



las vegas wash coordination committee

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

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Spring Green-Up Sprouts Success

The Las Vegas Wash Coordination Committee held its 18th biannual Las Vegas Wash Green-Up event on April 2, 2011. Nearly 400 volunteers braved gusty winds and high pollen counts to dedicate a few hours of their weekend to helping green up the Las Vegas Wash. The 10-acre site had recently been cleared of non-native tamarisk trees by the Bureau of Reclamation construction crew as part of their annual stabilization work.

Upcoming Meetings

**Las Vegas Valley
Watershed Advisory
Committee**
May 10, 2011 2 p.m.



A young volunteer digs in at the Spring Wash Green-Up event.

Participants of all ages spread across the planting site located just east of the Pabco Road Weir parking area.

Thanks to recent partnerships with local nurseries, 16 different plant species were used, constituting the largest plant diversity at an event to date. The standard crop of mesquite trees, creosote, and saltbush were accentuated with desert marigolds, Emory waterweed and Nevada ephedra.

As they left the event, volunteers were rewarded with ice cream provided by the Colorado River Commission.

Planting events like the Wash Green-Up play an important role in stabilizing the soil to improve air and water quality, creating diverse habitats for local wildlife, and helping reduce costs associated with enhancing the Wash. However, the most valuable contribution that these events provide is helping our local community connect with the outdoor environment and showing people how important the Las Vegas Wash is as a resource.

Grant funds provided by the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection contributed to the purchase of plants and other supplies required for this event.

Bird Viewing Preserve Renovations Revealed

The City of Henderson's Bird Viewing Preserve recently completed renovations and upgrades to its facility. Visitors will notice a new entrance located off Galleria Drive. Previously, visitors were required to navigate through the adjacent Kurt R. Segler Water Reclamation Facility to reach the visitor center.

Once inside the preserve, visitors will find other additions to improve the birding experience. The preserve now offers an outdoor classroom overlooking a pond, which provides a beautiful backdrop.



A new elevated platform allows visitors a bird's-eye view of several ponds.

A raised platform was installed, providing a bird's-eye view over the vegetation of three ponds. An additional boardwalk also was installed, allowing visitors other unique views and perspectives. The renovation provided two bird blinds, additional signage for education, and the planting of trees and shrubs to improve the experience for both kinds of visitors: those with wings and those without.

For more information, please visit the City of Henderson Bird Viewing Preserve [website](#).

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