



# Las Vegas Wash Coordination Committee

## E-mail update

March 2008

### Lower Colorado River Basin Riparian Revegetation Workshop

The Las Vegas Wash Coordination Committee and the Southern Nevada Water Authority are preparing to host an upcoming workshop on riparian revegetation within the Lower Colorado River Basin. The workshop will take place May 7-9 at the Las Vegas Springs Preserve and is open to both public agencies and private individuals. The workshop will cover topics focusing on the necessary plants and plant communities that attract desired wildlife species, including waterfowl, amphibians and mammals. Soil and hydrological characteristics will also be discussed to determine which parameters are most important for making better management decisions. Participants will also learn how to plan and execute revegetation projects for greater success. A few case studies will be presented, including revegetation projects taking place at the Cibola National Wildlife Refuge and the Colorado River Delta. The workshop will conclude with a tour of several revegetation sites along the Las Vegas Wash.

#### Upcoming Meetings

Operations Study Team  
March 5, 2008  
8:30 a.m.

Las Vegas Valley  
Watershed Advisory  
Committee  
March 11, 2008  
2:30 p.m.  
Location: Clark County  
Regional Flood Control  
District



Spring Green-Up  
March 8, 2008  
12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.



The Calico Ridge Weir thrives from 2005 revegetation effort.

### Stormwater Drain Campaign Kicks Off

The Stormwater Quality Management Committee is kicking off a multi-agency effort to increase public awareness about the importance of stormwater quality protection. The outreach campaign will include marking 8,000 storm drains across the Las Vegas Valley with plaques that read, "Don't Pollute, Drains to Lake Mead". These plaques will help the public make the connection that stormwater empties into the Las Vegas Wash and eventually Lake Mead. The plaques will also alert residents that litter and hazardous materials found on streets or intentionally dumped into storm drains, can be harmful to our environment. The plaques include a logo of the campaign mascot, "Kip the fish," reminding residents that water quality affects all species, not just the human population. This message may sound familiar to some as 8,000 plaques were installed in the first round in 1999. By labeling neighborhood storm drains with the message about Lake Mead the goal is to remind the community to prevent stormwater pollution.

The most common causes of urban stormwater pollution come from:

- Trash and pet waste
- Automotive fluids like motor oil and antifreeze
- Paints, pesticides and fertilizers



An example of one of the plaques marking a stormwater drain.



An example of trash collecting in the Las Vegas Wash.

To further energize the public, the Conservation District of Southern Nevada (CDSN) has partnered with the committee to stage a stormwater pollution poster contest for fourth and fifth grade students across Clark County. The Stormwater Pollution Poster Contest will conclude on March 14. The contest winner will receive special recognition at the stormwater pollution prevention kick-off event, and their entire class will receive a pizza party and a field trip on University of Nevada Las Vegas' Forever Earth environmental science houseboat on Lake Mead. Additionally, to aid teachers in discussing stormwater pollution and the problems caused by stormwater pollution, CDSN created a new stormwater pollution workbook entitled, "Down the Drain Stormwater and You". For questions, please contact Jennifer Szejbka at (702) 262-9047 Ext.109. More information can also be found on [www.lvstormwater.com](http://www.lvstormwater.com).

### Did You Know?

#### Questionnaire Seeks Input On LVWCC Meetings

The Las Vegas Wash Coordination Committee (LVWCC) is putting together a questionnaire to be distributed among the members and alternates of the various quarterly LVWCC and study team meetings. Attendance to these meetings has gradually slipped and the survey will provide participants the opportunity to voice their opinions on topics such as meeting efficiency, content and location. The survey will include a short series of questions focusing on meeting attendance, content and participation and is to improve relevancy and productivity of the meetings through member input. An e-mail will be sent to the representative of each agency with a link to the survey, which will also be posted on [www.lvwash.org/members](http://www.lvwash.org/members).