



## New Water Quality Plan Increases Efficiencies

To reduce costs and eliminate redundancies, the Las Vegas Wash Coordination Committee (LVWCC) has recently been comparing notes among the partner agencies in regards to their various water quality sampling programs.

For decades, state, federal and local agencies have conducted regular water quality monitoring in the Las Vegas Wash.



Water quality efforts have recently been resynchronized among agencies to increase efficiencies.

With multiple organizations interested in and, in many cases, required to monitor various water quality parameters, it made perfect sense to streamline or consolidate activities where reasonable. The end product of this coordinated effort resulted in the “Las Vegas Wash Surface Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Plan.”

The goal of this plan is to support sound management of the Las Vegas Wash by sustaining an integrated, adaptive, and robust water quality monitoring network. This includes equalizing sampling sites to ensure more consistent data collection, minimizing duplicative efforts between agencies to sample water from the Las Vegas Wash and its tributaries.

By identifying a network of sampling agencies along with their associated water sampling programs and varying parameters of interests, this plan provides a more consistent and streamlined process. Although the overall water quality picture is now slightly larger, the associated costs are now more evenly distributed among the agencies.

Collaborative efforts like this are the foundation of the LVWCC and have contributed greatly to the overall success of the program.

The complete “Las Vegas Wash Surface Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Plan” can be reviewed online at [lvwash.org](http://lvwash.org).

## 2010 Year-End Report Available

Hot off the presses, the “Las Vegas Wash Coordination Committee 2010 Year-End Report” was recently published.

The annual report provides updates on the stabilization and enhancement projects at the Las Vegas Wash, and summarizes the Las Vegas Wash Coordination Committee’s various activities and accomplishments over the past year.

Wildlife monitoring, vegetation enhancement, archaeology, and public outreach are just a few of the activities highlighted.

The annual report can be located online at [lvwash.org](http://lvwash.org).



The 2010 Year-End Annual Report is now available.