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## Overview of the Clark County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan

### EXHIBIT L – LANDS

Document consists of 17 slides.

Entire Exhibit provided.

Meeting Date: 01-22-10

October 22, 2009



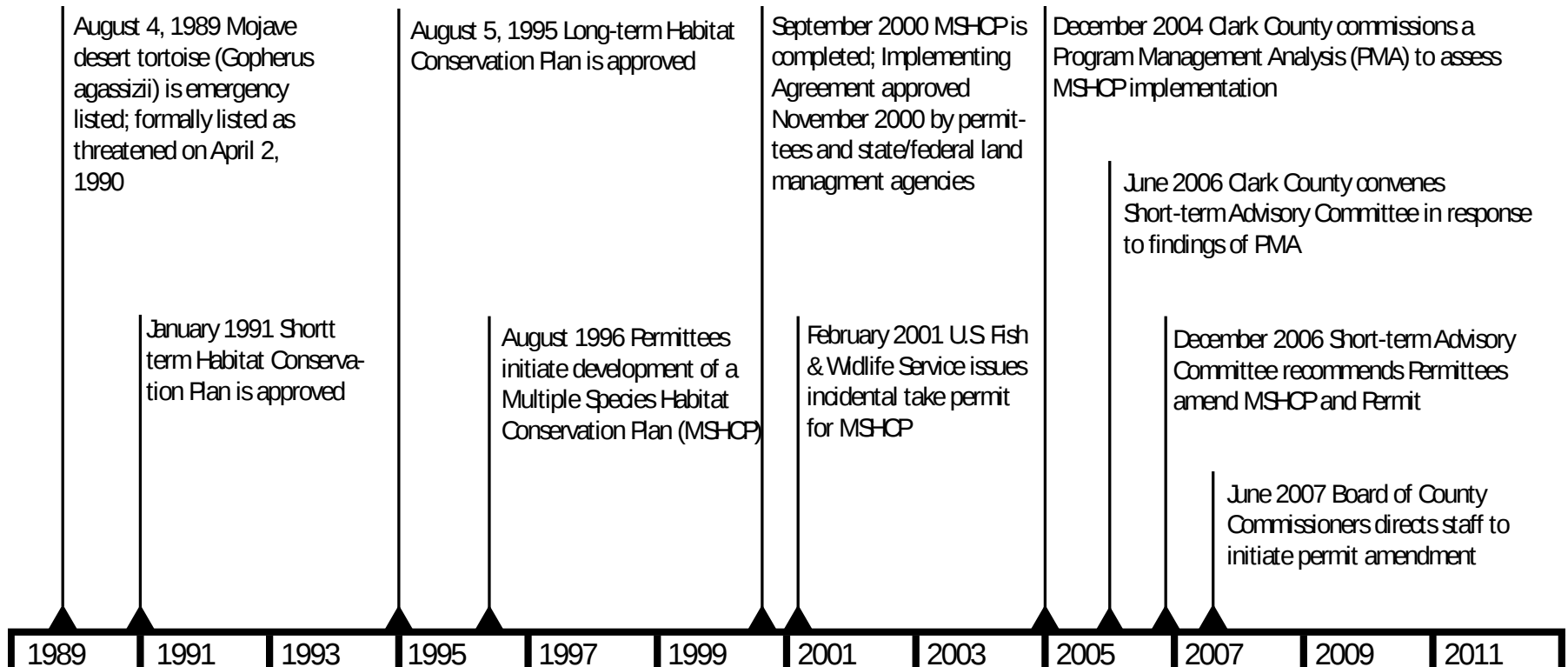


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## History





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## Desert Conservation Program

**The Desert Conservation Program serves as the Administrator of the MSHCP and incidental take permit on behalf of the “Permittees”:**

- **City of Las Vegas**
- **City of North Las Vegas**
- **City of Henderson**
- **City of Mesquite**
- **City of Boulder City**
- **Clark County**
- **Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT)**



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## Desert Conservation Program

### **The Desert Conservation Program provides:**

- **Compliance with the federal Endangered Species Act through a Section 10(a)(1)(B) incidental take permit**
- **Implementation of the Clark County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP)**
- **Provides regional compliance for non-federal ESA compliance without requiring project-by-project consultation with FWS**



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## Habitat Conservation Plans

- **Created to reduce conflicts between endangered species and economic activities**
- **Available to private landowners, corporations, tribal governments, state and local governments and other non-federal landowners**
- **MSHCP provides streamlined compliance for private property owners**
- **MSHCP allows private landowners to develop land without requiring individual project-by-project consultation and negotiation with the FWS**



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## Clark County MSHCP

- **30-year permit effective February 2001**
- **Take cannot exceed 145,000 acres**
- **Permittees collect a \$550 per acre disturbance fee to fund implementation (NRS 244.386)**
- **Relies on a reserve system where the MSHCP achieves conservation by augmenting existing funding/conservation on federal lands**



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## Funding

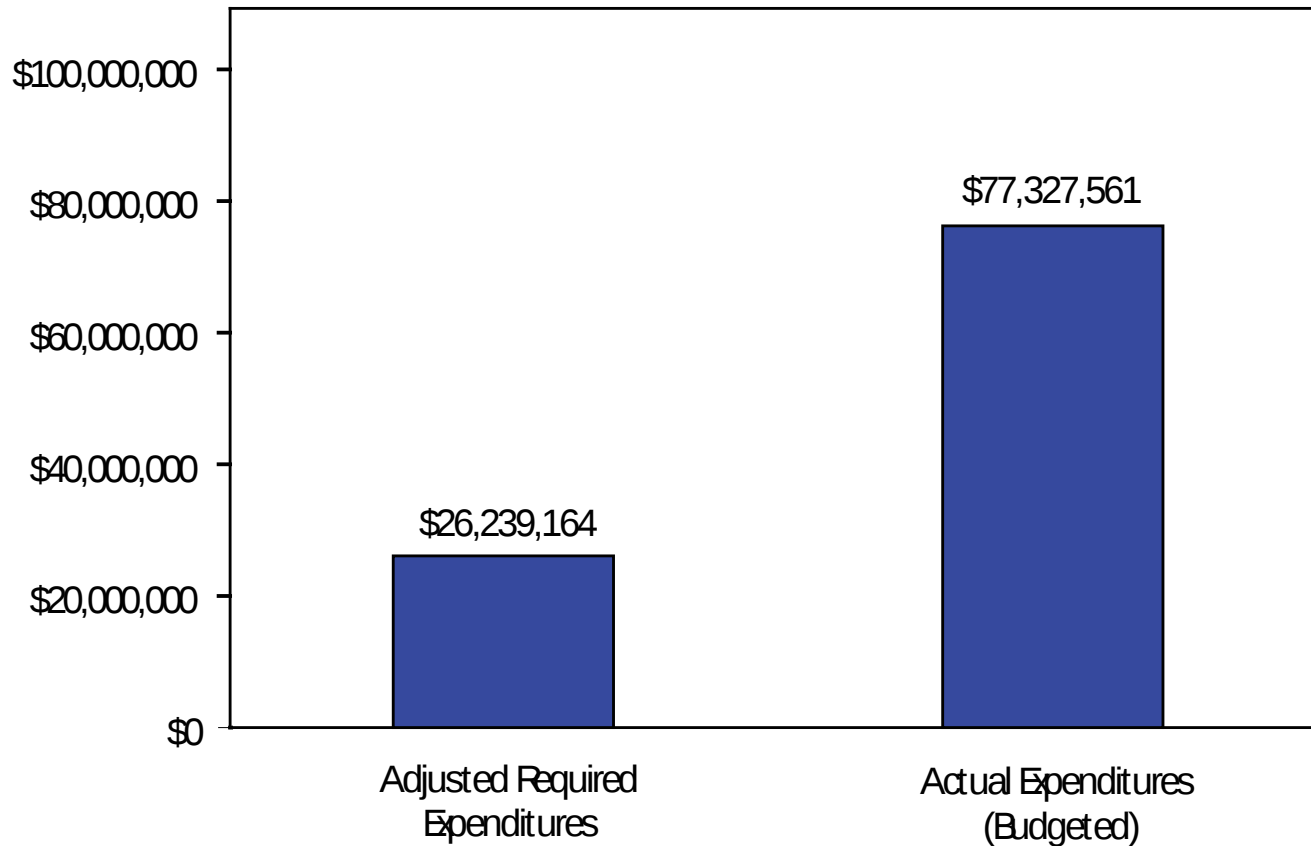
- Required to spend a minimum of approximately \$4 million per biennium to implement conservation actions
- Two funding sources:
  - Section 10 mitigation fees
  - SNPLMA





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## Required vs. Actual Expenditures



**53% SNPLMA**

**47% Section 10**



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## Conservation Actions

- **Public Information and Education**
- **Research**
- **Inventory**
- **Monitoring**
- **Protective Measures**
- **Restoration and Enhancement**
- **Land Use Policies and Actions**





**On June 19, 2007, the Board of County Commissioners directed staff to initiate permit and plan amendment process based on:**

- **A recommendation from the 2005 Southern Nevada Growth Task Force to address the acreage cap**
- **The 2006 DCP Advisory Committee recommendation to pursue permit amendment as a high priority**
- **Nationwide, large, regional MSHCPs are being reassessed**



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## Permit Amendment

- **Address acreage cap**
- **Re-evaluate the list of covered species to refocus attention on those species most at risk and most directly impacted by take**
- **Re-evaluate covered activities and overall conservation/mitigation strategy**
- **Re-evaluate structure and implementation of the plan**





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## Project Milestones

**February 2009 – First CAC meeting**

**October 2009 – NEPA Scoping**

**August 2010 – Final CAC recommendations report**

**December 2010 – Draft MSHCP/EIS**

**December 2011 – Amended MSHCP and Permit**



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# **MSHCP and Off-highway vehicles**



- **MSHCP mitigates for impacts to threatened and endangered species, including impacts to the desert tortoise and other species from the use of OHVs in Clark County**
- **Permittees have agreed to provide \$500,000 in start-up funding to the Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to implement the provisions of SB 394**
- **Permittees will receive mitigation credits under the amended plan and permit from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the \$500,000 expenditure**



**SB 294 will benefit Permittees in their efforts to preserve the desert tortoise and other species by:**

- **Providing a mechanism to more effectively enforce existing laws related to the use of OHVs on public lands in Clark County**
- **Providing funding for trail construction projects in Clark County that more effectively provide opportunities for OHV use while protecting and preserving important species and habitats upon which they depend**
- **Funding for the restoration and enhancement of habitats and ecosystems that have been damaged or adversely impacted by OHV use**



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**SB 394**

## **Current status:**

- **Clark County has provided a draft contract to DMV for their review**
- **Anticipate approval of contract by Board of County Commissioners and State Board of Examiners in next 2-3 months**



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# Questions?