

Volunteers Wanted



The Fall Green-Up is Oct. 1, 2005. Volunteers have planted more than 40 acres over the past five years. We are looking for site supervisors. Come join the fun and volunteer, no experience required. Call **822-3370** to sign up.

Upcoming Meetings

Las Vegas Wash
Weed Partnership Meeting
Sept. 12, 2005
8:30 a.m.

Interagency Cooperative
Sampling Meeting
Sept. 15, 2005
9:30 a.m.

LVWCC Annual Tour
Oct. 25, 2005
9:00 a.m.

Las Vegas Wash Coordination Committee

Premier e-mail update for the Las Vegas Wash Coordination Committee

September 2005

This monthly email update was developed to meet the Las Vegas Wash Coordination Committee's (LVWCC) request to communicate more frequently than the quarterly meetings. The LVWCC's quarterly meetings are open to the public and our next meeting will be a tour of the Las Vegas Wash on Oct. 25. For more information contact Project Team staff at **822-3390**.

LVWCC Update

In 1999 more than two dozen local, state and federal agencies, and members of the public developed the Las Vegas Wash Comprehensive Adaptive Management Plan. Since that time, the LVWCC has been working to implement the 44 action items that resulted from the plan.

Since inception, the LVWCC has:

- ◆ Constructed nine erosion control structures, reducing total suspended solids by more than 50 percent;
- ◆ Stabilized approximately 20,000 linear feet of the Wash's banks;
- ◆ Revegetated approximately 65 acres with trees, shrubs and emergent vegetation;
- ◆ Implemented an invasive species management program;
- ◆ Hosted and/or participated in more than 50 tours and volunteer events;
- ◆ Built or improved more than two miles of trails; and
- ◆ Implemented extensive biological resource monitoring programs for vegetation, fish, birds, small mammals, reptiles, bats, amphibians, and water quality monitoring programs for the mainstream Las Vegas Wash, associated tributaries including real-time water quality monitoring.

The LVWCC encourages public input and disseminates information through a variety of methods, including two Web sites. The public site highlights LVWCC activities for a general audience, while the members' web site is geared specifically for members of the LVWCC and its study teams and serves as a platform for the exchange of water quality data and other information. This e-newsletter is another forum to share information. For a list of LVWCC member agencies or more information about the project, visit www.lvwash.org.

Interesting Fact



Abert's Towhee

Point Count

Learning to identify birds by sight can be tough enough, but imagine having to learn all their vocalizations too. Up to 90 percent of birds identified during a point count, like the one conducted on the Las Vegas Wash, are identified by ear alone. That means that a point count observer needs to know the songs and calls of hundreds of different species. That's like needing to know hundreds of different languages and being able to recall them at a chirp's notice. To make it even more complicated, many bird species have highly variable songs and some even have regional dialects!