



las vegas wash coordination committee

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

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Email Update

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Email Update and Website Getting New Looks

As our preferences for how we receive and digest information continuously evolve, so does the technology of the online world. To keep up with these changes, our website and email update are getting an overhaul.

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Upcoming Meetings

Las Vegas Wash Weed Partnership

Aug. 8, 2013
8 a.m.

Yellow-Billed Cuckoo Detected at Las Vegas Wash



A yellow-billed cuckoo at the Las Vegas Wash. Photo taken by Rodd Bailey.

After this year's historical southwestern willow flycatcher survey season, Las Vegas Wash biologists are keeping the energy level high with an equally exciting western yellow-billed cuckoo season. A male of the species was recently spotted at the top of a cottonwood tree in the Clark County Wetlands Park Nature Preserve and was the first detection since 1998.

Systematic surveys for western yellow-billed cuckoo were conducted from 2000 through 2004, with special notice for any incidental detections during other Las Vegas Wash bird surveys. Although the species isn't currently listed as endangered or threatened, surveys were reinstated this year in anticipation of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service changing its conservation status.

The detected individual was initially heard cooing from the same stand of trees in the Nature Center that this year's southwestern willow flycatcher was detected. After listening to him sing for several minutes, biologists were able to make visual contact with the bird, alleviating any doubts of the rare sighting.

Construction on Three Kids Weir to Begin

Construction on the Three Kids Weir was given approval to move forward at the Southern Nevada Water Authority Board of Directors meeting in July. Formally referred to as the Demonstration Replacement Weir, the large project was awarded to Aggregate Industries at a cost more than 30 percent below the engineer's estimate.

The new weir will replace the "temporary" Demonstration Weir, initially constructed in 1999. Construction is expected to begin in August and is expected to continue until 2015. Aggregate Industries has constructed the last five weirs in the Las Vegas Wash.

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