:	77.78%

SNPLMA

Allocated to spend: \$92,000.00

SNPLMA Administrative Expenditures	\$311.18
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Amount Spent:	\$311.18	% Spent:	0.34%
Amount Remaining:	\$91,688.82	% Remaining:	99.66%

DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM GRAND TOTALS

TOTAL FUNDING: \$10,125,502.50

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT: \$2,229,563.39

% SPENT: 22.02%

TOTAL AMOUNT REMAINING: \$7,895,939.11

% REMAINING: 77.98%

LAND DISTURBANCE - TORTOISE MITIGATION ACREAGE/FEEES REPORT

10/15/2012

	CC-Civil	CC-Dev Svcs	Boulder City	Henderson	Las Vegas	Mesquite	NDOT	NLV	Yr Totals
2001 Acres	152.70	3,171.52	36.18	1,030.84	1,064.33	89.49	6.85	740.55	6,292.46
2001 Exempt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2001 Fees	\$84,041.60	\$1,727,378.56	\$19,919.00	\$566,948.47	\$585,436.00	\$28,543.66	\$3,767.50	\$402,055.50	\$3,418,090.29
2002 Acres	251.95	3,296.95	19.68	1,299.75	1,848.38	162.51	11.40	1,584.96	8,475.58
2002 Exempt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2002 Fees	\$137,603.40	\$1,802,376.26	\$10,824.00	\$709,254.00	\$1,013,806.15	\$89,382.00	\$6,270.00	\$871,757.00	\$4,641,272.81
2003 Acres	382.62	3,374.55	17.63	1,391.89	1,492.50	364.17	4.12	2,105.20	9,132.68
2003 Exempt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.94	0.00	0.00	2.75	11.69
2003 Fees	\$209,642.75	\$1,855,402.45	\$8,944.50	\$774,022.15	\$710,889.83	\$171,940.68	\$2,266.00	\$1,157,870.50	\$4,890,978.86
2004 Acres	412.01	4,062.93	9.81	1,856.55	1,621.89	518.21	0.00	2,039.21	10,520.61
2004 Exempt	0.00	0.00	1,644.95	0.00	110.97	13.41	0.00	8.28	1,777.61
2004 Fees	\$225,165.31	\$2,239,261.90	\$5,381.50	\$1,005,598.05	\$891,828.23	\$265,492.00	\$0.00	\$1,121,631.05	\$5,754,358.04
2005 Acres	243.27	4,339.36	12.36	1,995.51	1,175.01	408.62	46.80	1,498.52	9,719.45
2005 Exempt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13.65	0.00	0.00	13.65
2005 Fees	\$127,892.06	\$2,392,014.00	\$6,798.50	\$959,898.90	\$636,019.43	\$198,824.62	\$25,740.00	\$824,191.50	\$5,171,379.01
2006 Acres	105.41	3,365.42	530.50	3,831.64	1,157.47	1,244.43	0.00	739.65	10,974.52
2006 Exempt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	71.26	37.34	0.00	0.00	108.60
2006 Fees	\$54,970.45	\$1,851,016.68	\$291,643.50	\$2,092,211.09	\$636,955.65	\$680,664.35	\$0.00	\$406,807.00	\$6,014,268.72
2007 Acres	107.63	2,275.45	32.11	798.60	664.51	395.72	0.00	435.20	4,709.22
2007 Exempt	0.00	115.84	0.00	89.77	2.16	27.93	0.00	0.00	235.70
2007 Fees	\$58,373.80	\$1,251,497.50	\$17,661.00	\$439,047.95	\$365,470.08	\$191,207.00	\$0.00	\$219,627.65	\$2,542,884.98
2008 Acres	27.75	949.71	34.10	847.39	218.83	148.26	0.00	390.10	2,616.14
2008 Exempt	0.00	193.66	0.00	19.30	23.75	41.19	0.00	0.00	277.90
2008 Fees	\$15,269.95	\$521,653.88	\$18,756.50	\$473,711.70	\$120,356.50	\$74,585.50	\$0.00	\$214,553.35	\$1,438,887.38
2009 Acres	5.64	173.33	419.54	57.81	72.53	28.82	43.70	17.85	819.22
2009 Exempt	0.00	18.50	28.23	41.19	0.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	88.62
2009 Fees	\$3,102.00	\$95,331.50	\$230,747.00	\$31,795.50	\$39,291.50	\$15,851.00	\$24,035.00	\$9,817.50	\$449,971.00
2010 Acres	1.02	397.06	0.00	84.42	46.82	1.85	0.00	101.31	632.48
2010 Exempt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2010 Fees	\$561.00	\$218,383.00	\$0.00	\$46,431.00	\$25,751.00	\$1,017.50	\$0.00	\$55,720.00	\$347,863.50
2011 Acres	9.09	381.99	726.41	82.55	64.27	83.83	45.00	340.66	1,733.80
2011 Exempt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2011 Fees	\$4,999.50	\$210,044.50	\$399,525.50	\$45,402.50	\$35,348.50	\$46,106.50	\$24,750.00	\$187,362.50	\$953,539.50
2012 Acres	2.89	275.48	0.00	9.30	62.02	0.00	0.00	102.12	451.81
2012 Exempt	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2012 Fees	\$1,589.50	\$151,514.00	\$0.00	\$6,765.00	\$34,111.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$56,160.00	\$250,139.50
Total acres disturbed to date=			66,077.97						
Total fee Exempt acres disturbed to date (reconciled)=				2,513.77 **					
Total fees collected to date=			\$35,873,633.59						
**15,000 acres is exempt from the \$550 per acre mitigation fee for government use.									
Number of acres allowed for disturbance under current multiple species permit						145,000.00			
Less number of acres reported for which fees have been paid under current permit						66,077.97			
Less number of fee exempt acres under current permit **						15,000.00 **			
Number of disturbable acres remaining under current permit						63,922.03			

**** Note: Clark County Department of Internal Audit is currently conducting an audit of the exempt acreage and as a result, fee exempt acres is subject to change. Amount shown (15,000) is the maximum number of fee exempt acres allowed under the current permit.**

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