



## Celebrate World Wetlands Day

Come out to the Clark County Wetlands Park on Feb. 2 and participate in the 2011 celebration of World Wetlands Day. The Las Vegas Wash Coordination Committee has organized several activities throughout the day to enlighten and educate both young and old. Activities will include a planting event on the east side of the In-Lieu Mitigation Wetlands Ponds immediately south of Wetlands Park Lane and the Clark County Wetlands Park Nature Center.

### Upcoming Meetings

**Las Vegas Valley  
Watershed Advisory  
Committee**

Feb. 8, 2011 3 p.m.



A thick patch of wetlands flourishes upstream of the Bostick Weir.

There also will be seminars, guided nature walks, bird viewing and activities for local students. Events will focus on water quality, its relationship to wetland communities and what residents can do to enhance and improve our local wetlands.

Since 1997, World Wetlands Day has been held annually by government agencies and private organizations every Feb. 2. This year's theme is "Wetlands and Forests" and marks the 40-year anniversary of an international treaty known as the "Convention on Wetlands," which provides a framework for national action and international cooperation associated with the conservation and wise use of wetlands and their resources.

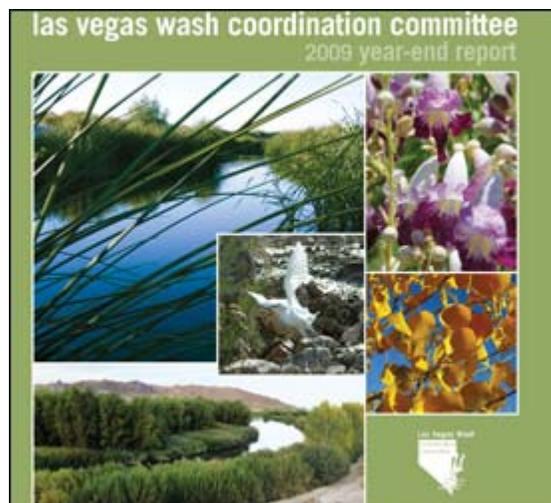
World Wetlands Day allows the community to consider how critical wetland communities are for all water systems, especially an urban system like the Las Vegas Wash. Wetlands tend to benefit water quality so much that they are frequently referred to as "nature's kidneys." Wetlands also provide important diversity for local wildlife.

Historically, the Las Vegas Wash comprised of more than 2,000 acres of lush wetlands. As the resident population continued to grow, more water was discharged into the Las Vegas Wash. By the 1970s, the increased water flows had started to erode the soil, and in the early 1990s only about 200 acres of wetlands remained. The 30 member stakeholder group of the LVWCC has invested considerable time and effort to stabilize and enhance hundreds of acres of wetlands in the Las Vegas Wash and its tributaries. To date, the LVWCC has installed 12 of the proposed 22 weir structures, as well as several miles of bank protection along the Wash, which slow the Wash's flows and prevents erosion while reversing the trends of wetland degradation.

## Year-End Report Receives Pinnacle Award

The LVWCC is proud to announce that one of its reports was honored by the Public Relations Society of America Las Vegas Valley Chapter. These annual Pinnacle Awards recognize the best public relations programs, tools and professionals in Southern Nevada, Northern Arizona, and Southern Utah. The 2009 Las Vegas Wash Coordination Committee Year-End Report received the Pinnacle Award for the "Publications-Annual Reports" category. The 2008 Year-End Report was recognized at last year's Pinnacle Awards with an Award of Merit. The local PRSA chapter includes more than 130 public relation practitioners.

The 2010 Las Vegas Wash Coordination Committee Year-End Report is currently in draft and should be available on [lwwash.org](http://lwwash.org) by April.



The 2009 Year-End Report cover page.