June 2010 E-mail Update



## **Happy Trails on the Horizon**

Clark County Parks and Recreation (CCPR) has been very busy in the design process of several projects that will continue to develop and enhance the Clark County Wetlands Park. The largest project – the construction of the new Nature Center – reached a significant milestone as it went out to bid last month and had 13 respondents.



A drawing of the new Wetlands Park Nature Center.

## **Upcoming Meetings**

Las Vegas Valley Watershed Advisory Committee

June 8, 2010 3 p.m.

The current temporary information center will be relocated to the Nature Preserve expansion area and visitor traffic will be diverted to the new location until the expected completion of the permanent structure in late 2011.

Three trailheads also have gone through the planning stages and final designs have gone out to bid. They will all be located on the south side of the Las Vegas Wash along the planned Scenic Drive. The Pabco trailhead will be located adjacent to the Pabco Road Weir. The Wells trailhead will sit between the Lower Narrows and Homestead Weirs currently under construction. This trail also will overlook the two weirs, providing hikers with a unique viewing perspective. The Magic Way trailhead will be located adjacent to the Powerline Crossing Weir. CCPR also has secured funding to construct additional trails that will connect each of the trailheads and extend from the Nature Preserve to Lake Las Vegas. All of these projects are elements of the Wetlands Park master plan that, once complete, will further help attract visitors to experience the beauty and wonder of the Las Vegas Wash and the Clark County Wetlands Park. For more information about the Clark County Wetlands Park, visit AccessClarkCounty.com.

## Two Informative Kiosks Installed at Upper Division

Two new kiosks have recently been installed in the Clark County Wetlands Park to educate visitors about water pollution prevention and the Las Vegas Wash. The new kiosks are located adjacent to the Upper Division Bridge on the north and south banks. The kiosk on the north bank is located across from the Las Vegas Wash Coordination Committee's (LVWCC) 10-Year Anniversary garden and focuses primarily on the issue of non-point source pollution prevention. The kiosk informs visitors about various water pollution management strategies and offers suggestions on how people can reduce their impact and prevent water pollution.

The second kiosk, installed on the south bank, details why the Clark County Wetlands Park and the Las Vegas Wash are important to the bustling communities of fishes, wildlife and human inhabitants, dating back to the Native American Southern Paiute tribe. This kiosk also designates a panel to the LVWCC and highlights many of the accomplishments that have been made to preserve and rehabilitate the Las Vegas Wash. Each wayside kiosk consists of a concrete pad and a triangular metal structure to house three 10-foot graphic panels. The kiosks were funded by a grant from the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection through their 319 Non-Point Source Pollution Prevention Program.

## **Desert Wetlands Conservancy Launches Website**

The Desert Wetlands Conservancy has recently launched their official website at <a href="DesertWetlands.org">DesertWetlands.org</a>. Although they have a recent name change, this non-profit organization of concerned citizens — and member of the Las Vegas Wash Coordination Committee — has been advocating for the Las Vegas Wash for nearly 40 years. The attractive new website is full of information about the organization, news, and opportunities to get involved. Take a few minutes to visit the site and sign up to be a member of the Desert Wetlands Conservancy.



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