



Las Vegas Wash Coordination Committee

E-mail update

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The Bureau of Reclamation Crew Is Coming

Beginning in late January, the Las Vegas Wash Coordination Committee will team up with the Bureau of Reclamation construction crew out of Provo, Utah for the seventh straight year. The crew will conduct clearing and stabilization activities in several places throughout the Las Vegas Wash until June. Funded through a combination of local sales tax revenues and federal grants, the efficiency and skill of the Bureau of Reclamation crew continues to greatly benefit the Las Vegas Wash project. Bureau of Reclamation activities will include:

Upcoming Meetings

Research and Environmental
Monitoring Study Team
January 3, 2007
10:30 a.m.

Management Advisory
Committee
January 8, 2007
1:00 p.m.

Administrative Study Team
January 18, 2007
1:00 p.m.

Las Vegas Wash
Coordination Committee
January 23, 2007
9:00 a.m.



Bureau of Reclamation crew back for the seventh year

- Clearing nearly 25 acres of tamarisk just northeast of Pabco Road Weir
- Stabilizing portions of the north and south banks below Pabco Road Weir
- Modifying a previously stabilized section of bank near the City of Henderson outfall
- Installing 20 drop erosion control structures in a natural channel that flows through S108
- Improving slope grading and installing bank protection along lower Duck Creek and along the north bank of the Las Vegas Wash near the Rainbow Gardens Weir
- Performing annual maintenance on the Demonstration Weir

Controlled Burn Planned for January 9, 2007

Shortly after all the New Year's fireworks finish up on the Strip, the Las Vegas Wash will be undertaking a light show of its own. Weather permitting, Nevada Division of Forestry wildland fire crews will conduct a controlled burn of piled, invasive tamarisk near the Bostick Weir on behalf of the Las Vegas Wash Coordination Committee. The crews will burn approximately 8,300 cubic yards of woody material configured in eight windrows. The material represents 11 acres of tamarisk that was cleared from sites near Pabco Road and Sunrise Mountain Weirs. Controlled burns are a preferred method for removing large stands of downed tamarisk because they are typically less costly than hauling the material offsite. The burn is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, January 9 and will be the fifth burn conducted at the Las Vegas Wash.



Nevada Division of Forestry crew conducting a burn in 2006

Agency Spotlight

New Wetlands Park Law Enforcement Officers

Thanks to a special grant from the Bureau of Reclamation, Clark County has assigned two Park Police officers to patrol the Wetlands Park Friday-Monday. The officers share a single limited term position that is grant-funded for a period of two years. Officers Joe Thompson and Daniel Santoni are welcome additions to the Wetlands Park and will help ensure the protection and safety of the public space and those working and recreating there. Officer Thompson has been with the Park Police since 1996, after serving as a detective in Long Beach, California for 26 years. He will be patrolling the park on Fridays and Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Officer Santoni joined the Park Police in 1991 after previously serving 24 years as a police officer in Baltimore, Maryland. Officer Santoni will patrol the Wetlands Park on Sundays and Monday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Park Police will continue with their regular patrol routes of the Wetlands Park in the middle of the week.



Officers Joe Thompson (l) and Dan Santoni (r)

As the Wetlands Park attracts more of the public, there is an increased need to ensure a safe atmosphere. The presence of law enforcement officers dedicated to the Wetlands Park during the busiest part of the week will help provide a more secure environment for those enjoying the Wetlands Park and the Las Vegas Wash. Both officers will be supported by Park Police patrol services and will have immediate back-up response by other patrol units in the event of an emergency.