



## Las Vegas Wash security grant gets extension

Officers Joe Thompson and Dan Santoni from the Clark County Park Police Department have been serving the Clark County Wetlands Park for the last two years. Although the Wetlands Park is included as a part of the general patrol for all Park Police, it does pose unique challenges due to its size, remoteness and density of vegetation. The removal of several hundred acres of invasive tamarisk over the years has helped to reduce some of this difficulty, and thanks to a grant from the Bureau of Reclamation, Park Police have greatly increased their presence throughout the Park. The grant paid for full-time patrol throughout the Wetlands Park from Friday mornings until Monday evenings, which tends to be the busiest time of the week.

### Upcoming Meetings

#### Operations Study Team

Feb. 4, 2009 • 8:30 a.m.

#### Las Vegas Valley Watershed Advisory Committee

Feb. 10, 2009 • 3 p.m.



Officers Thompson and Santoni will be dedicating much of their time patrolling the Las Vegas Wash.

The increased enforcement has been a major factor in improving public safety in the area, adding further security for those enjoying the Wetlands Park. The grant was scheduled to expire at the end of 2008, but these services have been determined so important that it was extended to the end of 2009.

We'd like to thank Officers Thompson and Santoni for their dedicated service and look forward to working with them for another year.

## Cultural site relocated to Clark County Museum

For the last several months, archaeologists have been hard at work at the Las Vegas Wash, unearthing a cultural feature from the early 1900s. The site has produced a vast number of artifacts, and in the process, supplied more information about the early settlers of the Las Vegas valley.



Stone slabs are mapped, marked, carefully removed and prepared for relocation to the Clark County Museum.

Originally, the site was thought to have served as a temporary ranch house; however, excavation activities uncovered the foundation of a second larger structure, as well as children's toys and other domestic items.

These discoveries suggest and that the structure was likely occupied for many years. It is now believed that the excavated stone structure had served as a root cellar.

Although the area is now fully excavated and all mitigation requirements are fulfilled, construction of an adjacent weir is currently postponed while the Project Team coordinates with Clark County Parks and Recreation to relocate the stone structure to the Clark County Museum. The excavation and relocation of the structure has been made possible through funding from a Bureau of Reclamation grant.

## Las Vegas Wash gets new NDEP grant



NDEP grants have contributed to several Las Vegas Wash revegetation efforts.

The Las Vegas Wash Coordination Committee was recently awarded a grant from the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) for \$121,000. The money will be used to fund three activities that relate to non-point source pollution: four acres of revegetation in the Las Vegas Wash, production of a non-point source pollution public service announcement for the Clark County Water Reclamation District, and development of the 2010 Water Smart Calendar, which contains water quality and water conservation tips and is delivered to every homeowner in the Las Vegas Valley by the Southern Nevada Water Authority.