

Upcoming Meetings

Las Vegas Wash Weed
Partnership Meeting
Dec. 14, 2005
8:30 a.m.

Sahara Mustard Workshop
Dec. 14, 2005
1:00 p.m.

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

Las Vegas Wash Coordination Committee

E-mail update for the Las Vegas Wash Coordination Committee

December 2005

LVWCC annual tour

On Nov. 8, the LVWCC conducted its annual tour of the Las Vegas Wash. Twenty-one members hopped on the bus ride that began at Lake Mead and toured Rainbow Gardens, Demonstration, Calico, Bostick and Pabco Weirs with the tour ending at the Demonstration Pond at the City of Henderson Bird Viewing Preserve, Water Reclamation Facility. This tour is conducted each year to provide members an on-the-ground view of the progress of the channel stabilization and enhancement program ongoing at the Wash. Project team hydrologists, biologists, engineers and management analysts discussed the many activities underway at the Wash. If you missed the tour, a detailed tour book is available upon request.



Nov. 2005 wash tour



Searching for frogs



Woodhouse's toad



Bullfrog

Prescribed burn a glowing success

Under an early fall sky, a warm glow could be seen in the Clark County Wetlands Park on Nov. 8. After 3 attempts, fouled by inclement weather conditions, six tamarisk windrows consisting of nearly 2,700 cubic yards of material were burned. Trained wildland firefighting crews from the Nevada Division of Forestry conducted the burns as part of the fuels mitigation and hazardous fuels reduction program. The prescribed burns are coordinated by the LVWCC on behalf of the Clark County Wetlands Park. The 8.7 acres of tamarisk cut to make room for the Calico Weir and other revegetation sites, were quickly reduced to ash with an overall cost savings approaching one hundred thousand dollars in disposal and equipment fees. This was the third prescribed burn conducted at the Clark County Wetlands Park since 2003. Channel 13 covered the story on their evening news broadcast.



Prescribed burn

Amphibians in the Las Vegas Wash

The Las Vegas Wash Project Team conducted a visual encounter amphibian study in the Clark County Wetlands Park from 2004 to 2005. Team members performed the field investigations two to three consecutive nights a month for approximately eight months each year. The survey locations include Lake Las Vegas wetland mitigation area, Rainbow Gardens Weir, Demonstration Weir, Bostick Weir, Historic Lateral Weir, C-1 Channel, Pabco Weir, Duck Creek and the Clark County Nature Preserve. Two biologists used high intensity headlamps and flashlights to search for amphibians each night. They searched several miles of habitat both visually and aurally. Global Positioning System equipment was used to mark the location of the species found. Scientists identified two species during the survey, the American Bullfrog (*Rana catesbiana*) and the Woodhouse's Toad (*Bufo woodhousii*). The Woodhouse's toad is listed on the MSHCP Species Watch List. The Clark County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) program provided the funding for the project. This study was completed to support the development of the long-term fish and wildlife management plan, which is one of the 44 action items listed in the Las Vegas Wash Comprehensive Adaptive Management Plan (CAMP). A summary report will be available in 2006.

Did you know?

Management Advisory Committee

Did you know that the Management Advisory Committee (MAC) is made up of the city's of Henderson, Las Vegas and North Las Vegas as well as Clark County, Clark County Regional Flood Control District, Clark County Water Reclamation District, Southern Nevada Water Authority and Clean Water Coalition? The representatives from these entities are senior level management complimenting the technical expertise of the members of the LVWCC. The MAC meets quarterly to help guide the actions of the LVWCC. At the October 2005 meeting, the MAC approved the LVWCC's 2006 Capital Improvement Plan and Las Vegas Wash Project Team's 2006/2007 operating budget. The next MAC meeting is Jan. 9 at 1:30 p.m.

Vision

Lower Las Vegas Wash established and maintained as an integrated community resource.

Mission

To develop the Lower Las Vegas Wash into a resource for the community by stabilizing erosion, protecting water quality, and supporting the development of the Clark County Wetlands Park.