



Upper Diversion Weir Project Wins Award



The Upper Diversion Weir and bridge was recently awarded the APWA Environmental Project of the year.

The Nevada Chapter of the American Public Works Association (APWA) has recently recognized the Upper Diversion Weir with the Environmental Project of the Year award for its innovative design. The Las Vegas Wash Coordination Committee (LVWCC) project was selected from a pool of potential projects from across Nevada. As part of the APWA's evaluation, project engineers were required to present a project overview that detailed various engineering elements. "We are honored to have been recognized by APWA," said Gerry Hester, SNWA's engineering project manager. "This award reflects the tireless work of the entire LVWCC." The Upper Diversion Weir project earned the highest score of all the projects presented. The project was evaluated based on eight criteria, which included community need for the project, aesthetic value, service to the public and intricacy of design.

Upcoming Meetings

Administrative Study Team

Jan. 6, 2010
8:30 a.m.

Operations Study Team

Jan. 6, 2010
10:30 a.m.

Research and Environmental Monitoring Study Team

Jan. 6, 2010
1:30 p.m.

Las Vegas Valley Watershed Advisory Committee

Jan. 11, 2010 3 p.m.

Las Vegas Wash Coordination Committee

Jan. 26, 2010 9 a.m.

Study Team Meeting Schedule Consolidated

Over the last several months, LVWCC and study team members provided feedback concerning the format of the current programs. One recommendation was to conduct the various study team meetings on the same day, which will minimize impacts to the diverse work schedules of study team participants. Therefore, after the first of the year, all study team meetings will be conducted on the first Wednesday of each quarter. Due to the content similarity and attendee overlap, the Lake Mead Water Quality Forum and Selenium subcommittee meeting also will be coordinated on the same day as the study team meetings. While the meeting times have changed slightly to accommodate this new scheduling, staff believes that this change will encourage continued participation from study team members. For a detailed list of all upcoming meetings, please see the table above.

Large Mammal Study Begins

The Las Vegas Wash Project Coordination Team recently initiated a study to monitor the large mammals that utilize the many resources of the Las Vegas Wash and the surrounding Clark County Wetlands Park. The study, which monitors all mammals greater than one pound, includes twelve stations in each of three habitat types: upland, riparian, and revegetation. Motion sensitive infrared cameras located at each station are triggered by movement within 50 feet. The cameras, which are active day and night, obtain photographs to document the wildlife.



A coyote is captured by a motion detecting camera at the Las Vegas Wash.

Monitoring began in late November and will continue through December 2010. To date, cameras have captured photos of coyotes, cotton-tailed rabbits, ring-tailed cats, and a striped skunk, which is the first evidence of the species at the Las Vegas Wash since the 1970s. As part of the recommended action in the Wildlife Management Plan, the survey will establish baseline inventories of the diverse wildlife and will build upon data collected from past surveys conducted between 1998 and 2007. This survey is funded through a grant from the Bureau of Reclamation.