



Las Vegas Wash Coordination Committee

E-mail update

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Surf the Las Vegas Wash on the Web

Since community involvement is integral to the success of the stabilization and enhancement program, conducting public outreach is an important part of the Las Vegas Wash Coordination Committee's (LVWCC) efforts. One of the earliest implementations of this effort was the creation of lvwash.org, a Web site dedicated to the Las Vegas Wash. The site is organized into four major categories: what is the Las Vegas Wash, why it is important, what is being done, and what you can do to help. With more than 600 pages of information, the Web site is a valuable resource whether you are looking for information about Native American prehistory or as current as real time water quality. Through the Web site you can access past issues of the email update, management plans, reports, maps, and posters. There is even a whole section that provides lesson materials and teaching aides to help educate kids about the Las Vegas Wash and the importance of wetlands. Another important element of lvwash.org is the ability to keep up to date and sign up for volunteering opportunities

Originally created in 1999, lvwash.org has grown steadily in terms of both content and attracting attention. Considering that the site has been averaging more than 3,000 different visitors a month from around the country and even the world, it's safe to say that it has been a valuable tool in reaching the public about the importance of the Las Vegas Wash. Whether it's your first visit or your 100th, we promise that you can always find something new at lvwash.org.



Visit our Web site: www.lvwash.org.

Native Resources – Our Partner in Native Plant Revegetation

Since 2000, the Las Vegas Wash Project Coordination Team has worked closely with the environmental consulting company Native Resources to perform daily maintenance activities at revegetation sites along the Las Vegas Wash. Native Resources is an international company with expertise in wetland restoration, stream rehabilitation and native plant reclamation efforts. This expertise has aided the Las Vegas Wash Coordination Committee in its ongoing efforts to stabilize the Las Vegas Wash, develop wetlands and provide habitat as outlined in the Las Vegas Wash Comprehensive Adaptive Management Plan. Native Resources performs a wide variety of activities including planting, harvesting, watering, weeding, Green-Up preparation and follow up, fence building and trash cleanup and has helped in the successful revegetation of approximately 170 acres of native plants along the Las Vegas Wash. These daily activities help to keep our revegetation sites in healthy shape during the critical period when the plants' roots are becoming established. Native Resources has played an important role in the current achievements of the revegetation program along the Las Vegas Wash and we look forward to continued future success.



Native Resource crew clearing out invasive reeds.



Native Resource crew helps out at Green Up.

Did You Know?

Conditions at the Las Vegas Wash change constantly and in order to better manage those changes, so too does the Southern Nevada Water Authority's (SNWA) organizational approach—especially in the last several months. Although in an acting role for some time, Keiba Crear was officially named as Watershed Division Manager in December. Seth Shanahan was promoted to replace Keiba as Senior Biologist of the Resource Management Biology Team and most recently Xiaoping Zhou was promoted to Senior Hydrologist of the Resource Monitoring Water Quality Team. In addition, this division, formerly known as the Watershed Management Division, was moved from the Groundwater Resources department into the Surface Water Resources department under Director Bill Rinne and the name has been changed to the Environmental Monitoring & Management Division. Importantly, these changes will not affect the implementation of projects by the Las Vegas Wash Project Coordination Team, since this team consists of staff from all levels of the Environmental Monitoring & Management Division.

