



Las Vegas Wash Wins National Award



Members gather at the LVWCC's 10-Year Anniversary event in 2008.

The Department of the Interior recently announced the selection of the Las Vegas Wash Coordination Committee (LVWCC) for a Partners in Conservation Award. The award acknowledges the contributions of both Interior and non-Interior personnel for outstanding conservation results achieved through the engagement and efforts of many partners.

Department of the Interior Secretary Ken Salazar will present the Partners in Conservation Award to the LVWCC at Interior headquarters in Washington, D.C. in May. All LVWCC members are invited to attend the acceptance ceremony; however, each member who attends the ceremony will be responsible for their own expenses. If a representative from your organization would like to join us, please contact the Las Vegas Wash Project Coordination Team as soon as possible.

Receiving this recognition is a tremendous honor, and it is only through your hard work and dedication that we have been able to make these important environmental improvements in the Wash.

Upcoming Meetings

Administrative Study Team

April 7, 2010 8:30 a.m.

Operations Study Team

April 7, 2010 10:30 a.m.

Research and Environmental Monitoring Study Team

April 7, 2010 1:30 p.m.

Las Vegas Valley Watershed Advisory Committee

April 13, 2010 3 p.m.

Las Vegas Wash Coordination Committee Annual Wash Tour

April 27, 2010 9:30 a.m.

Annual Spring Green-Up Blossoms with Volunteers

On what seemed like the first sunny Saturday this year, approximately 300 volunteers sacrificed a few hours of their weekend to participate in the Spring Las Vegas Wash Green-Up event on March 20. First organized in 2001 by the Las Vegas Wash Coordination Committee, the biannual event attracts volunteers from all over the valley. At this spring's event, the sixteenth to date, volunteers were shuttled to the 5.5-acre site located between the Clark County Mitigation Ponds and the DU Wetlands No. 2 Weir. Completed last summer, the construction of the new weir left a clear, open area which served as the perfect destination for 2,000 trees and shrubs. Once they take root, the new plants will stabilize the soil from dust and erosion and provide native habitat for the local wildlife.



A young volunteer plants a white bursage along the bank protection of the DU Wetlands No.2 Weir.

After a barbecue lunch and a short tutorial, volunteers proceeded to plant all of the trees and shrubs at their new home. With all of the precipitation received this year, the newly planted vegetation should establish strong roots and mature quickly. The excitement and dedication of the participants continues to make Wash Green-Up events tremendously successful. Thanks to all of the volunteers for their hard work.

LVWCC Annual Tour Switched to Spring

In an effort to take better advantage of the full blossoming of spring, the Las Vegas Wash Coordination Committee annual tour has been switched from the October meeting to the April meeting. This popular event is offered to all interested parties to get a first-hand look of all of the many construction, revegetation, and biological monitoring activities being conducted along the Las Vegas Wash. The tour will depart from the Molasky Corporate Center after a short introduction following the Lake Mead Water Quality Forum so that participants are able to attend both activities. Be sure to RSVP and mark in your calendars that the April 27th meeting will be a full day at the Las Vegas Wash and Lake Mead.