



World Wetlands Day Returns to Wash

For the second year in a row, the Las Vegas Wash will host a World Wetlands Day public outreach event on Thursday, Feb. 2, recognizing the importance of wetlands and the water quality benefits they provide.

Although relatively new to the Las Vegas Wash, World Wetlands Day has been celebrated since 1971. This year's theme is "Wetlands and Tourism," which further promotes the idea that wetlands can be a positive contribution to the tourism industry of communities like Southern Nevada.



World Wetlands Day seeks to further educate the public about the value of wetlands.

The Las Vegas Wash Coordination Committee (LVWCC) is hosting several activities on World Wetlands Day that will be available to the public.

Activities include a volunteer clean-up near the Pabco Road Weir to collect trash that has washed downstream from past flooding events and inundated vegetation stands.

Previously, volunteer clean-up events were a regular occurrence at the Las Vegas Wash, but due to a great response from the public, as well as the further development of the Clark County Wetlands Park, these events haven't been as necessary in recent years. Gloves, trash bags and other equipment associated with the cleaning will be provided at the site.

Other World Wetlands Day activities include several short walking tours to showcase the wetlands and discuss their complexities. To work within the spirit of this year's theme, the LVWCC has been coordinating with the National Association of Conservation Districts who will be holding their annual conference in Las Vegas.

World Wetlands Day events will begin at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 2 at the Pabco Road Weir parking area, located off of Galleria Boulevard. For more information, visit www.lvwash.org.

Volunteer for 20th Green-Up Planting Event

With spring just around the corner, the Las Vegas Wash Coordination Committee (LVWCC) has scheduled the 20th Las Vegas Wash Green-Up volunteer planting event on Saturday, March 10 from noon to 3 p.m.

The volunteer planting event will be held on the north side of the Las Vegas Wash near the recently constructed Historic Lateral Weir.

During construction, crews cleared nonnative tamarisk from the area surrounding the new weir. Volunteers will have the opportunity to revegetate 8.5 acres by planting approximately 2,600 native trees and shrubs such as cottonwoods, honey mesquites, indigo bush and globe mallow.



The LVWCC needs volunteers for the upcoming Spring Green-Up.

Upcoming Meetings

**Las Vegas Valley
Watershed Advisory
Committee**
Feb. 14, 2012
2 p.m.