



las vegas wash coordination committee

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

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The Las Vegas Wash has recently joined Facebook, providing you with one more way to keep up on our activities and events and share them with your friends.

[Follow us on Facebook](#) to become one of the first to hear about future events and get updates on projects at the Las Vegas Wash.

The purpose of our presence on Facebook is to further educate the public and reach a wider audience.

During last month's storm, we posted pictures along with information explaining erosion control efforts currently taking place at the Las Vegas Wash. Other posts have included wildlife, the importance of wetlands and water quality.

Upcoming Meetings

**Las Vegas Valley
Watershed Advisory
Committee**
Sept. 11, 2012
2 p.m.

Storm Soaks Las Vegas before Draining through Wash

On Aug. 22, Southern Nevadans were reminded why the months of July through September are known as flash flood season.

One of the wettest days on record for the Las Vegas Valley, between two and three inches of rain quickly filled storm drains and washes while creating many hazards and resulting in a tragic death.

As always, the Las Vegas Wash served as the natural drainage point of the valley and swelled from its normal flow of approximately 250 cubic feet per second (cfs) to nearly 10,000 cfs.



The Pabco Road Weir handles the heavy flood flows.

Damage was mostly contained due to the erosion control work conducted for the past 11 years by the Las Vegas Wash Coordination Committee.

Of the permanent weirs, the Historic Lateral Weir was the most damaged, with high flows moving a large amount of its rock riprap. The Demonstration Weir also was significantly affected, but it has always been considered a temporary structure and is scheduled to be replaced by a permanent one in 2013.

Unfortunately, construction on the Duck Creek Confluence Weir is currently underway and its completion date will likely be delayed due to damage caused by the storm.

Overall, the stabilization investments made in the Las Vegas Wash did their job and after some maintenance activities over the winter months, all repairs will be made in preparation for the next major storm event.

Register for the Fall Wash Green-Up

The Fall Wash Green-Up is scheduled for **Saturday, Oct. 20** and we are looking for volunteers. Visit us at lvwash.org for more information or to register for the event.

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