

## Volunteers Wanted



Don't forget the Fall Green-Up, Oct. 1, 2005. Call **822-3370** for more information.

## Upcoming Meetings

Operations Study Team Meeting  
Oct. 5, 2005  
8:30 a.m.

Research / Environmental Monitoring Study Team Meeting  
Oct. 5, 2005  
10:30 a.m.

Management Advisory Committee Meeting  
Oct. 17, 2005  
1:30 p.m.

Interagency Cooperative Sampling Meeting  
Oct. 20, 2005  
9:30 a.m.

LWCC Annual Tour  
Oct. 25, 2005  
9:00 a.m.



*Revegetation Enhancement at the Demonstration Weir*

# Las Vegas Wash Coordination Committee

## E-mail update

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## EPA spotlights the LWCC

The EPA recently unveiled a new section to their Web site - Section 319 Nonpoint Source Success Stories [www.epa.gov/owow/nps/Success319](http://www.epa.gov/owow/nps/Success319). The LVWCC is just one of 18 success stories highlighted on the site. The Las Vegas Wash is noted for its reduction in total suspended solids (TSS) by 50 percent in just three years. This dramatic reduction in sediment is the direct result of the work that has been completed by the members of the LVWCC. Through the implementation of the 44 Action Items in the Comprehensive Adaptive Management Plan, including the construction of erosion control structures, restoration of wetland areas and removal of invasive species, the Wash is considered an "improved" waterbody since its listing on the Nevada 303(d) list for impairment for TSS and associated iron in 2002. The progress made on the Wash would not have been apparent without the LVWCC's extensive long-term monitoring program that provides baseline water quality data and analysis of water quality in association with the erosion control and revegetation efforts.

One of the main goals of the 319 program is to provide funding to states to help improve water quality through the reduction of nonpoint source pollution. In past years, the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection section 319 program has provided roughly \$600,000 for the revegetation and public outreach efforts on the Wash. Funding from the grants has provided resources for a variety of projects in the Wash including:

- ◆ Construction of grade control structures
- ◆ Native planting activities
- ◆ Invasive species management
- ◆ Green-Up volunteer events
- ◆ Water Smart calendar
- ◆ Point of purchase brochures encouraging proper disposal of motor oil
- ◆ Interpretive kiosk and
- ◆ Variety of other outreach materials and activities

The Nevada Department of Environmental Protection has awarded the LVWCC an additional \$325,000 that will allow for the continuation of many of the projects listed above. For more information about this project contact, **822-3385**.



*Interpretive Kiosk Panel*



*Water Smart Calendar*



*Motor Oil Disposal Brochure*

## Did you know?

Did you know that through the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act the LVWCC has been awarded \$44,400,000 for the stabilization and revegetation programs over the last 3 years? This program was established from the proceeds of public land sales in the Las Vegas Valley. The funds are distributed for the development of parks, trails and natural areas in Southern Nevada. In the Wash, funds are used for revegetation and channel stabilization projects.