

#### NOTICE OF MEETING

#### LAS VEGAS WASH COORDINATION COMMITTEE Tuesday, January 25, 2022 8:30 a.m.

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#### ITEM NO.

I.	For Information Only:	Welcome/Call to Order
II.	For Information Only:	Introductions
III.	For Possible Action:	Approve October 26, 2021 Meeting Summary
IV.	For Information Only:	Receive Presentation on the Cadence Master Planned Community
V.	For Information Only:	Receive Presentation on the Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program
VI.	a. Las Ve	Receive Update on Recent Activities gas Wash Project Coordination Team County Wetlands Park Iead

- d. Las Vegas Valley Watershed Advisory Committee
- e. Emerging Issues
- VII. For Possible Action: Set Next Meeting Date/Time and Propose Items for the Next Meeting's Agenda

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*City of Henderson, City Hall* 240 Water Street Henderson, NV 89015

Las Vegas Valley Water District 1001 S. Valley View Boulevard Las Vegas, NV 89153

Clark County Water Reclamation District 5857 E. Flamingo Road Las Vegas, NV 89122 *City of North Las Vegas, City Hall* 2250 Las Vegas Boulevard North North Las Vegas, NV 89030

Clark County Government Center 500 S. Grand Central Parkway Las Vegas, NV 89106

Southern Nevada Water Authority 100 City Parkway, Ste. 700 Las Vegas, NV 89106

*City of Las Vegas, City Hall* 495 S. Main Street Las Vegas, NV 89106



# Community Development & Services Department January 2022



## Cadence and projects near Las Vegas Wash/Wetlands Area update

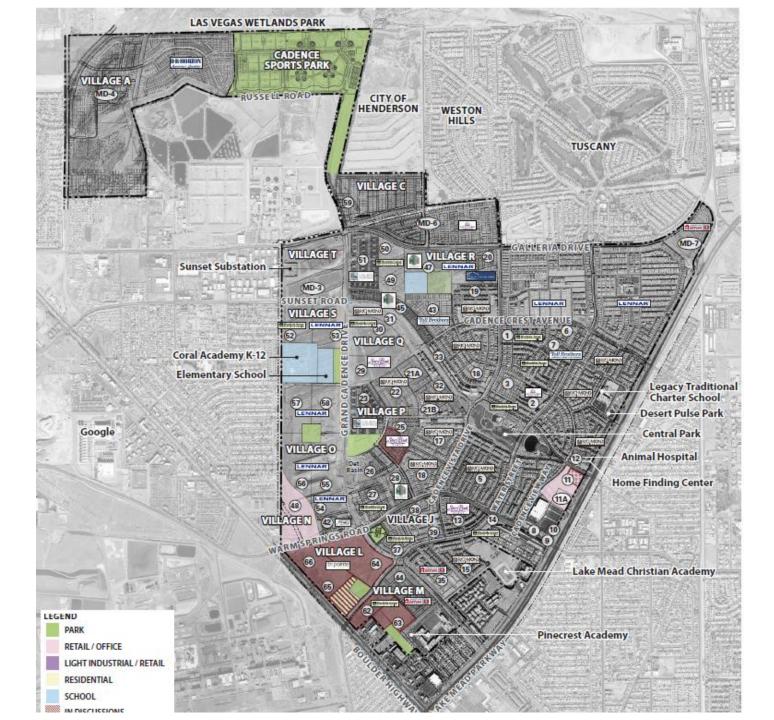
# Cadence



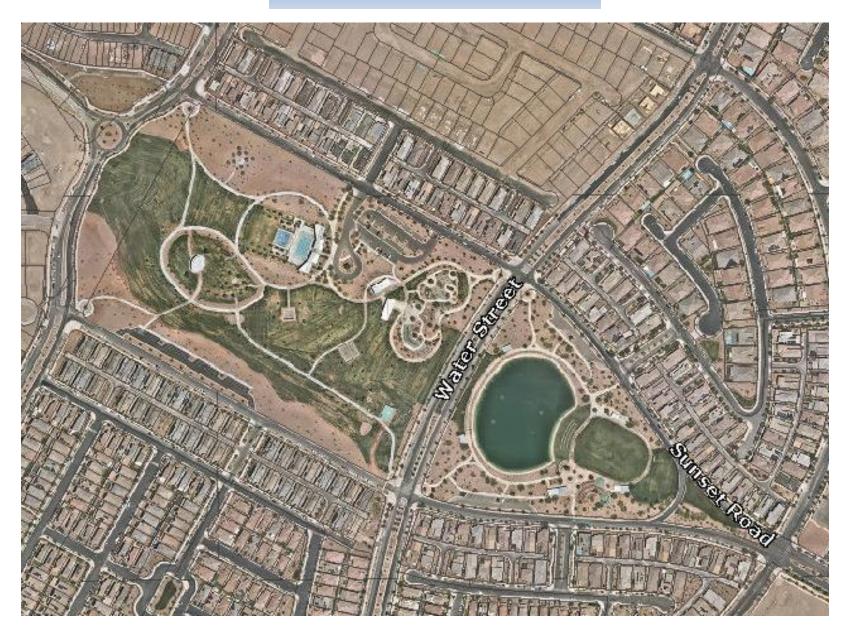


- Size: **2,197** acres
- Max dwelling units: 13,250
- Min dwelling units: 11,250
- Density: ~6.4 dwelling units per acre
- 21 Planning Parcels which are further divided into a series of smaller Neighborhood Parcels
- Schools: 6 (3 charter and 1 private currently)
- Firehouse: 1
- No gated developments (except Active Adult area)
- Open Space: 420 acres
  - Landwell Sports Park: **100** acre community park Central Park: **42** acres
    - Neighborhood Parks: **10** parks ranging in size
- Total Permits issued 3,591





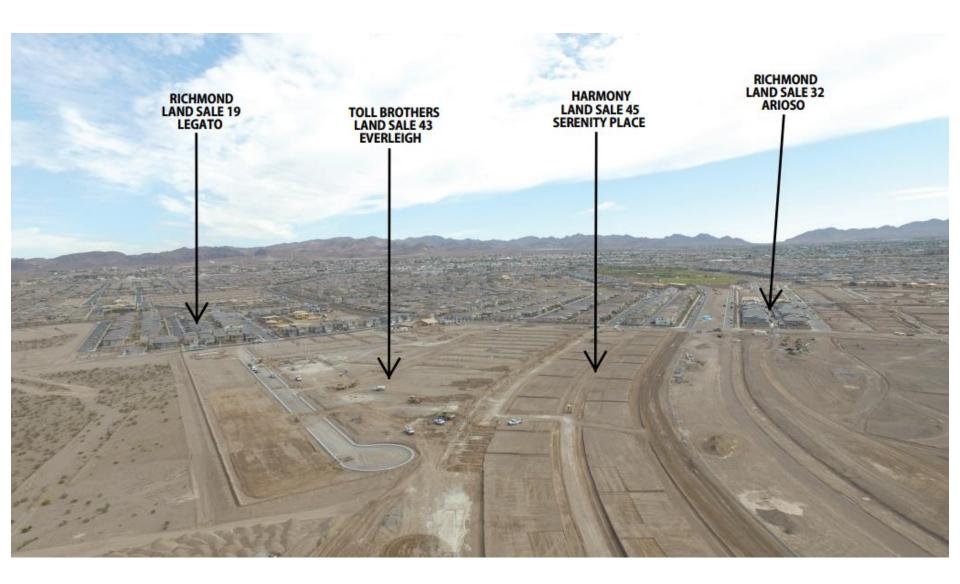
# **Central Park**

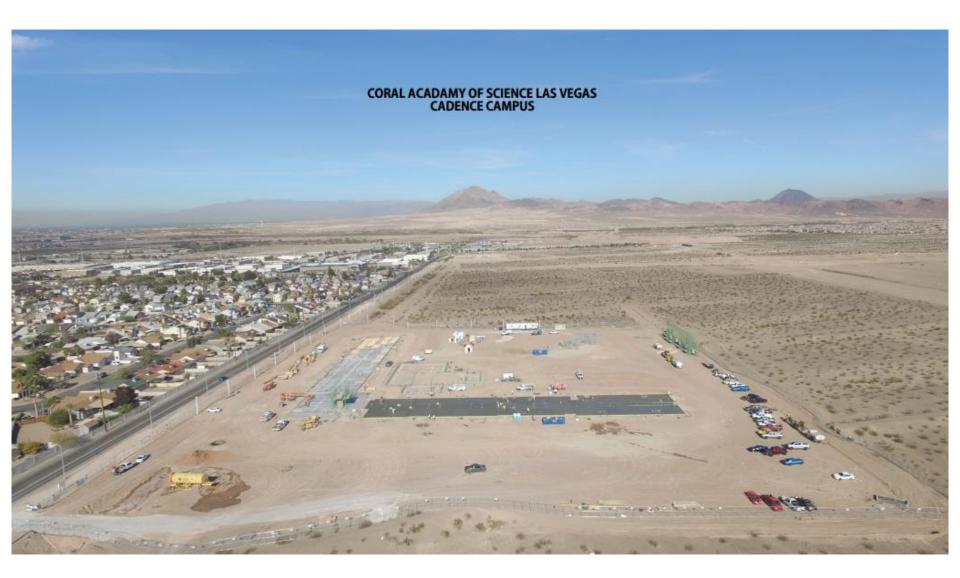




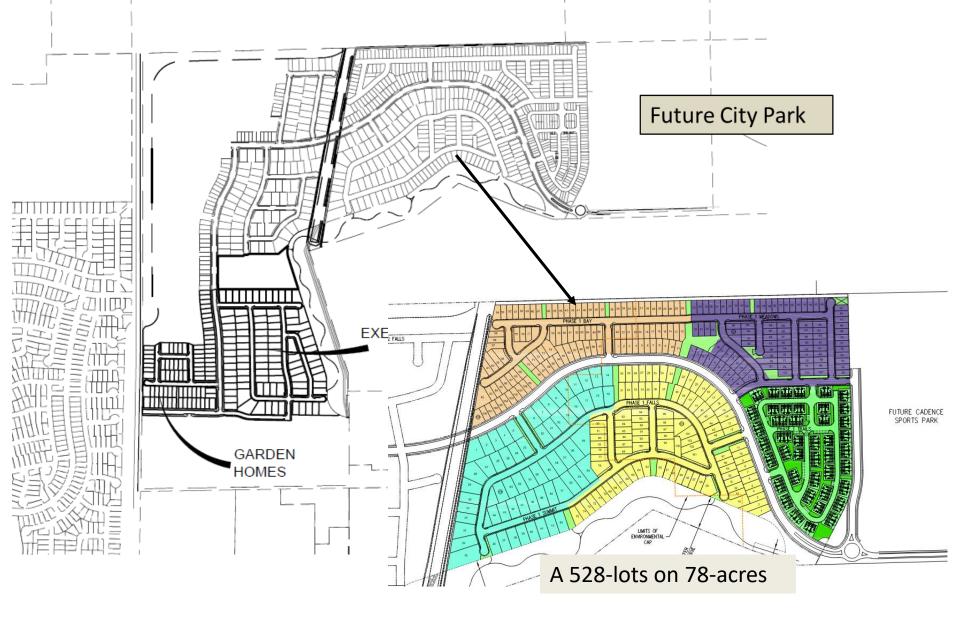






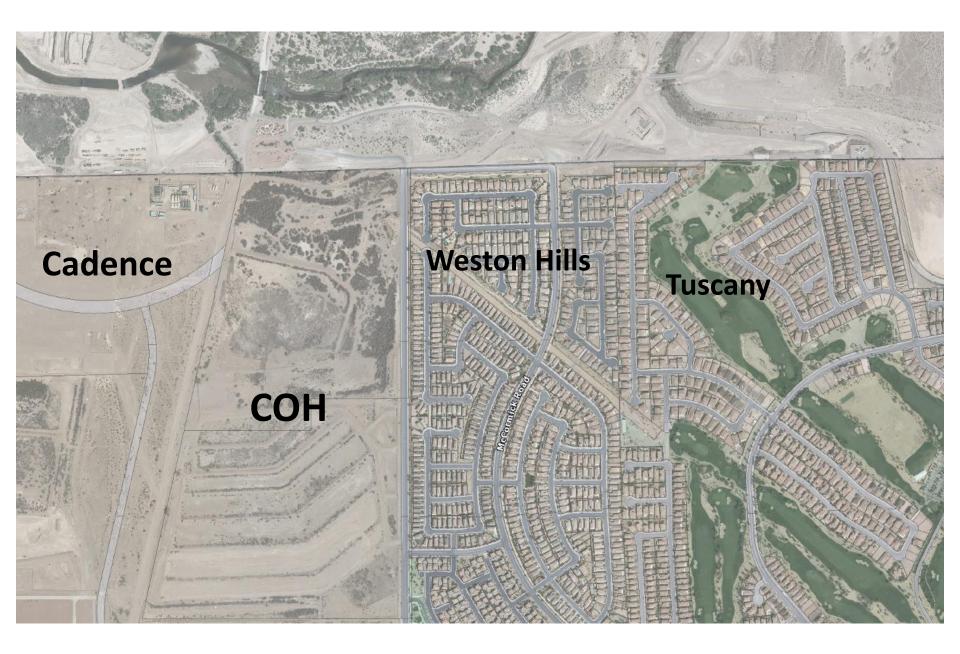


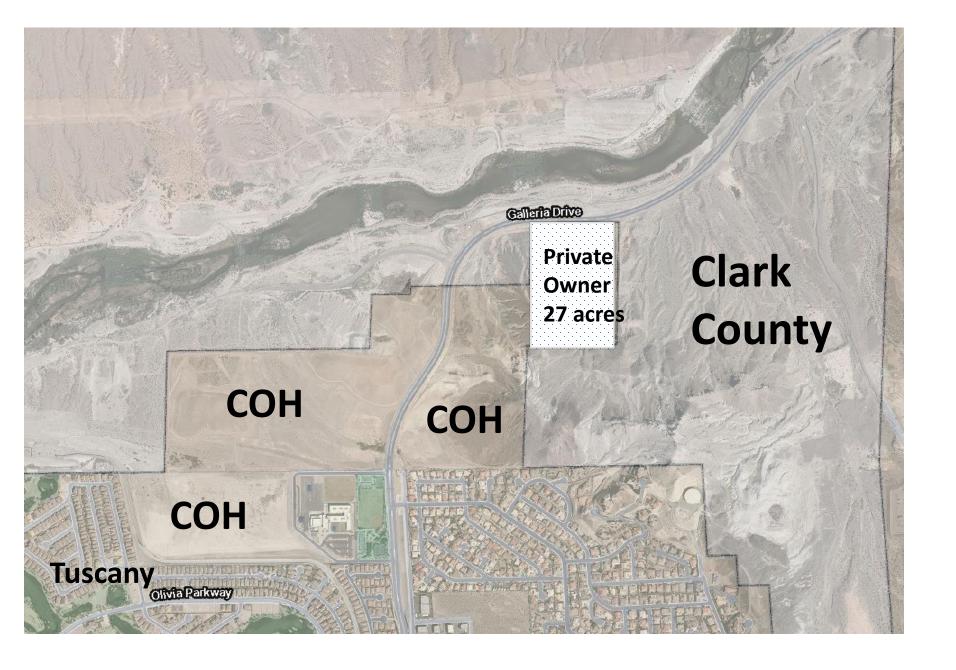


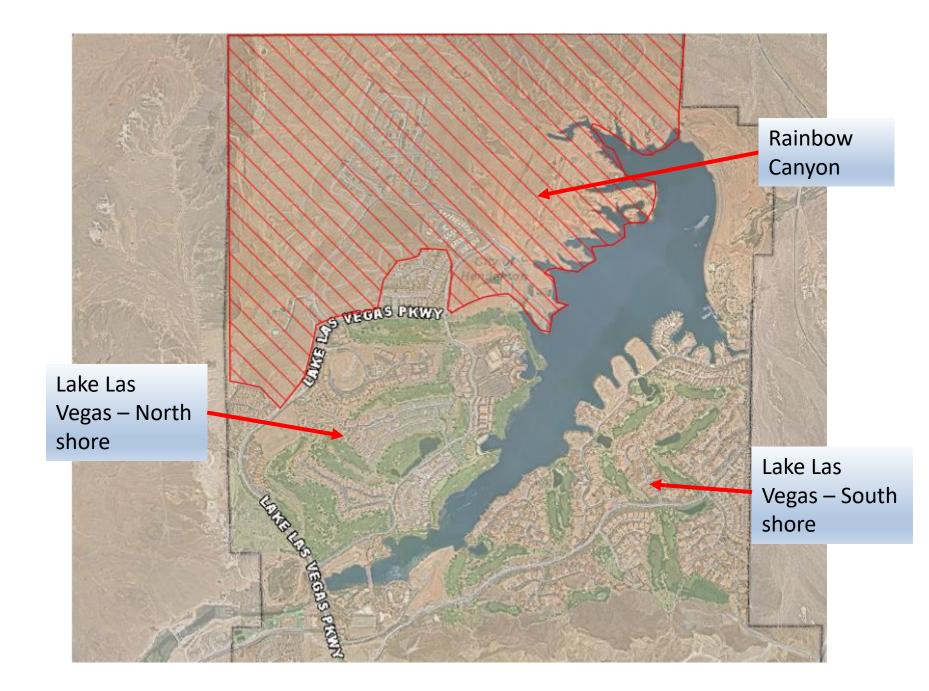




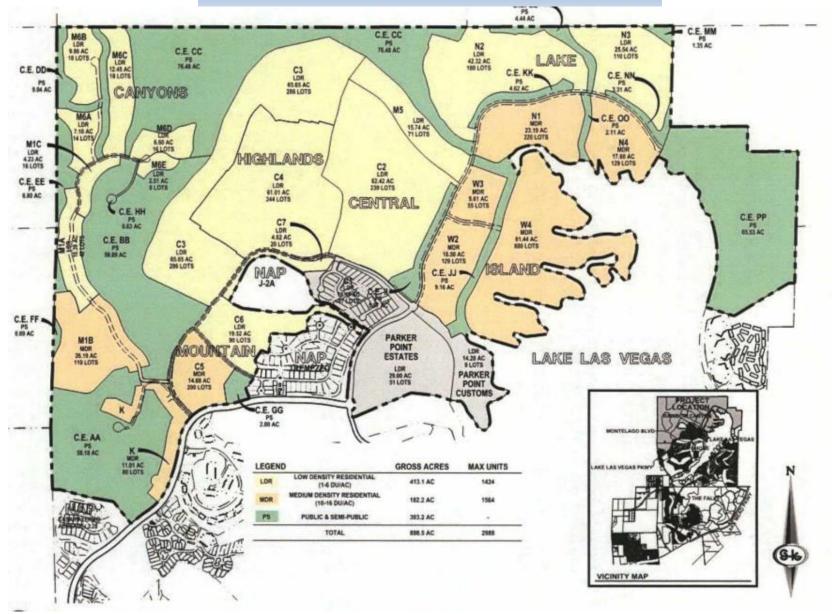




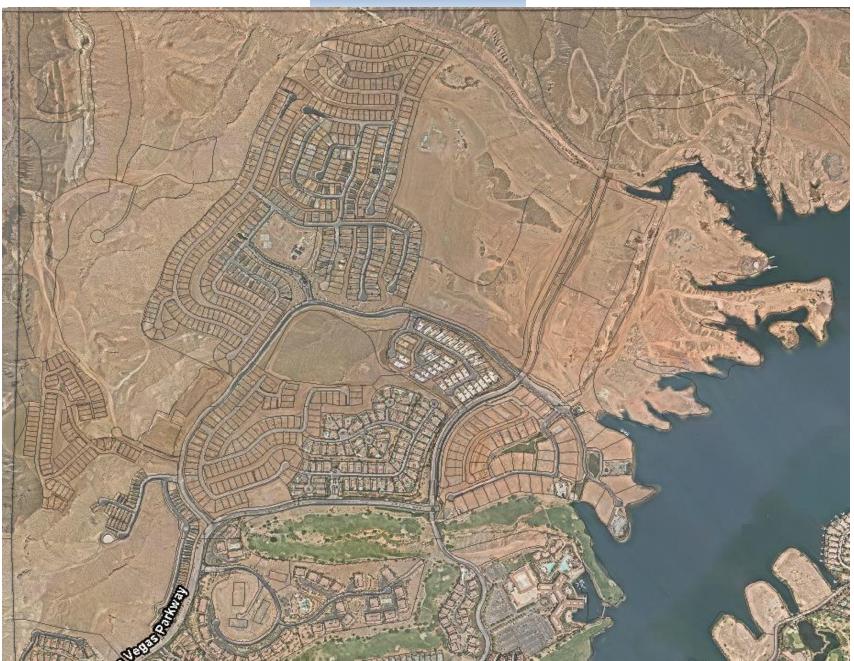




### Rainbow Canyon at Lake Las Vegas 3,500 max units; anticipated 2,988 units



### Rainbow Canyon



### Eddie Dichter Assistant Director

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That's all Folks

Balancing Resource Use and Conservation

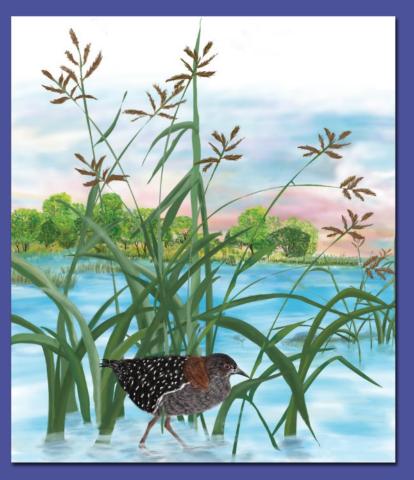


Carolyn Ronning, Wildlife Group Manager Bureau of Reclamation Boulder City, Nevada

### Balancing Resource Use and Conservation

### PURPOSE

Multi-stakeholder Federal and non-Federal partnership responding to the need to balance the use of lower Colorado River water resources and the conservation of native species and their habitats in compliance with the Endangered Species Act.



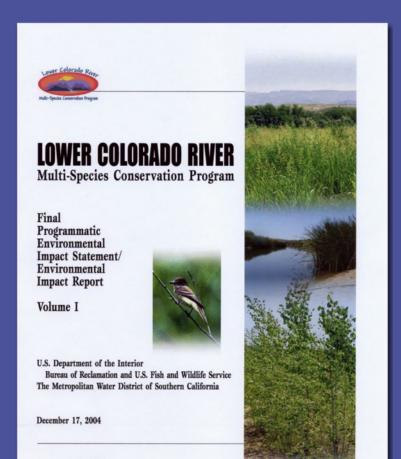
### **Balancing Resource Use and Conservation**

### 50-Years of ESA and CESA Compliance

• Section 7 and Section 10 HCP

### **Covered Actions**

- Delivery and Diversion of 9 MAF
- Maintenance Activities
- Movement of 1.574 MAF



## LOWER COLORADO RIVER MSCP

### **Planning Area**

Extends over 400 miles from Lake Mead to the southernmost border with Mexico.

### Includes:

- Lake Mead
- Lake Mohave
- Lake Havasu
- the historic 100-year floodplain

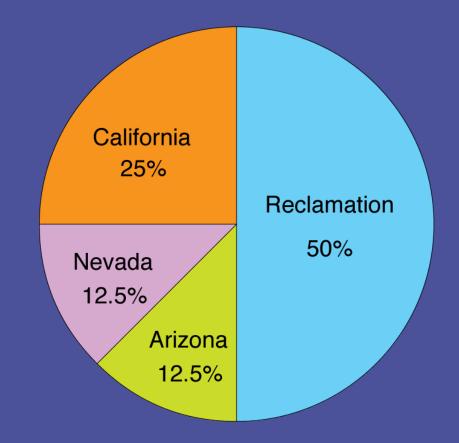


### **Balancing Resource Use and Conservation**

## **COST SHARING**

- Total Program Cost \$626 million (2003 dollars and adjusted annually for inflation)
- Federal / State Cost Share Split 50/50

2021 = \$30,332,676 2022 = \$31,271,830



### **Balancing Resource Use and Conservation**

## **COVERED SPECIES**

- 8 threatened and endangered species
  - 3 birds, 3 fish, 2 reptiles



Yuma Ridgway's rail (Yuma clapper rail)



southwestern willow flycatcher



yellow-billed cuckoo

### Balancing Resource Use and Conservation

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bonytail



humpback chub



razorback sucker

Balancing Resource Use and Conservation

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desert tortoise



northern Mexican gartersnake

### Balancing Resource Use and Conservation

## **COVERED SPECIES**

- 19 other species
  - 4 mammals, 9 birds, 1 reptile, 1 amphibian, 1 fish, 1 insect, 2 plants
- 5 "evaluation species"\*
  - 3 mammals, 2 amphibians

\* Evaluation species are those which would qualify as covered species except sufficient information on their biology, habitat use, and occurrence within the project area are not sufficient at the time the HCP was completed

Balancing Resource Use and Conservation

## CONSERVATION AREA DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT GOALS

- Cottonwood-willow 5,940 acres
- Mesquite 1,320 acres
- Marsh 512 acres
- Backwaters 360 acres

Balancing Resource Use and Conservation

## FISH AUGMENTATION GOALS

- 660,000 razorback suckers
- 620,000 bonytail







# Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program

Balancing Resource Use and Conservation

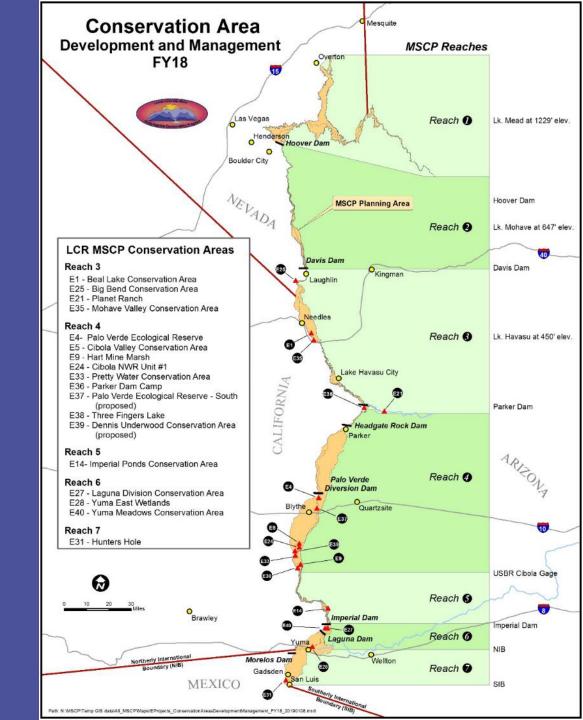
#### **PROGRAM COMPONENTS**

- Conservation Area Development & Management
- Fish Augmentation
- Species Research
- System-wide Monitoring
- Existing Habitat Maintenance

## Conservation Areas

#### 17 conservation areas

- 13 complete
- 2 in planning stage
- 2 under construction
- plus 2 completed conservation areas will be expanded
- Over 6,500 acres of habitat has been created





Cottonwood-willow Goal: 5,940 acres Created: 4,122 acres



Honey Mesquite Goal: 1,329 acres Created: 1,901 acres



Marsh Goal: 512 acres Created: 362 acres



Backwaters Goal: 360 acres Created: 158 acres

#### HABITAT CREATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- LCR MSCP has established sufficient acres of habitat to complete conservation measures for:
  - western red bat (765 ac)
  - Colorado River cotton rat (125 ac)
  - elf owl (1,784 ac)
  - summer tanager (602 ac)

- western yellow bat (765 ac)
- Yuma hispid cotton rat (76 ac)
- Gila woodpecker (1,702 ac)
- MacNeill's sootywing (222 ac)

<b>Conservation Area</b>	Count of LCR MSCP Species Detected At Least Once Between 2005-2019	
Beal Lake Conservation Area	20	
Big Bend Conservation Area	8	
Cibola National Wildlife Refuge Unit #1	12	
Cibola Valley Conservation Area	11	
Hart Mine Marsh	5	
Hunters Hole	8	
Imperial Ponds Conservation Area	5	
Laguna Division Conservation Area	7	
Mohave Valley Conservation Area	2	
Palo Verde Ecological Reserve	13	
Parker Dam Camp	1	
Planet Ranch	12	
Pretty Water Conservation Area	1	
Yuma East Wetlands	13	

<b>Conservation Area</b>	Yuma Ridgway's rail	Yellow-billed cuckoo
Beal Lake Conservation Area	X	X
Big Bend Conservation Area		-
Cibola National Wildlife Refuge Unit #1	-	X
Cibola Valley Conservation Area	-	X
Hart Mine Marsh	X	-
Hunters Hole	-	Х
Imperial Ponds Conservation Area	X	-
Laguna Division Conservation Area	X	X
Mohave Valley Conservation Area		-
Palo Verde Ecological Reserve	-	X
Parker Dam Camp	-	
Planet Ranch		X
Pretty Water Conservation Area	-	
Yuma East Wetlands	X	X



Cibola Valley Conservation Area





One innovation was use of a mass transplanter

# **Southwestern Willow Flycatchers**

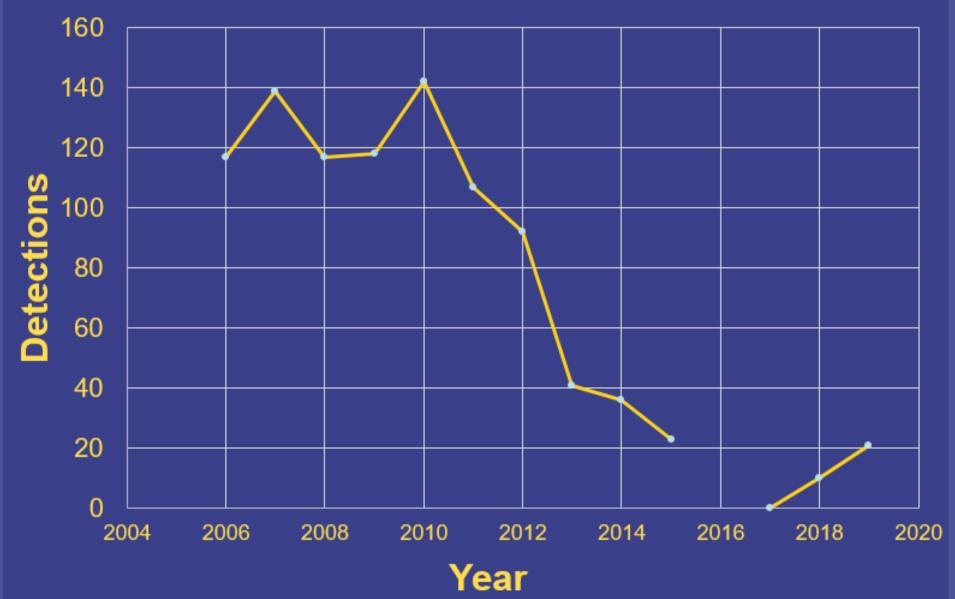
• Five surveys conducted May 15 to July 15

 Migrants only, no territorial SWFLs observed





## Detections of YBCU on the BWR NWR 2006-2019



## **Yellow-billed Cuckoos**

## By 2015:

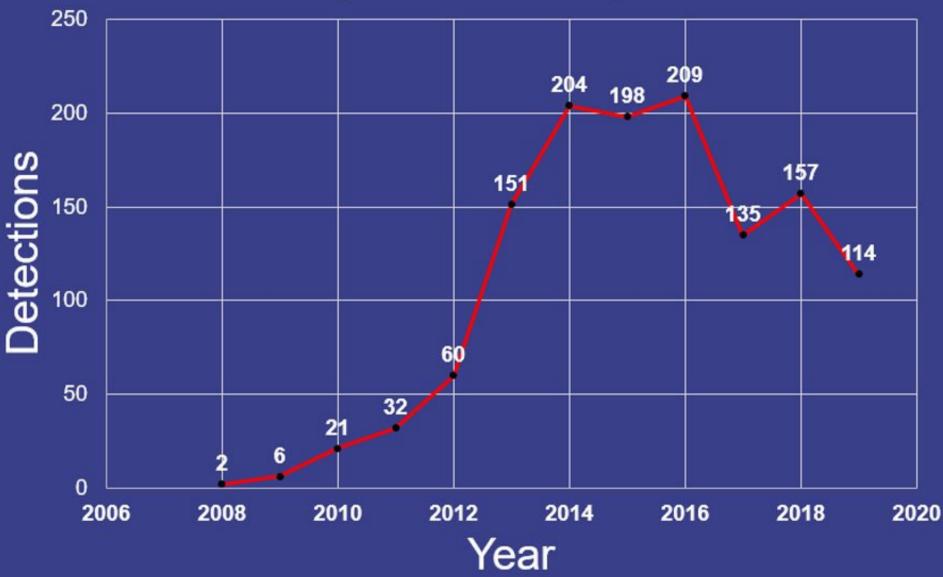
- 96% the 414 ha planted at PVER was occupied by YBCU
- Up to 80 YBCU breeding territories (at least 2 birds per territory) were estimated



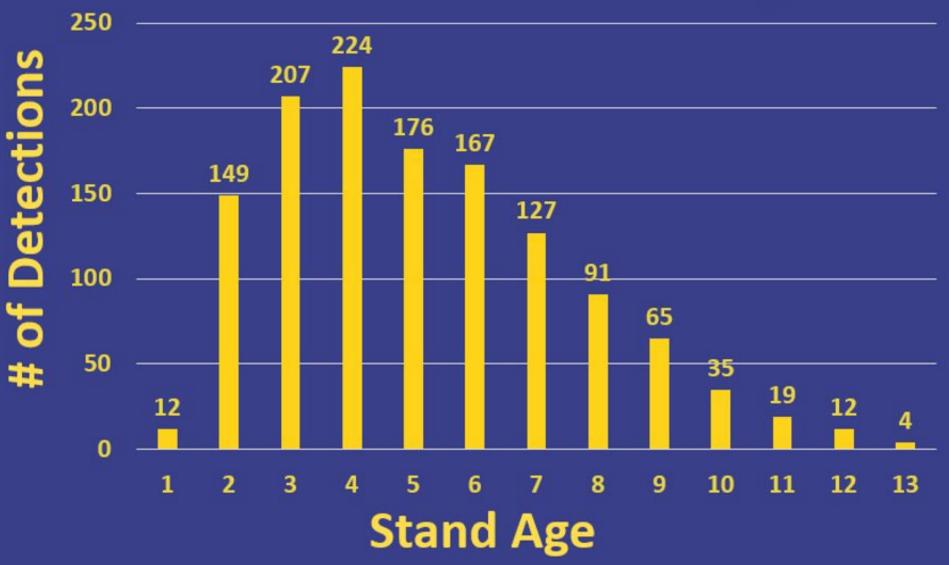
## **Yellow-billed Cuckoos**

- YBCUs detected within 2 years after planting, some within 1 year
- Management Concern: By year 5 after planting, detections begin to decline, with cuckoos moving into more recently planted areas.

# PVER: Year X Detections (2008-2019)



# PVER Surveys 2008-2019 YBCU Detections x Stand Age



#### Results: Detections by age + size + age\*size

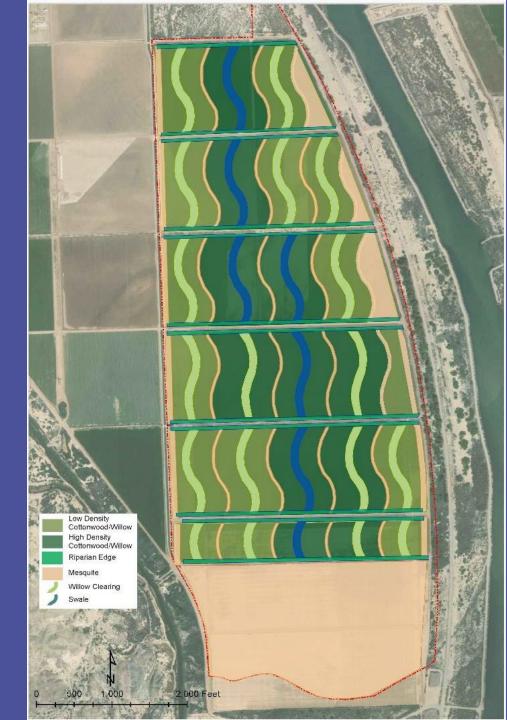


**Predicted survey detections by site age for sites 20, 50, and 80 ha.** 95% predictive intervals are shown by grey shading around each line.

## Dennis Underwood Conservation Area

#### • 635 acres

 The habitat creation concept includes establishing approximately 506 acres of cottonwoodwillow and 122 acres of honey mesquite land cover types.

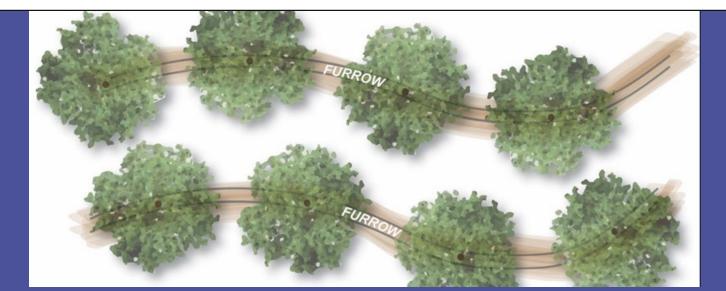






- 1. Mesquite
- 2. Low density Cottonwood-coyote willow
- 3. Willow clearing

- 4. High Density Cottonwood, coyote, Gooding's Willow
- 5. Swale
- 6. High Density Cottonwood-Gooding's Willow







#### FISH AUGMENTATION ACCOMPLISHMENTS THROUGH FY20

Reach	Razorback Total FY05 - 20	Bonytail Total FY05 - 20
2	*	2,330
3	104,068	61,081
4/5	123,077	51,075

\* 139,591 razorback were released into Reach 2 to maintain a genetically diverse broodstock. These fish don't count towards LCR MSCP augmentation goals



## Fisheries Monitoring Scanning Summary

North Scanner					
	BONY	FLSU	RASU		
Quarter 1	0	0	1265		
Quarter 2	0	0	2134		
Quarter 3	0	1	1523		
Quarter 4	0	0	1110		
Total	0	0	6032		

FLSU - Released 3/10/22 Trampas Cove, detected on 4/14/21 at North and South scanners

South Scanner					
	BONY	FLSU	RASU		
Quarter 1	1	0	325		
Quarter 2	0	0	1432		
Quarter 3	1	1	1535		
Quarter 4	0	0	694		
Total	2	1	3986		

BONY - Release 10/6/20 Laughlin Lagoon, detected twice at South Scanner 10/25 and 11/17

BONY - Release 5/27/20 Laughlin Lagoon, detected 3 times on south scanner over 9 months

FLSU - Same as above

#### Contacted fish from 80+ stocking/release events

#### **FISHERIES RESEARCH**

 Evaluation of immediate post-stocking survival of razorback and bonytail



#### **FUTURE MONITORING PRIORITIES**

- Conduct monitoring to evaluate whether the restoration sites meet the conservation measures for credit determination, where appropriate, and to determine whether the sites are meeting the management guidelines to adaptively manage the site.
- Conduct covered species-specific monitoring to determine presence at restoration sites to assist in adaptively managing the sites.



#### **FUTURE TERRESTRIAL RESEARCH PRIORITIES**

 Continue to assess the hydrology at restoration sites and then, if necessary, conduct hydrology studies and/or demonstrations to determine the appropriate water regime for breeding southwestern willow flycatcher habitat. Test varying irrigation regimes to determine the appropriate regime to create and/or maintain breeding flycatcher habitat.



#### **FUTURE TERRESTRIAL RESEARCH PRIORITIES**

 Look into habitat management actions that could add habitat structure back into conservation areas that have matured and lost the suitable structure.





#### **FUTURE TERRESTRIAL RESEARCH PRIORITIES**

 Analyze the vegetation at LCR MSCP conservation areas and system-wide monitoring sites used by covered species. Determine if there are any further habitat characteristics in common between utilized sites that can be used to improve created habitat for these species.





# Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program

**Balancing Resource Use and Conservation** 

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### LAS VEGAS WASH COORDINATION COMMITTEE ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND OUTREACH UPDATE











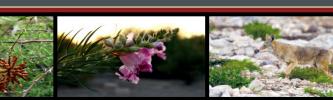


WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PLAN (WMP): BIRD SURVEYS

- Annual T&E surveys
  - Yuma Ridgway's rail (E) Since 2000
  - Southwestern willow flycatcher (E) Since 1998
  - Yellow-billed cuckoo (T) 2002-2004; 2013-
- Biweekly point counts year round at >30 points
  - 2005-09 SBCM
  - 2009-11; 2014-present GBBO









THREATENED AND ENDANGERED BIRD SURVEYS – 2022 SCHEDULE

- Marsh birds/Yuma Ridgway's rail
  2022 early April through early May
- Southwestern willow flycatcher
  - 2022 mid-May through June
- Yellow-billed cuckoo
  - 2022 late June through early August



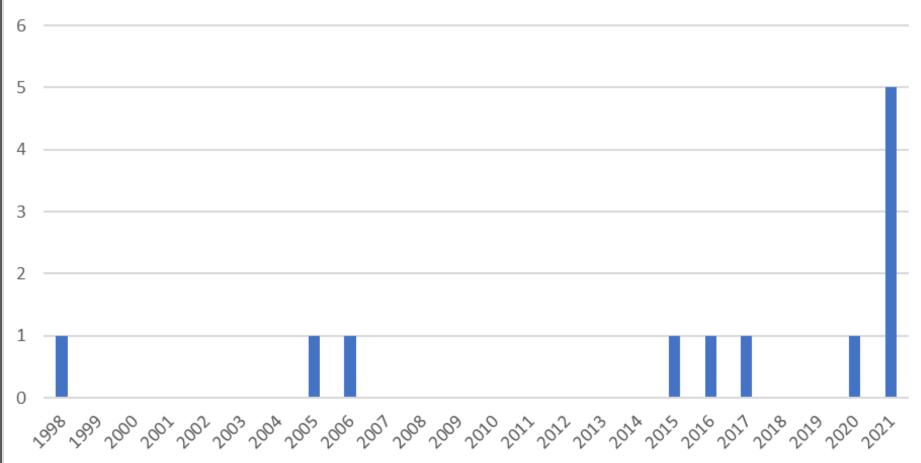






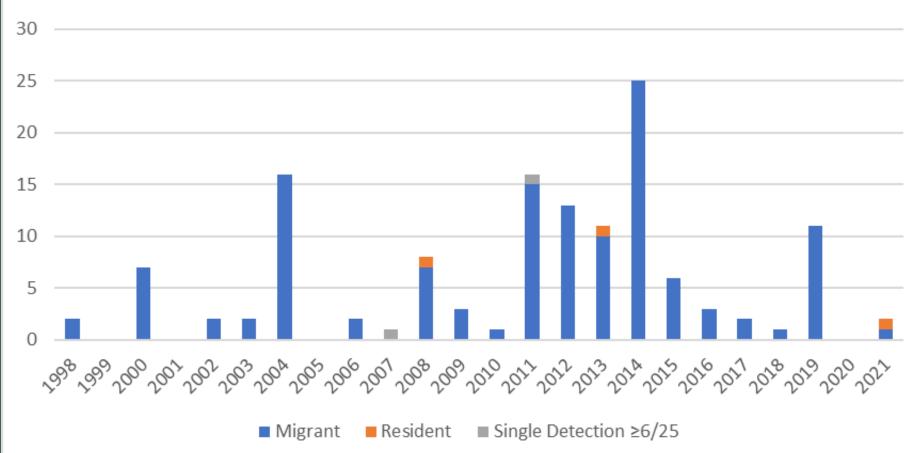
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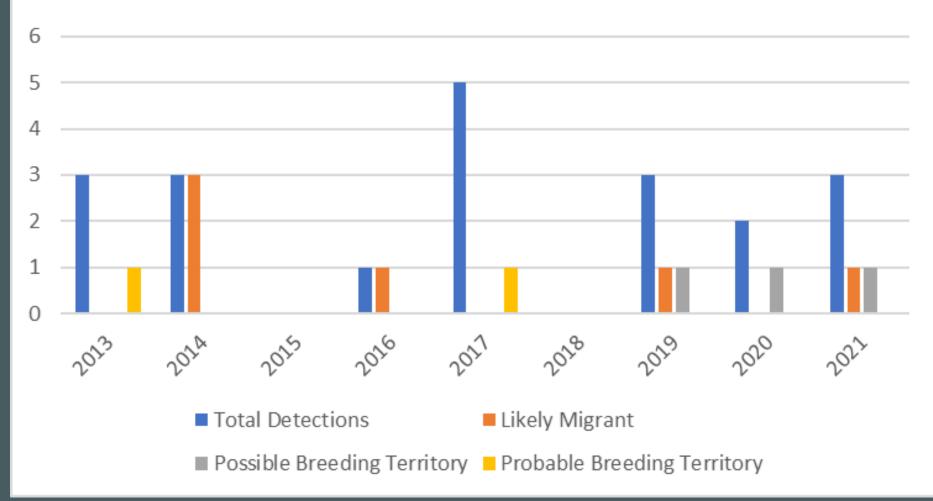
### # INDIVIDUALS DETECTED - 1998-2021

Willow Flycatcher



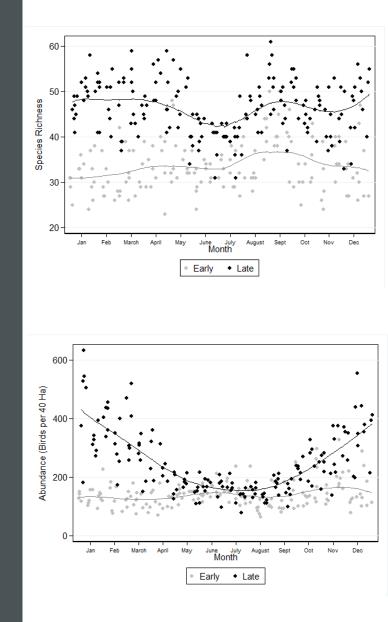
### SURVEY RESULTS - 2013-2021

### Yellow-billed Cuckoo



### AVIAN POINT COUNT STUDY

- Biweekly counts by GBBO
- >170 species detected in 2020/2021 study year (Sep-Aug)
- 2005-2021
  - ~245 species
- Draft 2005-2021 GBBO report documents significant increases in richness and abundance
  - See figures
  - Show seasonal changes in number of species and individuals detected in the early (2005-2011) versus late (2014-2021) period









## WMP: OTHER SURVEYS

- 2022 surveys
  - Rodent and shrew survey
    - Staff drafting study proposal
    - March October
    - Utilize pit and Sherman traps
- Bats postponed to 2023 due to current COVID19 permitting restrictions



Cactus mouse



California leaf-nosed bat







### SELENIUM FISH COLLECTION

- Fish collections took place in October and November
- I5 common carp and I green sunfish collected from Wash
  - Three Kids Weir
  - Pabco Weir
  - Tropicana Weir
- I5 common carp collected from Nature Preserve
- Samples shipped to lab for analysis
- Collections were made for CCRFCD who is managing the project



Common carp



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### INVASIVE WEED MANAGEMENT

- Tamarisk reduced to ~25 acres
- SNWA's contractor Soil-Tech is currently removing noxious and non-native weeds from recently planted revegetation sites

### REVEGETATION

- 570 acres have been revegetated
- 2020 vegetation monitoring report being drafted
- 2021 vegetation monitoring completed
- Long-term revegetation management plan to start implementation in FY22-23
  - Additional plantings
  - Enhancements for wildlife



Las Vegas Wash Long-Term Revegetation Management Plan

November 2019







## REVEGETATION

- 2020 data:
  - 150 sites monitored
    - 12 new
    - 98 had same cover as 2019 (71.0%)
    - 13 increased in cover (9.4%)
    - 27 decreased in cover (19.6%)
- Two new sites at Historic Lateral and Tropicana
   Weirs had survivorship of 75.9% and 77.7%



Historic Lateral Expansion South revegetation site in 2021



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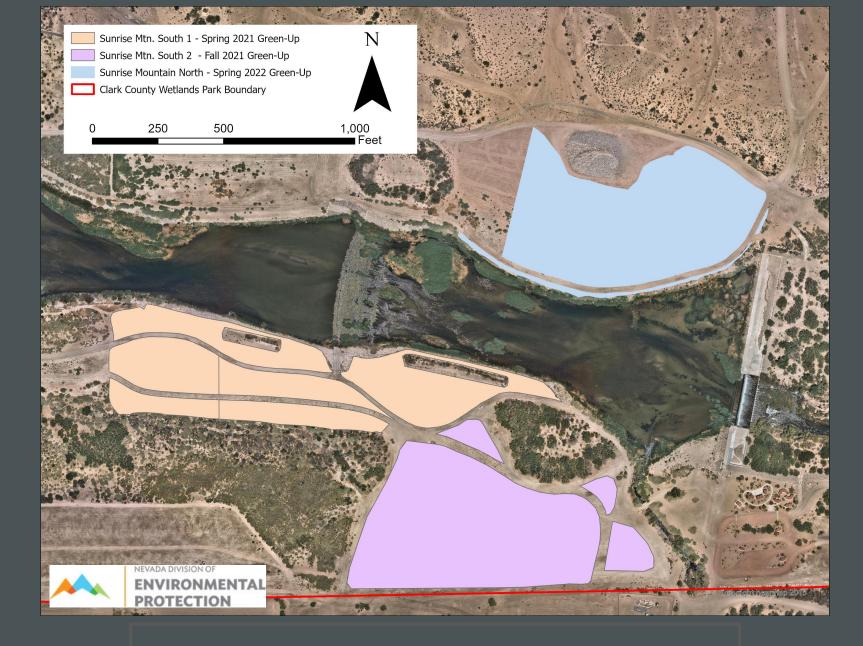




## WASH GREEN-UPS

- Spring 2022 March 12
  - Sunrise Mtn. North
  - 9.3 acres
  - Cap at 400 participants
  - CIP revegetation complete

- Green-Up Totals
  - 37 Events
  - I 2,949 volunteers
  - 149,096 plants
  - 313 acres



### 2021-2022 WASH GREEN-UP SITES

## WEBSITE

### Redesigned Ivwash.org

- Reduced # of pages by nearly 90%
- More visual
- Improved navigation
- Mobile device friendly
- ADA compliant
- Increased user engagement since rollout in late October with visitors spending more time on site and viewing more pages and a greater % of site



The Las Vegas Wash is an "urban" river that connects the Las Vegas Valley with Lake Mead, our community's primary source of drinking water. The Wash carries more than 200 million gallons of water per day, fed by reclaimed water, urban runoff, shallow groundwater and stormwater.

Wetlands at the Wash serve as "nature's kidneys," cleaning the water that runs through them by filtering out harmful contaminants.

The Wash's wetlands also are home to a variety of wildlife, from <u>great blue herons</u> sweeping across the water to <u>yellowbacked spiny lizards</u> perched on boulders.







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# STAKEHOLDER COORDINATION

### Basecamp

- Replaces Members website
- Each committee and study team will have its own specific group for communication
- Meeting agendas, summaries and presentations posted
- Reports for review
- Meeting announcements and other calendar items
- Look for upcoming email invitation to set up account

Las Vegas Wash Coordination Committee A place to discuss Wash priorities and activities, and to share the latest information and scientific documents. AK 🔞 😡 JB 🥵 JL KC NH NR 🚱 🛛 Add/remove people Announcements Docs & Files Chat Test test 0 Bird Studies LVWCC meetings go virtual
 The Las Vegas Wash Coordination 2021 -Colleen Curran 11:19am .... Hi Keiba, this is a pretend chat to .. Schedule To-dos Feedback from Keiba to Colleen Tue, Jan 25 Provide feedback to Colleen about possibly Las Vegas Wash Coordination Committee using Basecamp as a way to share information with the ... D • Jan 19, 2021 Meeting 8:30am - 11:00am 💼 Keiba C. Tue, Apr 26 Las Vegas Wash Tour 😊 8:30am - 2:30pm Tue. Oct 25 Las Vegas Wash Coordination Committee 😑 8:30am - 11:00am







# UPCOMING OUTREACH – RESCHEDULING DUE TO OMICRON

### Mabel Hoggard 5<sup>th</sup> Graders

- Virtual pre and post trips
- Field trips in-person
  - February 17, March 3 & 10

## World Wetlands Day

- Were expecting 150-175 students from 9 high schools February 2-3
- Received \$3k in sponsorship from Cox Communications and a \$1k Get Outdoors Nevada microgrant

### Springs Preserve Springboard

- January 6
- Las Vegas Wash virtual visit with 5<sup>th</sup> grade class from Tomiyasu E.S.

### Minorities and Birding

- 3 classroom visits, 2 field trips (1 to Wash); was planned for February-March
- Awarded \$400 microgrant funding from Get Outdoors Nevada to help with busing







## GRANTS

## Bureau of Reclamation

 \$150k in obligated funding for FY21

LVWCC

 Revegetation, water quality monitoring, WMP implementation and LVWCC program management Nevada Division of Environmental Protection

- \$67.5k for FY 21-22
  - Mabel Hoggard
  - Wash Green-Ups
- \$42.5k for FY 22-23
  - Mabel Hoggard
  - Wash Green-Ups



## LAS VEGAS WASH LONG-TERM OPERATING PLAN (LTOP)



### Long-term operations for the Wash program will begin in **FY22-23 (July I)**







# QUESTIONS?









# Water Quality Monitoring Update

# January 25, 2022

### **2021 Water Quality Sampling Schedule**

Project	Frequency	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21
Mainstream Wash Water Quality Sampling	quarterly		x			x			x			x	
Tributary Water Quality Sampling	quarterly	x			x			x			x		
Tributary Flow Measurements and Se sampling	monthly	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Real Time Water Quality Monitoring (3 stations)	bi-weekly	2x											
TSS and Perchlorate Study in the Wash	monthly	x		x	x		x	x		x	x		x
Shallow Groundwater Quality Sampling along the Wash	quarterly		x			x			x			x	
Water Quality Sampling at Nature Preserve	monthly	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x

# Las Vegas Valley

### Mainstream Wash Water Quality

- 10 sample sites and quarterly
- Environmental impacts from ECS
- WQ improvement by wetlands
- Database for water management (Wash and Lake)

## **Tributary Water Quality & Flow**

- 6 major tributaries and quarterly
- Dry-weather WQ from urban runoff
- Impacts on the Wash and Lake Mead
- Data for the CCRFCD MS-4 permit

# Las Vegas Valley

Real-time Water Quality Monitoring

- 3 stations in the Wash & tributaries
- Real-time WQ data (every 15-mins)
- Key WQ data during storm events
- Useful tools for public outreaches and education

TSS and Perchlorate Study

- 10 sample sites and monthly
- Data helped NDEP to remove TSS from 303 (d) list in the Wash
- Good indicator on WQ improvements with ECS and wetland systems
- For perchlorate remediation & modeling

# Las Vegas Valley

### Shallow Groundwater Water Quality

- 16 shallow GW wells along the Wash and quarterly
- Surface / groundwater interaction near the Wash
- Support perchlorate remediation & modeling

## Selenium (Se) in the Wash & Tributaries

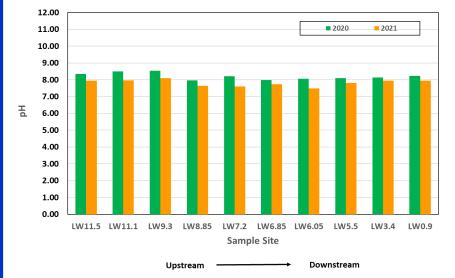
- Various locations and monthly
- Se baseline information in the Valley
- Se sources & hot spots
- Se mass loading quantifications
- Key data for Se management

Water Quality in the Mainstream Wash (2020 vs. 2021)

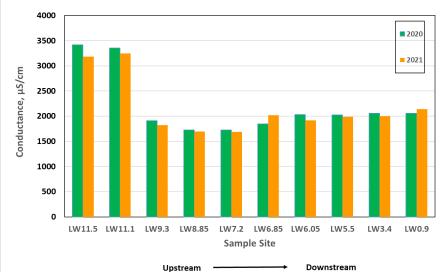


Yearly Average Temperature in the Wash (2020 vs. 2021)

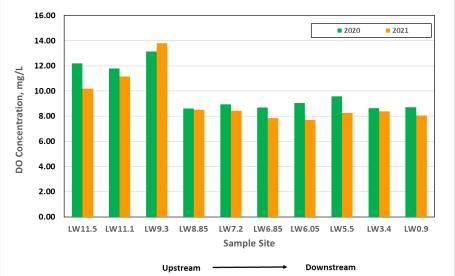
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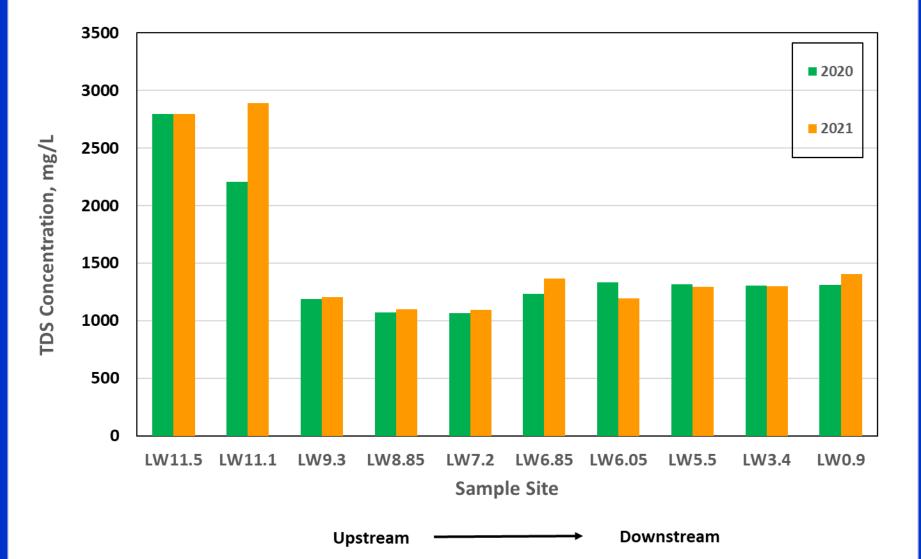
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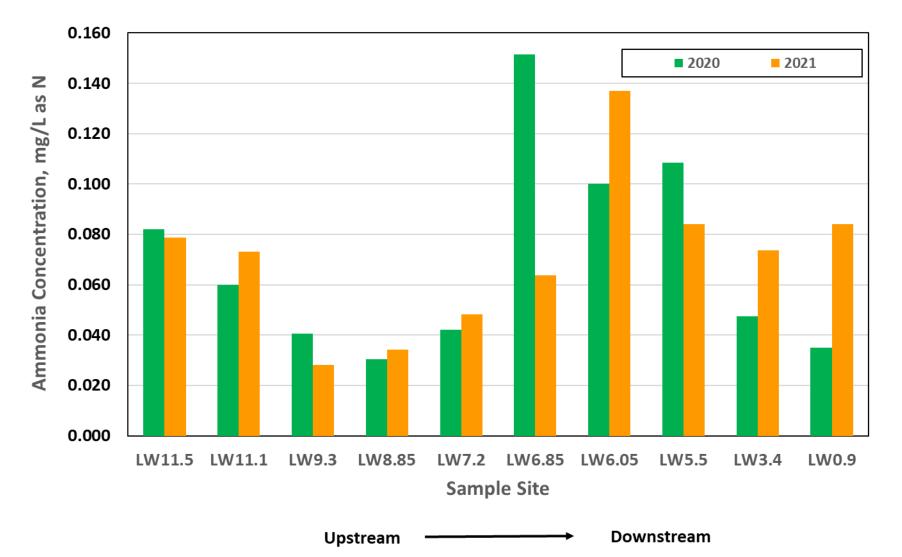
Yearly Average Dissolved Oxygen (DO) in the Wash (2020 vs. 2021)



### Yearly Average Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) in the Wash (2020 vs. 2021)



#### Yearly Average Ammonia Concentrations in the Wash (2020 vs. 2021)

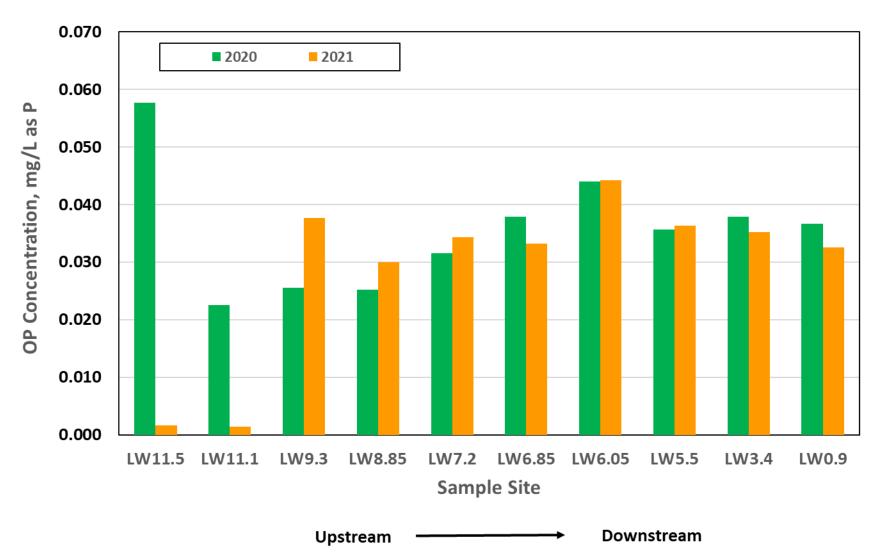




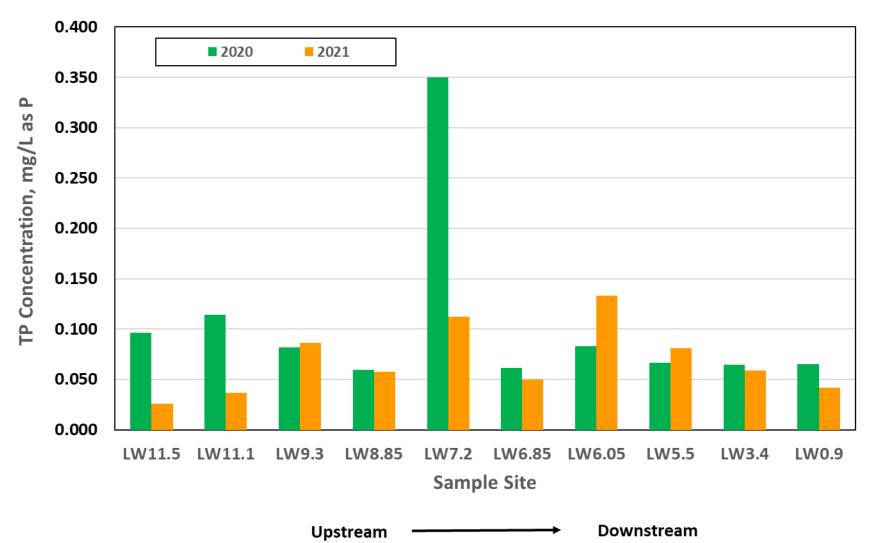
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Upstream ----- Downstream

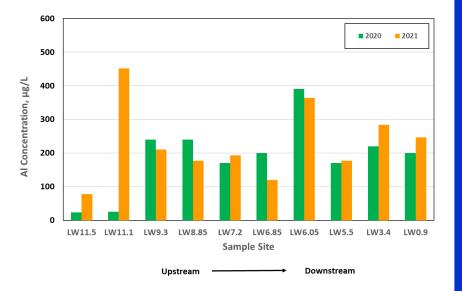
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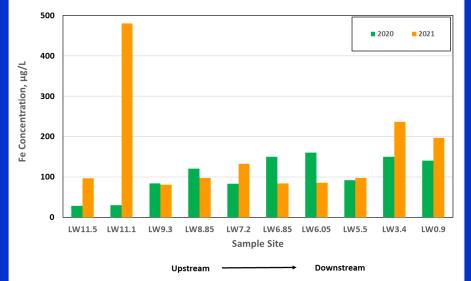
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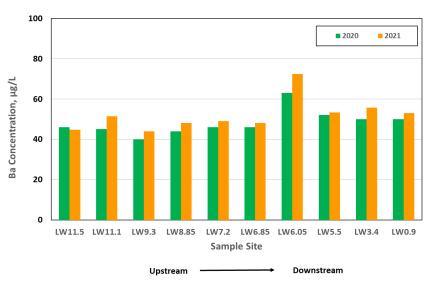




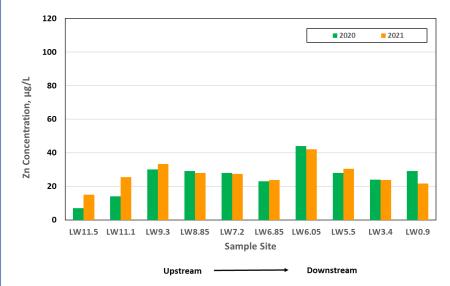
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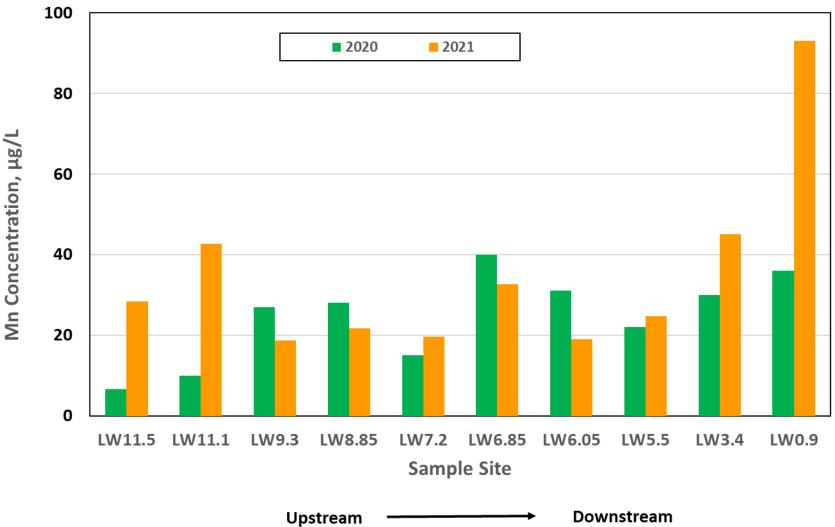
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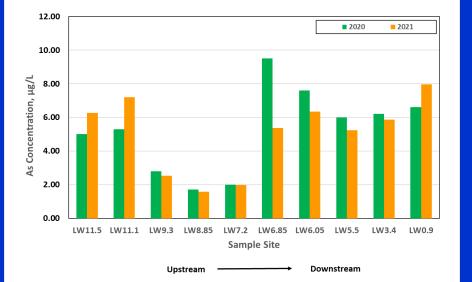


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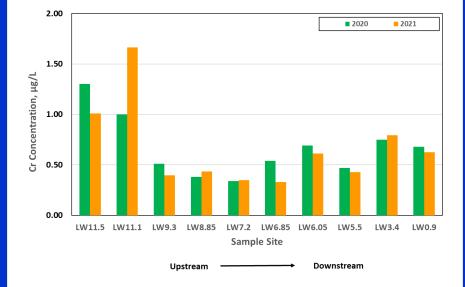
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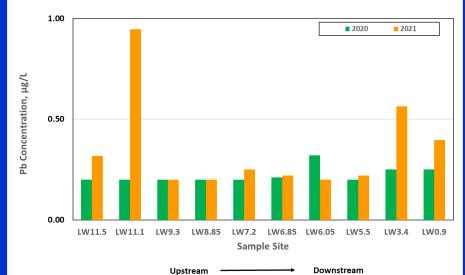


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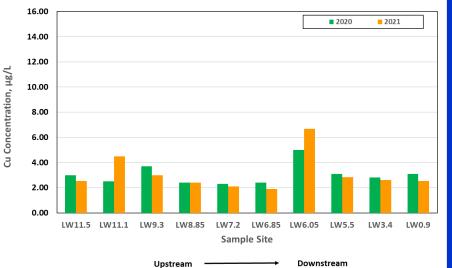
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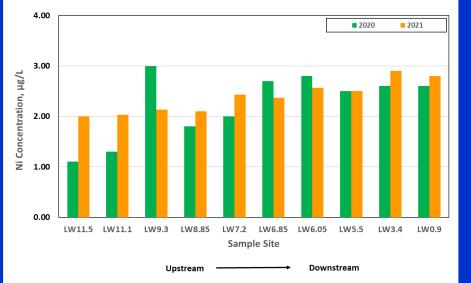
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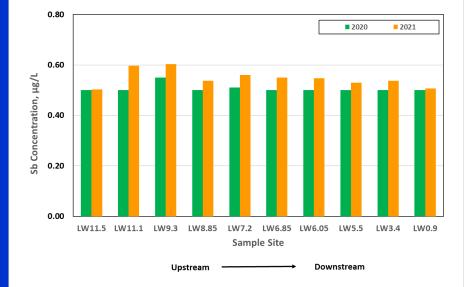
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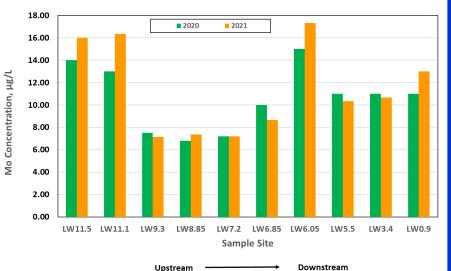
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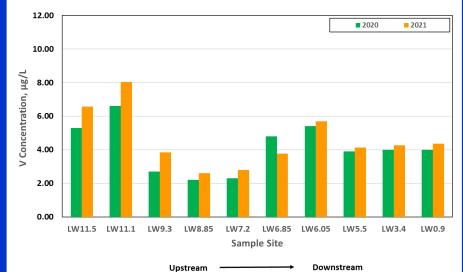
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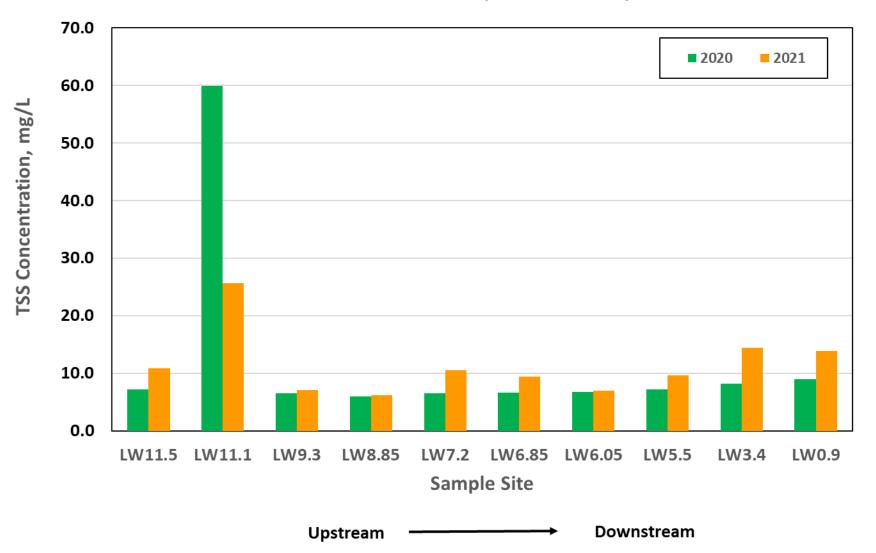


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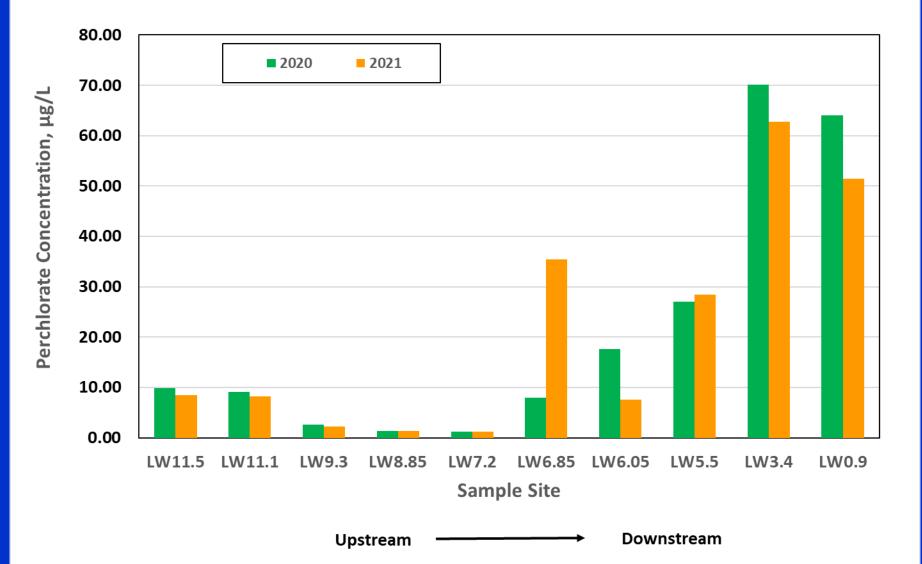


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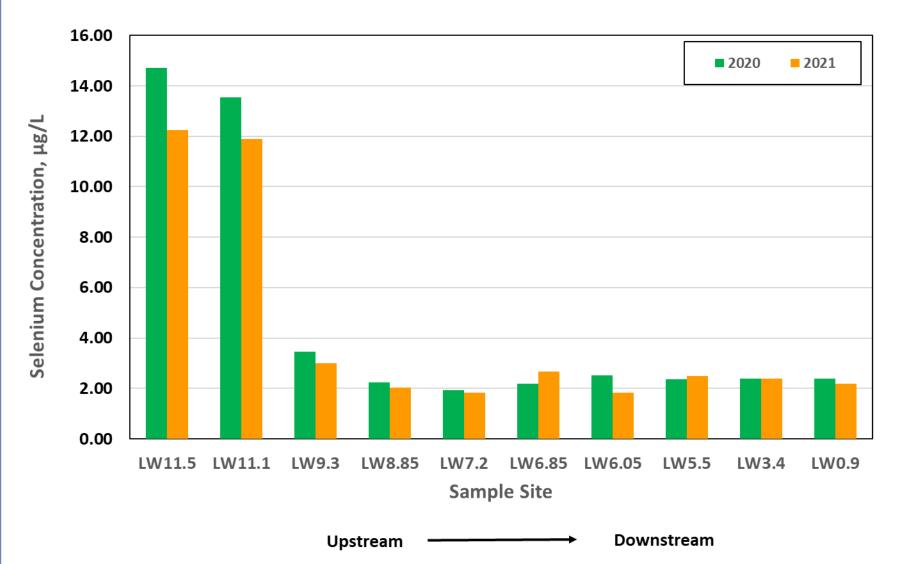
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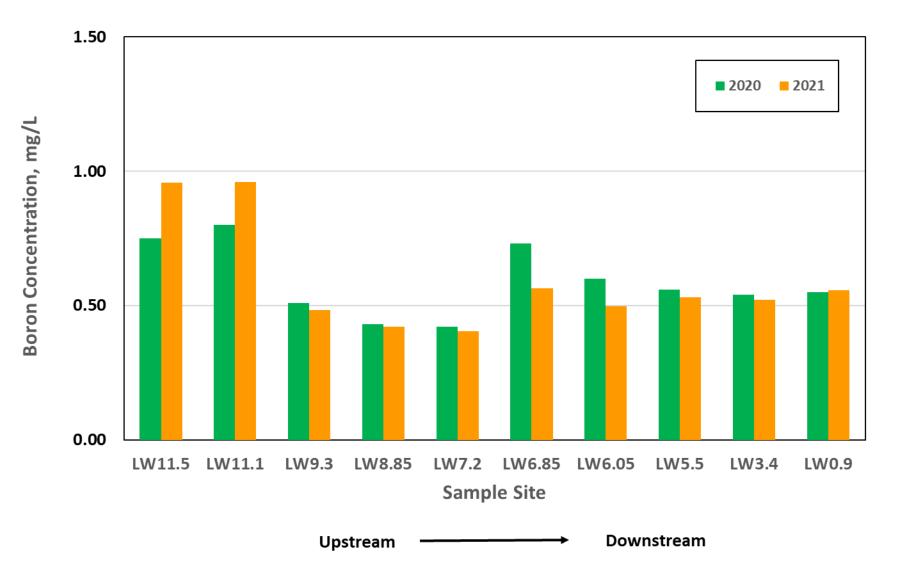
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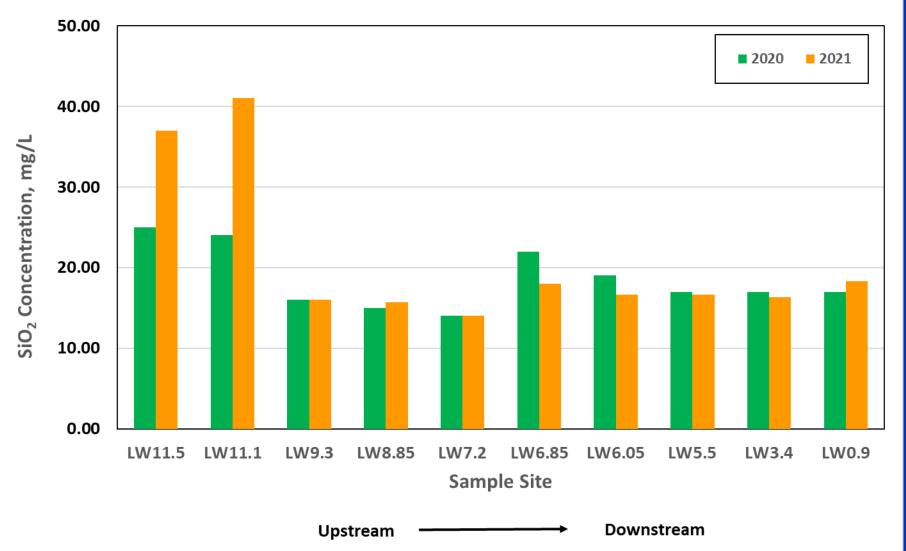
### Yearly Average Selenium Concentrations in the Wash (2020 vs. 2021)



### Yearly Average Boron Concentrations in the Wash (2020 vs. 2021)



#### Yearly Average Silica (SiO<sub>2</sub>) Concentrations in the Wash (2020 vs. 2021)



### Data Comparison (2020 vs. 2021)

#### • Field Measurements:

Temperature: higher
pH and DO: lower
Conductance: consistent

#### • Nutrients:

Ammonia: low (< 0.08 mg/L as N) at most sites</li>
Nitrate + nitrite: decreased (1-38%) at most sites
OP and TP: declined (7-11% for OP; 8-37% for TP) at the end of the Wash

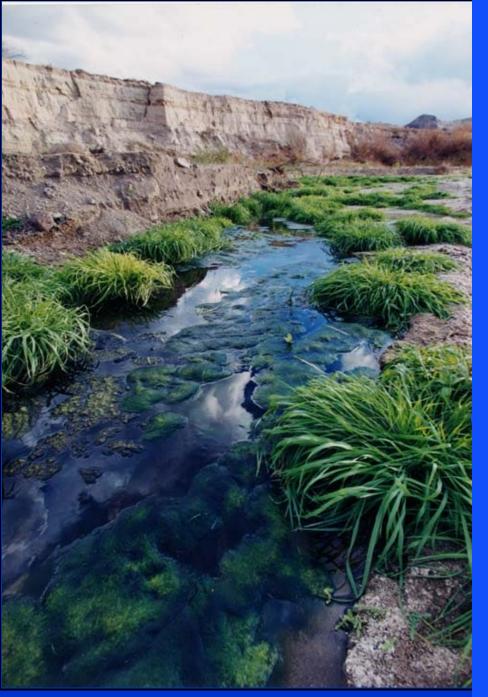
### Data Comparison (2020 vs. 2021)

## Metals (at the end of the Wash):

Increased: AI, Fe, Ba, Mn, As, Pb, Ni, Sb, Mo, V
 Decreased: Zn (25%), Cr (8%), Cu (18%)

#### • Others:

Selenium: decreased (1-27%) at most sites
Perchlorate: decreased (10-20%) at the end
TSS: stay low (< 10 mg/L) at most sites</li>





### **Questions?**





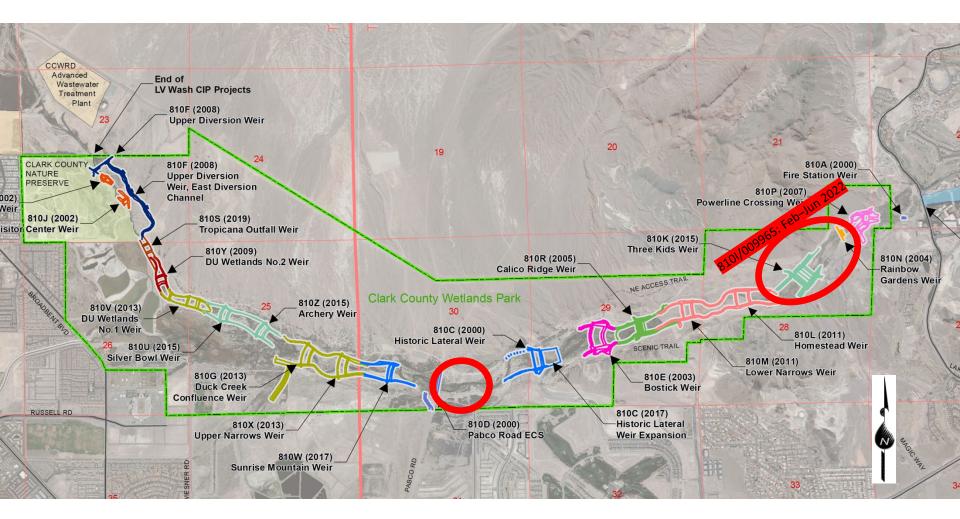
# Status Updates

SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY®

Las Vegas Wash Coordination Committee

January 25, 2022

### Locations





## Wash Activities

- Reconstruction of Existing Weir Structures
  - Pabco Apron, Three Kids Weir, Island removal between Three Kids and Rainbow Gardens
    - 810I/00965: Jan–June 2022
    - Contract awarded 1/20/22
- Place Facilities Back to Originally Constructed Lines and Grades
  - Removal of Vegetation and Sediment from Structures
  - Reposition and Installation of Rip Rap



#### Vegetation Management - Pabco



#### Vegetation Management – Three Kids



Vegetation Management – Rainbow Gardens



#### Vegetation Growth Downstream of Three Kids



#### Vegetation Growth Downstream of Three Kids

## **Consultant Engineering Services**

• Objective:

 professional services for the review of existing Las Vegas Wash stabilization facilities and stream sections for compliance with all local, regional, state and federal regulations and recommendations for remediation of any areas not in compliance

• WSP



## **Consultant Engineering Services**

- LOMR Update
  - Submitted to FEMA in September of 2019.
  - Notice of possible violation has been resolved and application has been accepted.
  - If additional information is not required, a final letter of determination within 90 days of receiving your request. March 8, 2022.

## **Consultant Engineering Services**

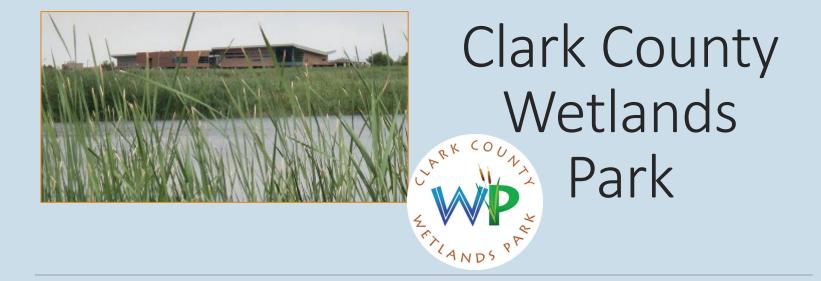
Task Name	Finish Date
<b>DRAFT</b> Facilities Assessment Report	complete
FINAL Facilities Assessment Report	complete
FINAL Long Term Operating Plan (LTOP)	complete
DRAFT Letter of Map Revision (LOMR)	Ongoing FEMA approval coordination



### Questions





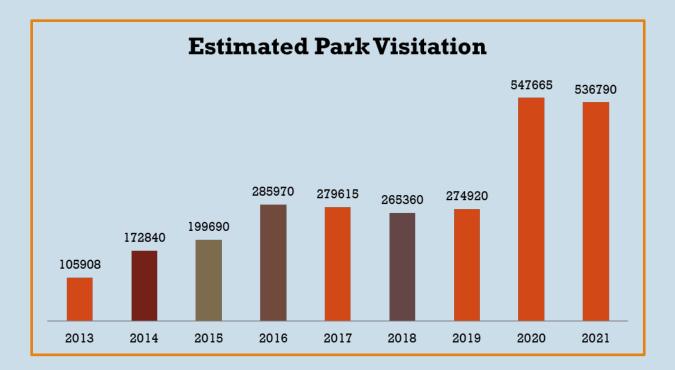


#### LVWCC UPDATE JANUARY 25, 2022

**Clark County Parks & Recreation** 

Elizabeth Bickmore Program Administrator

### Park Visitation







## **Upcoming Events**

Wetlands: Hands On! – Stewardship • Monthly

NFL Green: ProBowl Planting Event • February 2, 2022

World Migratory Bird DayMarch 19, 2022

BioBlitz • April 30, 2022

Discovery DayJuly 9, 2022



### Art at Wetlands Park

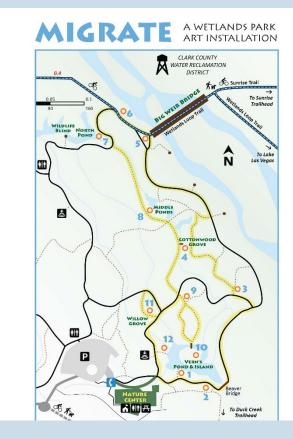
#### Migrate - 2022 Temporary Art Installation

• March 4 – April 4

#### **Guest Artist Workshops**

- Colored Pencil, Anne Hoff
- February 5 and monthly





### Interpretive Programs



Year of the Peregrine Falcon: 2022

Kids ages 3 - 8:

 Wetlands Explorers, Nature Tales & Storytime

Families & Adults:

 Discovery Walks, Birding Walks, Art Programs





### Nature Play Corner & Nature Preserve Signage

#### Completion early 2022

- Interpretive Signage
- Wayfinding
- Nature Play Corner
  - April 2022 (date pending) Grand Opening

## Improvement Projects

#### Wetlands Loop Trail

- •Paving Final Section
  - Phased approach for completing the alignment and paving \$6 M
     Project
  - Phase 1 now to include paved trail from Wetlands Park Lane to the future site of the Hollywood Extension
- ONOrthside Repairs
  - Completed crack repair January

## Wildfires 2021 & 2022

December 29, 20219 Acres – Nature Center/ILFMW

January 15, 2022 • 3.5 acres – Tropicana Wash



## Improvement Projects

#### **Fencing/Gate**

oNew gate to be installed at the service road entrance near Wells Trailhead

oTrail bollards to be added at Wells Trailhead

Hollywood Boulevard fencing repairs - ongoing

#### **Hollywood Extension**

Ongoing planning for new wash bridge and roadway through Wetlands
 Park

•Phase 1 at 70% design to include roundabout at site of new trailhead

## Land Management Projects



Phragmites control

Herbicide, mowing, burning

Three-year study ongoing (UNLV)

#### Pond & Stream Maintenance

Pond maintenance

- Weir debris removal
- Stoplog replacement (pending)



## Land Management Projects



#### **Pond & Stream Maintenance**

Cleared stream channels in Nature Preserve

- Cottonwood Grove Area
- Hidden Pond Area

## Land Management Projects



#### **Mitigation Wetlands**

 Ongoing work to replace the C10 Gate in Mitigation Cell F
 (AKA Cell 7) and reinstall beaver barriers

•New stoplogs and locked box lids installed

 Phragmites clearing around Cells A, B, and C planned for January/February

### Nature Center

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Open Tuesday – Sunday 9 am – 3 pm

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Exhibit Gallery Nature Store Info kiosk Lizard lounge Auditorium



## QUESTIONS

Elizabeth Bickmore

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# Regional Water Quality Update

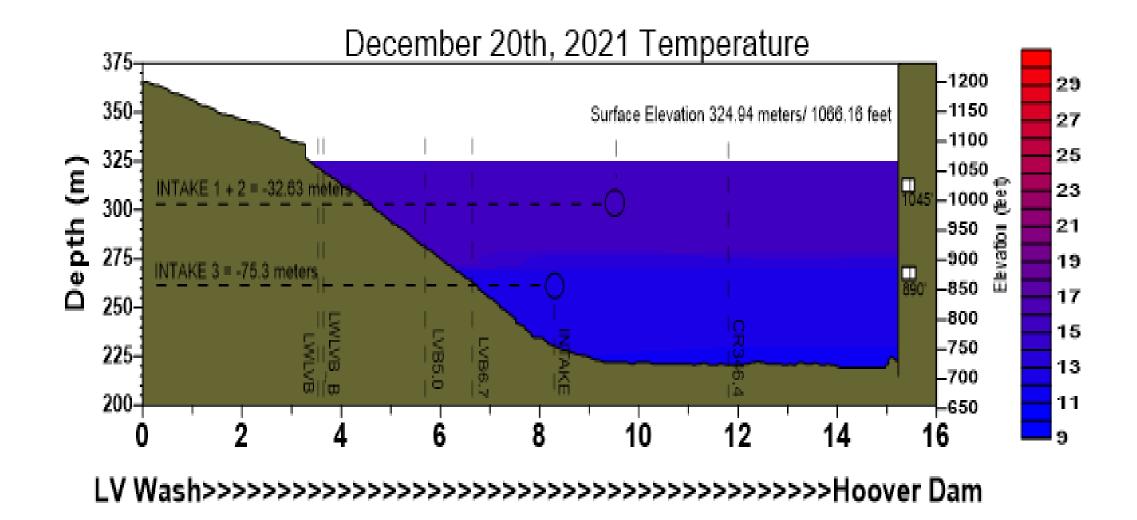
Todd Tietjen, Ph.D.

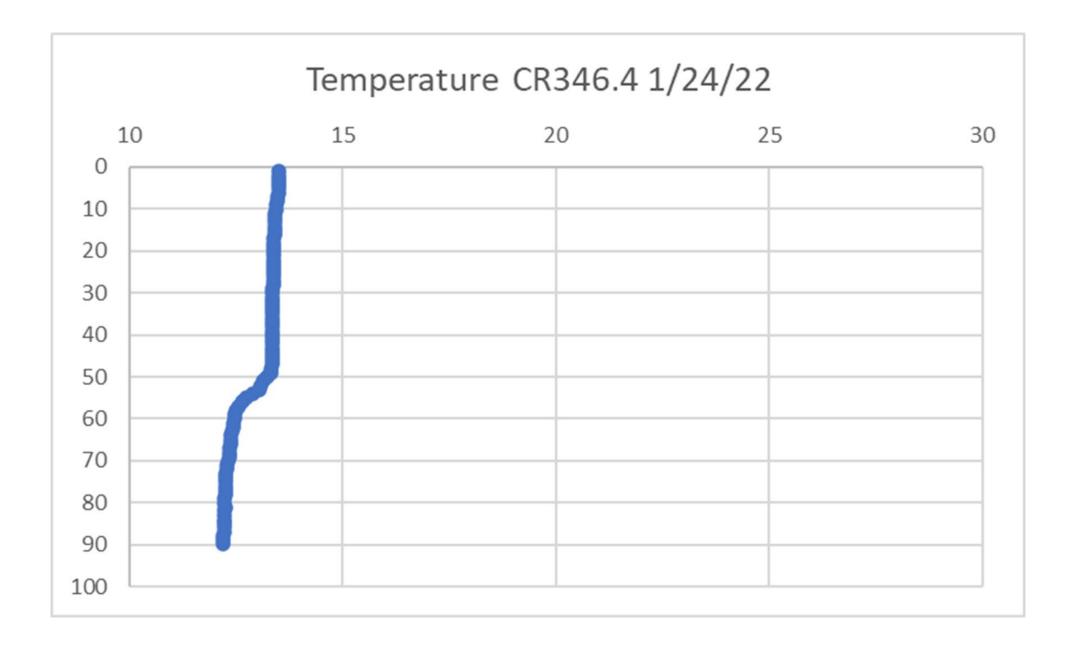
**Regional Water Quality Manager** 

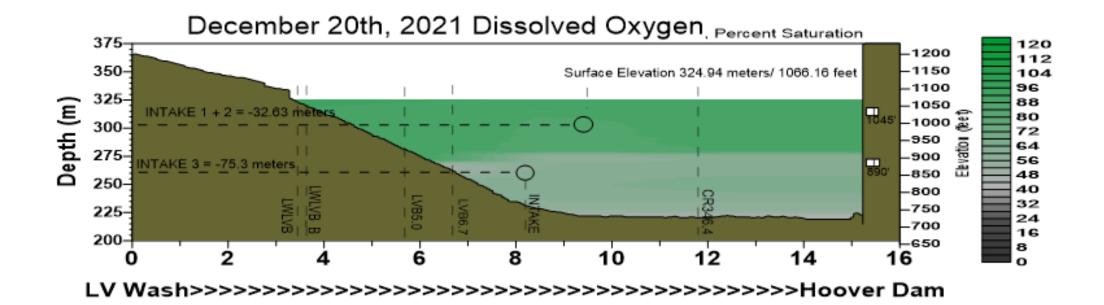
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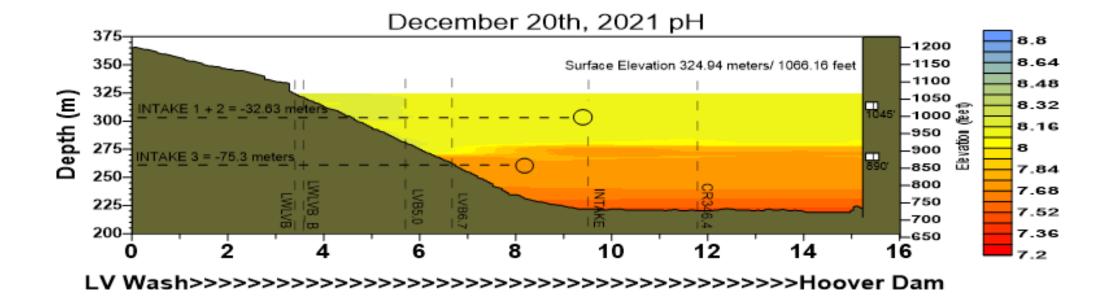
## Highlights of the past year

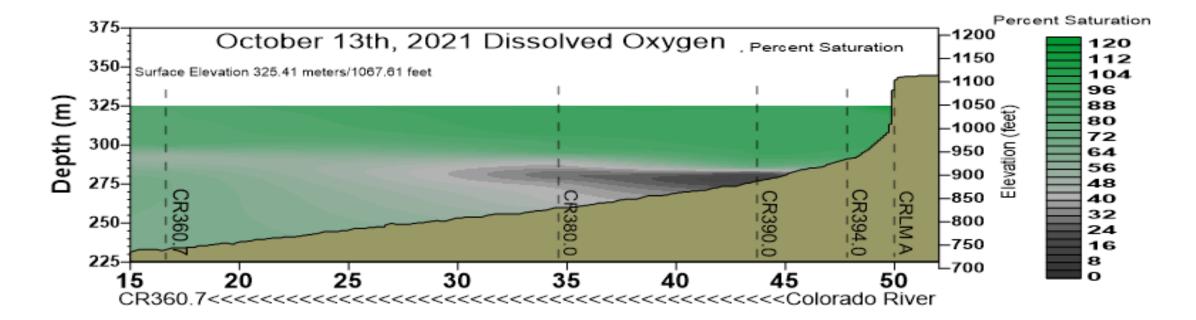
- Lake levels
- Water Quality measures have remained good despite falling lake levels
  - High flushing rate, Las Vegas Wash and Virgin Muddy Rivers remain small part of inflow
- Chlorophyll (Algae) continues to increase at a very slow rate
- Algal Toxins were detected at very low concentrations in Lake Mead in 2021
  - More common in Lake Mohave
- "Expecting" higher temperatures in water entering the lake

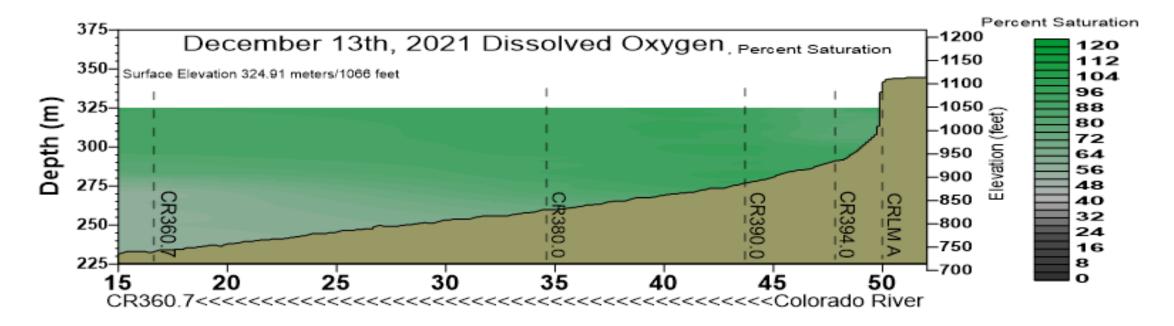


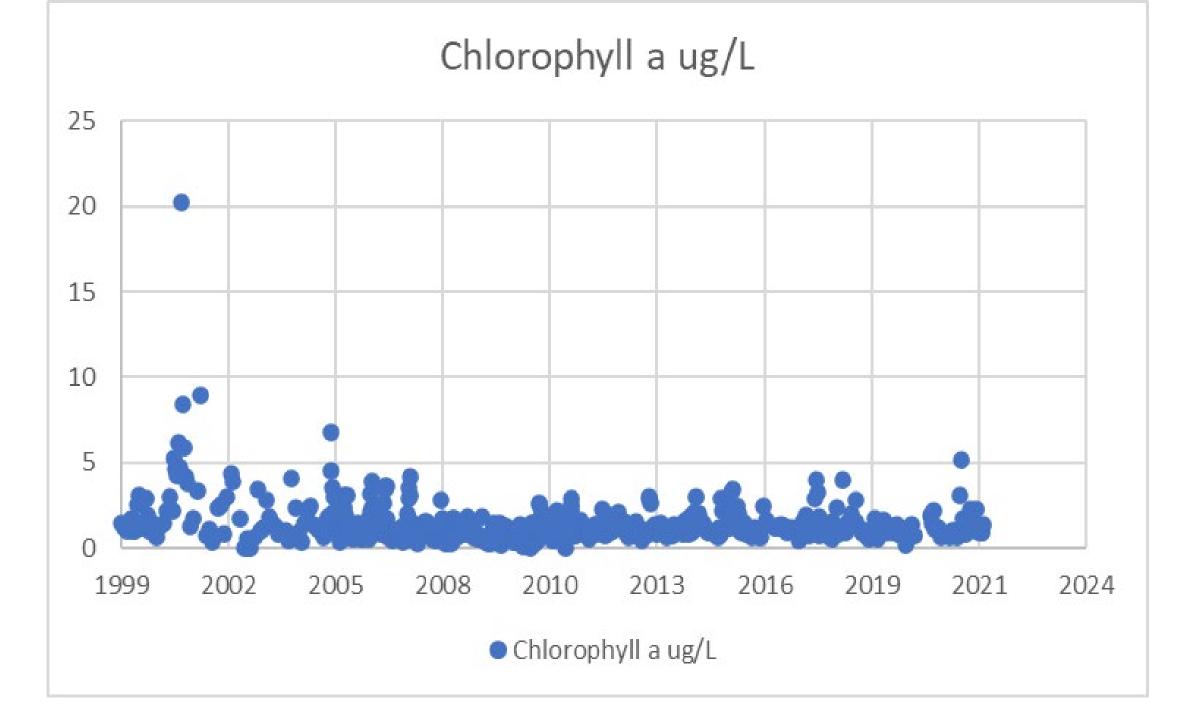


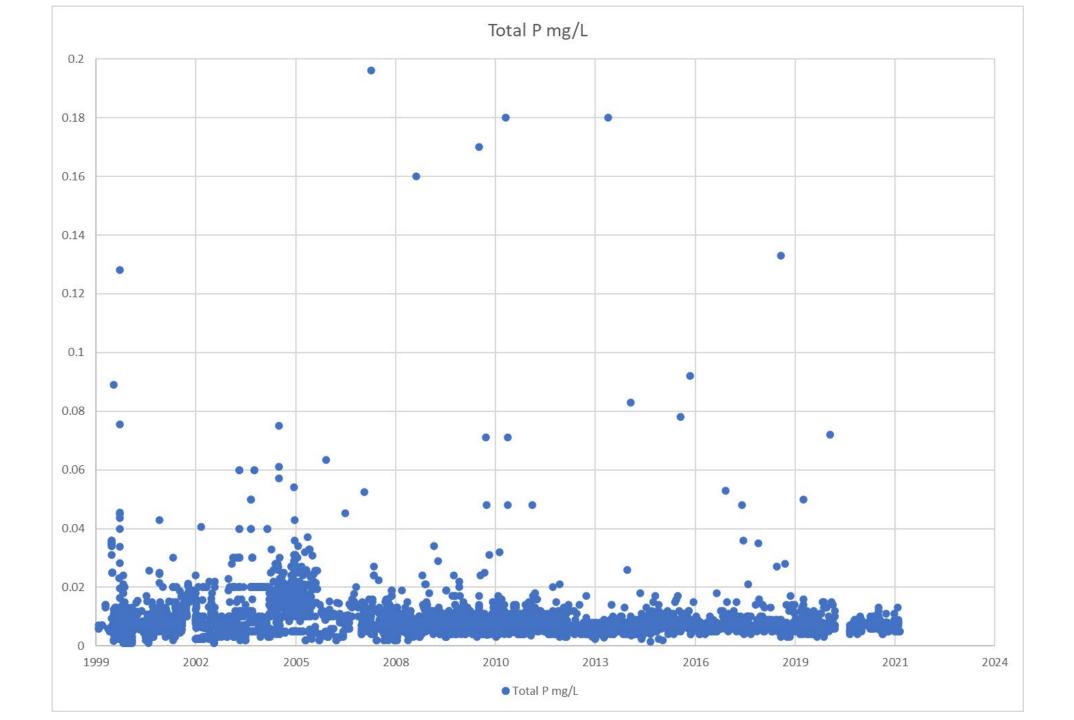


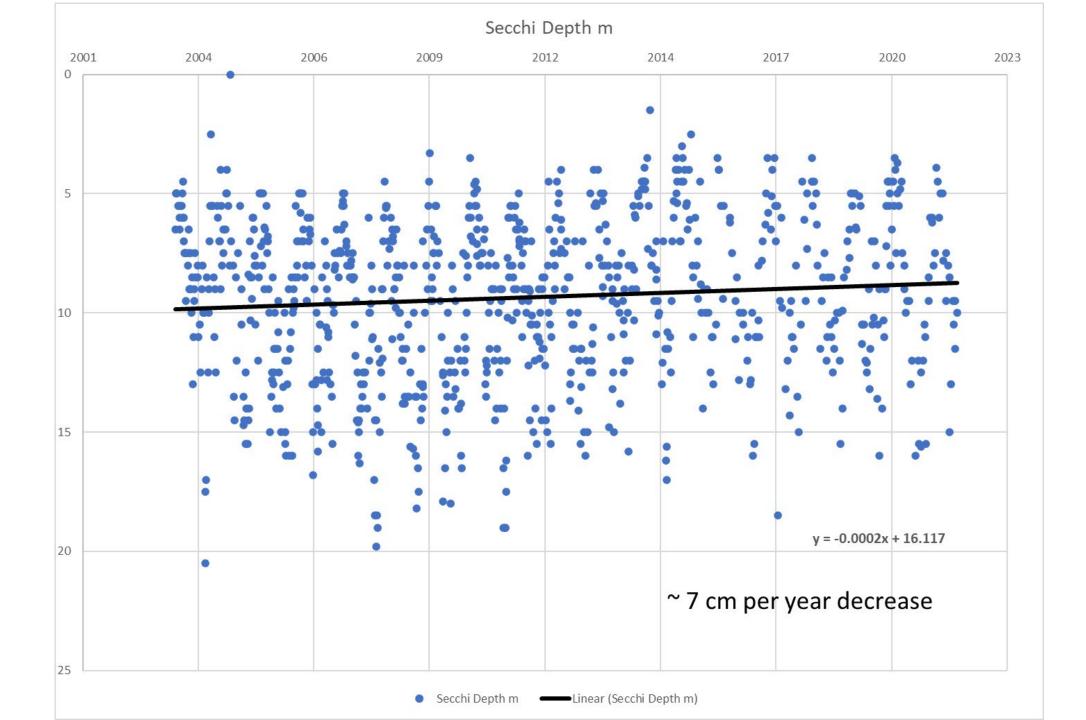


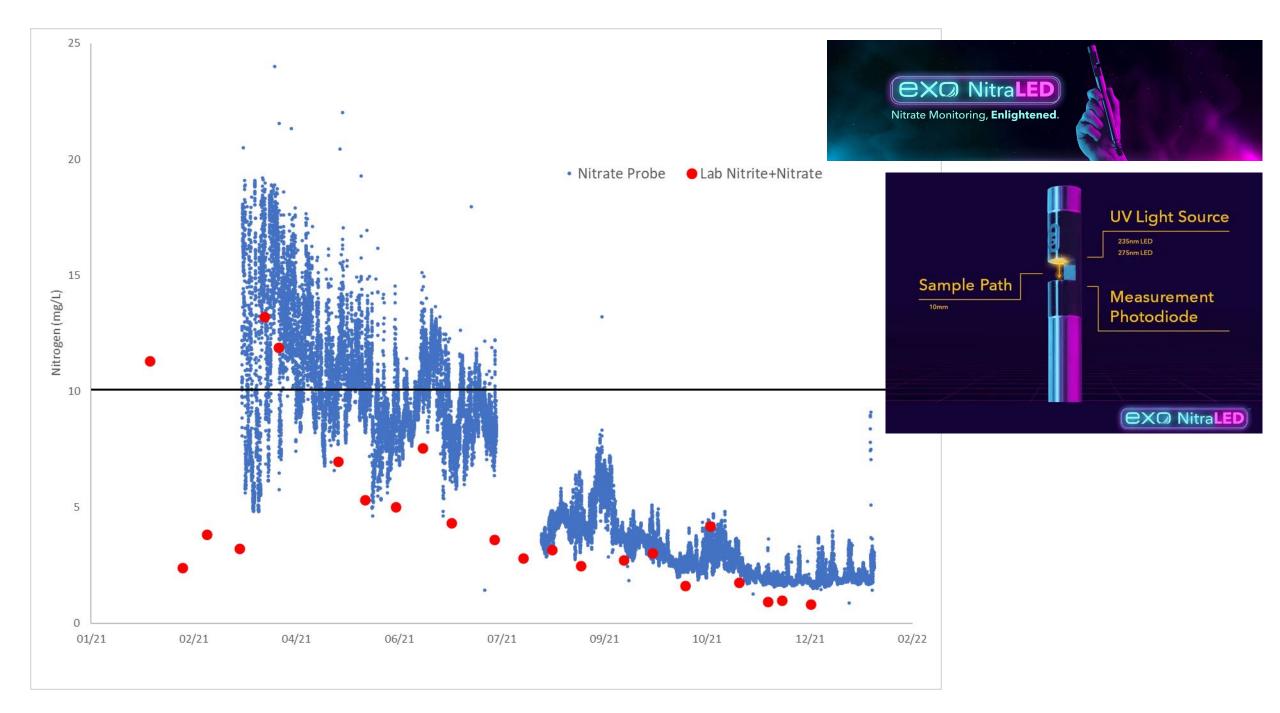












## Lake Mead Modeling

- Continue to update and improve the base model as well as to continue to validate calibration for basic functions
- During the past year Deena has worked to model the impact on water quality of conceptual changes in lake surface elevation and future climate scenarios
- Worked to develop a Water Treatment Model (Jeff Belding, UNLV PhD Grad) to integrate with the Lake Mead Model
- Carried out modeling of future inflow/outflow/lake surface elevations based on predictions prepared by USBR
- Began preliminary simulations using the Lake Mohave model with a goal of expanding predictive capabilities downstream

Las Vegas Valley Watershed Advisory Committee (LVVWAC) Update



#### January 25, 2022

LVVWAC Update: January 11, 2022 Meeting

Approved the Las Vegas Wash FY 2022/2023 budget

Sirst year of long-term operations

S Total operating budget: \$2,576,126

The budget was approved with the commitment to include the formation of a work group to review the LVVWAC's funding formula on the April 19 agenda

LVVWAC Update: January 11, 2022 Meeting

Received update on 2021 accomplishments of the LVWCC

- Cleared 7 weirs and reestablished their lines and grades
- 3 Monitored water quality; decreases in perchlorate, Se, OP & TP noted
- 3 Detected record number of Yuma Ridgway's rails
- I Revegetated 21 acres at two Wash Green-Ups
- Cost Reviewed weir maintenance plans for cultural resource issues; none found
- Continued virtual outreach, reaching more than 2,500 students
- Completed website redesign, trimming pages by ~90%; user engagement has since increased

LVVWAC Update: January 11, 2022 Meeting

Received update on Stormwater Quality Management Committee

- Obtention basin program analysis was conducted in 2021; permittees are on target to meet goals and requirements
- In April 2021, NDEP distributed a draft of a new permit; reviewed by permittees in June 2021; currently waiting for a revised draft from NDEP
- MDEP also issued a Draft Construction General Permit for review; permittees to meet and review with NDEP on January 13
- Selenium fish samples were collected in fall 2021 and will be presented to NDEP on January 26; locations coincide with historic sampling
- If there is no evidence that water quality is being impaired by stormwater

# Next Meeting

April 19, 2022 2 p.m. Location: TBD