



las vegas wash coordination committee

working to stabilize and enhance to valuable environmental resources of the las vegas wash

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A Year in Review

As we settle into the new year and reach toward new goals in 2013, it's worth taking a moment to look back at the successes and accomplishments of the past year.

Construction

Installation of the Duck Creek Confluence, Upper Narrows and DU Wetlands No. 1 weirs began in November 2011 and continued through 2012.

By combining these three projects and bidding them as a package, the Las Vegas Wash Coordination Committee (LVWCC) was able to save an estimated \$2 million of total costs.

Despite several large storm events, the contractor continues to move forward on schedule and expects the project to be completed by spring 2013. The DU Wetlands No. 1 Weir reached substantial completion this last summer.

Clark County Parks and Recreation also initiated several other construction projects throughout the Clark County Wetlands Park over the last year.

Major construction on the Wetlands Park Nature Center was completed in 2012 and exhibit installation is currently taking place with an anticipated opening date this spring.



Construction takes place on the Upper Narrows Weir.



A volunteer hard at work at the 2012 Fall Wash Green-Up.

Revegetation and Outreach

In 2012, more than 15 acres were revegetated by approximately 750 volunteers at two Wash Green-Up events held by the LVWCC. Las Vegas Wash Green-Up events continue to serve as one of the most effective outreach activities by educating participants and investing them in its management and rehabilitation.

The LVWCC also continues to work with the Mabel Hoggard Math and Science Magnet Elementary School by sponsoring its 5th grade classes and taking students to the Las Vegas Wash to become biologists for a day.

Additional outreach activities include participation in World Wetlands Day, Earth Day and other events around Las Vegas.

Water Quality and Biological Monitoring

Thanks to a coordinated effort by several of the LVWCC's member agencies, extensive water quality monitoring of the Las Vegas Wash and its tributaries continues to take place. Data collected shows a reduction in several measured parameters, indicating a direct water quality benefit from erosion control and stabilization efforts.

Monthly migratory bird surveys took place, as well as the monitoring of threatened and endangered birds during the spring and summer. There were no southwestern willow flycatchers or Yuma clapper rail sightings in 2012.

The 24-month zooplankton selenium study concluded this past fall indicating that the Las Vegas Bay and the Overton Arm of Lake Mead shows similar trends in selenium concentrations.

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