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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** July 13, 2010

**TO:** Board of Wildlife Commissioners; Governor's Office;  
County Advisory Boards to Manage Wildlife Members;  
Department of Wildlife Employees

**FROM:** Kenneth E. Mayer, Director

**SUBJECT:** June Leadership Team – June 7 and 14, 2010

**Director's Office**

A presentation was made by Law Enforcement on nuisance wildlife with an update on how staff is currently handling calls and how to handle calls in the future. The word "nuisance" is to be replaced with a word such as "injurious, or dangerous, or a public safety threat" to better describe the calls that should be responded to by staff - bears, mountain lions, rabid animals. The Department's current policy and procedure for human wildlife conflicts will be suspended. The group reviewed materials, the NDOW website and discussed consistent handling of calls and procedures in each region. Overall the manner in which the Department is handling the calls works well and consensus is the process needs fine tuning. There is a need to establish coding to capture time spent responding to nuisance (nondangerous) wildlife and dangerous wildlife calls. We need to be able to make the case to the legislature that this program, which benefits all citizens of the state, is a public safety and general public issue which needs to be supported with a general fund appropriation.

Deputy Director Haskins attended the Cabinet meeting.

**Conservation Education**

Publications Coordinator was busy finalizing the big game display artwork, predator brochure and the Western Nevada Wild newsletter.

Materials for the June Commission video were posted to the website.

Southern Region reports that National Public Radio is sending a correspondent to cover Amargosa toad surveys that get under way this week in Beatty.

Free Fishing Day took up the majority of staff time over the past week, a total of 2,770 people participated statewide at multiple events:

Sparks Marina had a great showing for Free Fishing Day, despite a cold and gusty day. Sparks Rotary did their usual wonderful job, distributing 2,000 fishing poles to the kids who attended, and feeding them hot chocolate, hot dogs, chips and drinks. In addition, Truckee Meadows Water Authority, Nevada Bighorns Unlimited, and Safari Club International, and Trout Unlimited had booths, along with NDOW's Angler Education trailer, where staff handed out fishing regulations, fishable waters maps, take me fishing bumper stickers, and gave away boat safe coloring books and wristbands. Despite slow catching, most everyone left happy with a free t-shirt, and goodies.

Despite miserable weather, Free Fishing Day at both Cave Lake in Ely and Chinese Gardens Nature Study Area in Carlin were successes. Approximately 30 kids and their parents participated in the Cave Lake event with almost 40 at the Carlin event. At Cave, it was cold, windy and rainy, though the kids had fun with all the kids catching fish and many catching limits. At Carlin it was cold and windy with a few sprinkles now and then. Fishing was good for those who knew how to fish and fair for those who didn't, but most anglers caught at least one fish. Thanks to the hatchery and rearing station for planting these two waters just before the event.

Nearly 300 young anglers and anglers-to-be registered as official participants in the Southern Region Free Fishing Day. They were joined by adults and non-registered anglers. The Veterans Memorial Park in Boulder City location was the perfect venue. With an estimated total of 600-700 total participants it was combat fishing but all had a great time. The bluegill fish purchase was a good decision.

Eastern Region staff participated in the Mule Deer Restoration Committee field trip around the Ruby Mountains and the TBF Junior State qualifier to send anglers to the national tournament in Georgia. Two Elko County kids won their respective age classes to qualify to go to the nationals. Staff is also giving a boating safety presentation to 50+ Barrick Goldstrike employees at their monthly safety meeting on Tuesday, June 15. Preparations are underway for a fly fishing clinic and to videotape the commission meeting next week.

### **Fiscal Services Section (FSS)**

FSS has received every Division's FY 12-13 budget request information except for the Game Division's Budget information. However, we had a very productive budget meeting with Larry Gilbertson last week and we should have the Game Division's budget shortly. We've begun to enter in all the equipment information into the NEBS schedules and all of the equipment request, training requests, out-of-state travel request came from the Divisions has been very complete back-up and fairly detailed justifications. Thank you. We still need to receive contract

information from the Division in order to begin to put together that schedule. We were able to work Operations and develop the budget for FY 12 and FY 13 for our SCI contracts, but other than that we have not received any thing from anything from the other Divisions.

FSS was able to work with the Budget Office so we do not have list out every vendor or contractor in the Vendor Schedule which will help us when we split out the budgets. We are also working with budget to set up all the positions into our new budget accounts 4460 Director's office and 4461 Operations by July 1st, 2011. FSS has almost finished up its Labor Distribution report for FY 2011 (Salary Allocation) a lot effort has gone into preparing that from many people in this office.

We have so far sent in submitted the following grant applications to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS):

- F-20-46 Fisheries Management
- F-32-20 Trout Production and Stocking
- F-38-D-2 Hatchery Refurbishment
- FW-1-CP-11 Federal Grant Coordinator
- FW-3-T-29 Statewide Technical Assistance
- FW-4-D-17 WMA Management
- W-61-D-14 Carson Lake Wetlands

We've also sent in an application to extend our grant for the desert bighorn sheep and applied for an extension for F-48-B-1. We also received \$25,000 check from Recreational Boat and Fish Foundation (RBFF) to continue with our angler marketing campaign to increase the sales of fishing licenses. So far this year, NDOW has been able to use \$656,829 as match from other sources, other than license dollars.

### **Work Programs, Contract and Purchasing**

There are 10-12 work programs lined up for closing and opening the all the budgets and to take in new funding for FY 2011. This means our budget analyst/contracts manager will be very busy in July putting these together for the Budget office. FSS along with Deputy Director Patrick Cates did complete, our budget split work programs for FY 2011 and they should be approved on June 24. This took a long time to put this information together correctly into NEBS as well as for the work programs and it also required supplying the Budget Office with much information. Thanks to everyone for their help.

## **Contracts**

Four contracts were approved by Board of Examiners (BOE); seven contracts were approved by the Clerk; and one contract was approved by the Department's Deputy Attorney General (DAG).

August: Three contracts are being prepared for the August BOE—July 1 is the DAG's deadline for these contracts; two contracts are being prepared for the Clerk's signature; one contract is being prepared for the DAG.

The Budget Office is now requiring that we submit all vehicle purchases to BOE. So, vehicle purchases need to be planned with the same time frame in mind as do the contracts that go to BOE.

As many know by now, we have had several new requirements for state contracts and they are being strictly enforced by the Budget Office, Risk Management and State Purchasing. They are as follows:

- All state contractors must have a valid and active business license in Nevada. There are a few exceptions to this rule and Michael has done a good job at presenting these arguments to the Budget Office and getting their approval.
- All state contractors must have current proof of insurance certificates.
- All contracts or contract amendments that do not go out to bid require a solicitation waiver (Budget is requiring this)

Before you submit a contract to FSS, make sure that your would-be contractor has an active business license in Nevada, current proof of insurance certificates, and proof of good standing to do business in Nevada. Also, we are requiring that Scope of Work outlines how the contractor will invoice NDOW. Invoicing should tie back both to the contract budget and the contract deliverables. Remember travel will not be reimbursed unless the contractor fills a state travel reimbursement form, signed by the contract monitor, and uses current state travel rates. Please make sure that this is also identified in the scope of work as well.

## **Payroll**

We are working with Central Payroll to develop a more efficient report for tracking time and payroll costs for NDOW. We also talked to Personnel and Payroll and found out that for all employees in the Director's Office, FSS, HR, and Operations that they will have to fill out two timesheets for Pay Period 2. One will have to be filled out for BA 4452 for the last three days of SFY 2010 and a second one will have to be filled out for remainder of the Pay Period in SFY 2011 for your new budget account, either BA 4460 or BA 4461.

Payroll is requesting that people follow the new Overtime and Compensatory Time policy and use the correct overtime form. Some employees are still using the old forms.

We only have two people processing over 240 agency timesheets, please make sure your timesheets are complete, that the notes are clear and not contradictory to the times marked on your timesheet and make sure that you are not claiming lunch time as work time. Your timesheets will be rejected if lunch time is claimed as work time on your timesheets.

### **Question-1 Bonds**

This last week we received almost \$50,000 in reimbursement from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR). We currently are working on gather information on the remaining expenditures for the FY 10 so DCNR and NDOW can set up new budget accounts for FY 11. So far this year, DCNR has reimbursed us for over about \$2.3 million in expenditures out of this budget account.

### **Fisheries Division**

In the Eastern Region, Staff attended training in preparation for the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) "Creeks and Communities" monitoring work this fall. Staff also attended a field tour with USFS personnel to assess potential barrier sites on Silver Creek (White Pine County). This is being done in preparation for the proposed reintroduction of Bonneville cutthroat trout into the system.

White crappie from Chimney Reservoir were captured and stocked into Willow Creek Reservoir along with purchased channel catfish. This is the third year of stocking both species in an attempt to re-establish the Willow Creek fishery.

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's (NFWF) proposal to designate Lahontan cutthroat trout as a "Keystone Species" has created a new funding source for LCT project work. NDOW continues to develop proposals to capture the potential funding and match sources.

Idaho's lab did not detect any quagga veligers in Topaz, Ruby, South Fork and Wildhorse from 2009 plankton tow samples.

In the Southern Region, initial shad trawls last week on Lake Mead suggest good abundance so far for this year at least in Las Vegas Bay. We still haven't found any good way to tell gizzard shad from threadfin shad at the larval stage so it isn't clear yet what the ratio is or how increasing gizzard shad abundance will affect the striped bass forage base, but presumably at the larval stage they are

all mixed together and the primary effect, if any, will be later on as relative consumability of juvenile and adult shad in the fall and winter period.

With detection of Golden Algae (GA) in Lake Las Vegas this spring, which caused massive fish kills in that private facility, the Lake Mead Algae Task Force has been resurrected as a committee of the Water Quality Forum, which the Fisheries Supervisor attended. So far, monitoring in Lake Mead has only found low level background detection of GA in Lake Mead, which has probably always been there (you have to look for it to find it). Monitoring through the summer will focus on sampling to detect high phosphorus spikes in discharge from Las Vegas Wash, which could trigger algae blooms – this is related to storm events and will be done by the various wastewater dischargers and the Flood Control District, not by NDOW.

The second annual round of Amargosa toad surveys are scheduled for next week in Oasis Valley/Beatty. Last month, numbers of toads were relatively high given the really poor weather for surveys (unseasonably cold and very windy) and weather should be much more suitable next week. The 12-month finding on the toad listing petition is still pending, but is still anticipated to be not warranted.

NDOW is working with Ash Meadows NWR for planning a final rotenone treatment for the lower Fairbanks and Longstreet springs system, this will complete the restoration for that part of the refuge. This is the area that was designated one of the 2010 ten national waters to watch for National Fish Habitat Action Plan (NFHAP).

The Virgin River Habitat Conservation Resource Plan (HCRP) is still in process. FWS has scheduled an Executive Committee Meeting for July 21 in Mesquite. The draft program documents are at FWS, we may receive them in July.

In the Western Region, warmwater fish were purchased and delivered to Sparks Marina, Paradise Ponds, Liberty Pond, North Pond, Fort Churchill Cooling Pond, and Squaw Creek Reservoir (channel catfish). Also, a total of 3,200, 8-inch wipers were stocked into Lahontan Reservoir and 3,200, 5-inch largemouth bass were released into Topaz Lake.

We're still unable to access Marlette Lake due to snow drifts. With the wind and warm temps this week, we expect that we'll be set up by June 24 with the first egg take on June 29.

## **Game**

A field trip was conducted with the Mule Deer Restoration Committee in Area 10. Stops were made at the Riordan Ranch, Cummings Ranch (old Zunino Ranch), chainings (new and old), new burn projects, and rehabilitation of the Shanty Town burn in the south Rubies. Various discussions centered on long-term

vegetation changes, the deer population and various vegetation treatment projects including chaining, burning, rollo-chopping, chemical, and seeding. Private landowners, the Forest Service and NDOW have all been involved with these various projects in Area 10.

NDOW has received approximately 70 bear calls so far in 2010 and handled 24 bears (both conflict and research) as of June 14. Included in this were three orphaned cubs placed into winter dens and 4 new bears that were captured and released for research. There have been 10 documented mortalities as follows: 8 bears euthanized (7 for public safety (breaking in) and 1 for the 3-strikes policy), 1 bear shot by a citizen in Caughlin Ranch and 1 killed by ADC in Jacks Valley. Another bear was shot at by a citizen in Verdi while it was up a tree. We never found the bear and could not confirm if it was killed. No one was charged in either case. Wild-land bear trapping is continuing with a goal of catching and re-collaring 3 females whose collars have failed. Any additional wild-land female bears will also be collared if trapped.

Wildlife Health staff partnered with USDA/APHIS/Wildlife Services to bleed adult Canada geese during the spring goose round-up. 41 samples were collected and sent to the Southeastern Cooperative for Wildlife Disease Study (SCWDS) based in Athens, GA. The samples will be tested for antibodies to Avian Influenza (AI) viruses. SCWDS has received samples from nine other states and are validating the use of a blood antibody test as an adjunct test for screening for AI in birds. A total of 294 geese were captured including 149 adults and 145 juveniles. The following table shows the distribution of capture:

**2010 CANADA GOOSE ROUND-UP NUMBERS**

DATE	LOCATION	ADULTS		JUVENILES		TOTAL
		Unmarked	RECAPTURES	Class	< Class	
June 2, 2010	Truckee Meadows NE & NW quads	5	5	26	0	36
June 3, 2010	Truckee Meadows SE quad/NV Energy	13	6	51		70
June 8, 2010	Truckee Meadows SW Quad/Virginia Lake	26	7	25	2	60
June 8, 2010	Washoe Valley/Thunder Mtn. Golf	3	2	3	0	8
June 10, 2010	Truckee Meadows NW quad/Idlewild Park	10	2	25	0	37
June 9, 2010	Empire GC - Carson	6	1	13	0	20
June 11, 2010	Lake Tahoe	48	15	0	0	63
<b>TOTALS:</b>		<b>111</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>294</b>

So far the releases made were as follows: 115 at Overton WMA (100 juveniles, 15 adults), 57 at Key –Pittman WMA (21 juveniles, 36 adults), 57 at Kirch WMA

(20 juveniles, 37 adults), 60 at Wildhorse Reservoir (all adults), and 2 juvenile “holdovers” at Carson Lake.

Staff also assisted Elko regional biologists in locating radio-collared Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep to monitor for survival and lamb production in the wake of the winter die-off in the East Humboldt’s and Ruby Mountains. A total of 155 bighorn mortalities (52 rams, 85 ewes and 15 lambs) have been documented in the Ruby Mountains and East Humboldt Range, equating to a 46% observed mortality loss of the estimated population of both Units pre-disease event. Nine of 16 marked bighorn are still alive in the Rubies. Two of these have suckling lambs and one other unmarked ewe has been observed with a lamb. Three of nine marked bighorn currently alive in the Rubies were given Draxxin. Twenty bighorn including 7 rams, 10 ewes, and 3 lambs have been observed in the Rubies. Fourteen bighorn including 3 rams and 11 ewes have been observed in the East Humboldt Range.

Upland Game and furbearer season recommendation adjustments were presented at the June Commission meeting. A few changes in turkey seasons and sage grouse units open for hunting were recommended. Fall turkey hunts are recommended to be closed due to lower turkey numbers at the current time. Bobcat seasons were recommended to be the same as last year with one day added to let the season end on a Sunday. The 2009-10 season saw a decrease in harvest and an increase in kitten/adult ratios, both outcomes for which we had hoped when the 2009-10 season length was reduced.

Western States sage grouse/Columbian sharp-tailed grouse and bighorn/mountain goat conferences were attended by Game personnel.

### **Habitat Division**

The Upland Game Bird Stamp and Duck Stamp Program Reports for the legislature have been prepared for FY 2011 and will be presented at the June Commission Meeting.

The Ruby Pipeline Project is progressing towards construction. We are reviewing the Cooperative Conservation Agreement for Sage Grouse and Pygmy Rabbit which will provide for a wide array of enhancement projects including habitat restoration, habitat acquisition and protection, meadow and spring fencing and research opportunities. The project has declined to provide any direct law enforcement support to NDOW for the Vya labor camp.

Comments were provided on a proposed wind energy project in Spring Valley (White Pine County) which has been sited in close proximity to Rose Guano Cave, a known Brazilian free-tailed bat roost of over a million individuals. The project proponent is incorporating some new technology which would detect large numbers of birds and bat and signal the turbines to slow or stop.

An offer was made and accepted for the Western Region Habitat Supervisor position.

Steve Foree has announced that he will be retiring from his position as the Eastern Region Habitat Supervisor in early July. Steve has been with the agency for 30 years.

The "war on whitetop" has resumed at the Scripps WMA. Staff from the Mason Valley WMA, including Conservation Aid Steven Mathews, will be attempting to duplicate the success that was enjoyed last year when about 200 acres of tall whitetop were successfully treated. Tall whitetop is extremely tenacious; so much of the same acreage will be treated again this year. However, Pat Kelly reports that plant density is dramatically reduced due to the success of last year's efforts.

Overton WMA Supervisor Keith Brose has announced that he will be retiring from NDOW as of the second week of July. Mr. Brose has worked for NDOW for almost 23 years with most of that time being spent at Overton after brief stints on the guzzler crew and at the Kirch WMA.

The Nevada Partnership for Conservation Development (NPCD) conducted a meeting of the Directorate in April. Follow up activities have included providing documentation as requested by the Directorate, continued meetings with various agency personnel as requested and completing drafts of website and newsletter/pamphlet. Additional activities concerning the NPCD have included visiting project sites across northern and western Nevada proposed as Partner projects, meeting with groups such as the Carson Valley Chukar Club and the Paradise Valley Weed District and participating in meetings concerning the Great Basin Landscape Conservation Cooperative.

Staff have met with BLM, NRCS, private landowners and livestock permittees to initiate project work in Paradise Valley, the Pine Nut Range, the Desatoya Range and the Wassuks. Projects are focused on Pinyon-Juniper thinning treatments and noxious weed treatments.

### **Law Enforcement**

Two egregious poaching cases handled by the Division of Law Enforcement went to court in the past few weeks, resulting in serious fines and penalties for those involved.

In the first case, two West Wendover poachers were convicted of poaching a mule deer. They received a combined 13 years loss of privileges plus combined \$8,132 in fines and penalties. This case was originally discovered on Nov. 21, 2009 when a game warden witnessed a poacher shooting the buck with a rifle during an archery only season. When the warden contacted the two men involved, one man had an arrow knocked on his bow and was going to shoot it

with a bow to make it look like an arrow kill. In addition to fines, the district court ordered the forfeiture seizure of thousands of dollars worth of hunting equipment used in the crime.

The second case, two men using a spotlight shot and killed a mule deer buck near Caliente Nevada. Neither man had a license or tag for the animal. The animal was shot, but the men pled guilty this spring. In that case, the man who shot the animal was ordered to pay a \$4,000 fine, sentenced to 12 - 40 months in jail, suspended sentence and three years probation.

Two Operating under the Influence (OUI) arrests were made over Memorial Day weekend.

Nuisance wildlife calls have been picking up, with several calls concerning sick raccoons.

Fishing activity is down in the Eastern Region. Weather is not the only factor as camp sites were full but no one fishing. ATV use was the prominent use on the out of the way waters (Wilson, Tonkin, Dry Creek, Willow creek pond, Kirch, Cave lake, etc.) This was also substantiated by park supervisors. More users are utilizing the parks for their camping facilities and are then riding ATV's instead of fishing.

NDOW and Forever Resorts manned a display table at the Las Vegas 51's baseball game. The purpose of this event was to make people aware that boating at Lake Mead is a fun recreation and to promote boating safety.

Southern Nevada game wardens seized a prohibited snakehead fish from a Las Vegas Resident. Information was provided via confidential informant.

Two stolen vessels were recovered from the Las Vegas Office after having been brought in by persons attempting to register them.

### **Operations**

NDOW Land Agent, in coordination with regional staff, working several projects – Bill Bennett has a number of projects in varying stages of completion. Those projects include:

Bruneau River Ranch acquisition consideration continues.

A non-exclusive easement for Oxbow Park to City of Reno for Goodsell Sewer Extension and the City of Reno documents has been completed and will now be presented to the state for review before the documents go through the approval process. The easement with legal description will go through the City Council for approval having already been reviewed and edited by the City Attorney and

approved by the DAG. After City Council approval, it will then go to Division of State Lands leadership for their approval.

Temporary construction easement documents have been received back from the City of Reno for Oxbow Park Restoration/Reconstruction of the existing pedestrian footpath. Changes were recommended by the City Attorney and subsequently approved by DAG. This easement will also be placed on the City Council's agenda for approval then forwarded back to Division of State Lands leadership for their approval.

A 230 kV electric transmission line right-of entry request from NV Energy was received in May for property NDOW controls at 5505 Macari Lane just north of Carson Lake. NV Energy is requesting the right to enter and study a 300-foot corridor east to west across the south boundary of this property. The documents are drafted and will be finalized after the June 16<sup>th</sup> cooperating agencies meeting in at Carson BLM office. Current discussion between NV Energy and NDOW is centered around the feasibility of one of the three alternative routes to transmit energy from a new electric substation in Salt Wells Basin, east of Bunejug Mountains, north to a planned electric transmission substation at the corner of Allen and Schekler Road close to the fairgrounds in Fallon.

Received a request for an easement from Division of State Lands for a 120 kV transmission line across section 13 and 15 in the Fernley WMA. Vulcan Power Company who is sponsoring this 120kV line across Fernley WMA is calling this part of their geothermal presence in Churchill County the Patua Geothermal Project. All the coordination between NDOW, Division of State Lands and Vulcan Power has been performed. Easement Documents have been drafted and will be reviewed by Division of State Lands while we wait for comments from state agencies and neighboring ownerships about this portion of the project. I'm looking to complete approval of the easements at the end of this month or first two weeks of July.

New office location research continues to look at additional properties in addition to the property matrix produced in May.

Proposed disposal of NDOW property in Stillwater National Wildlife Refuge to USFWS was approved at the last lands meeting and has been communicated back to Richard Grimes at the Fish and Wildlife office in Fallon. Richard and I will continue to work on this disposal.

Response to the USFWS/R8/WSFR audit requires weekly visits to Division of State Lands Records vault to research land records for NDOW in an effort to validate and/or correct land records that are listed in this Federal Records Audit.

Division of State Lands online update of their NDOW Records has started and will require mantime as their records and mapping staff find "holes" in their

records concerning NDOW records. Currently we are working on conservation easements and agricultural agreements that haven't been submitted to Division of State Lands and need to be constructed. Currently I'm trying to reconstruct Franklin Lake Conservation Easement working with Connie Lee in Elko.

Largomarsino Canyon – Scott property ownership dispute research is moving forward and to the point of soliciting proposals from local survey companies for a record of survey. Research documents to complete the research packages as part of the request packages are still being sought to help complete these packages to be included in the Request for Proposals.

Numerous maintenance projects recently completed or pending completion – Listed below are the status of numerous maintenance projects initiated state-wide. NDOW Maintenance Technician, planned for and oversaw these activities, either on-sight or in support of department staff based at these locations. Projects for each location are categorized by Budget Category 24 (Housing) or Budget Category 51 (Administration). These projects have been recently completed, unless noted otherwise:

**HQs, Valley Road, Reno**

Category 24 (Housing)	Category 51 (Administration)
NA	Concrete repair - front ADA ramp Mechanical room door Install and repair condensers, fan motors and blades on HVAC equipment Fixed electric gate Upgrade all exit signs to LED Trim hazardous trees Stump removal Weed control Contract on HVAC system – <i>Pending.</i> Contract on alarms systems – <i>Pending.</i> Energy retrofit Valley Rd – <i>pending. In coordination with Patrick Cates.</i>

**Kietzke Ln, Reno, Office**

Category 24 (Housing)	Category 51 (Administration)
NA	Contract on alarms systems – <i>Pending.</i>

**Tonopah Office**

Category 24 (Housing)	Category 51 (Administration)
NA	Custodial contract – <i>Pending.</i>

**Fallon Office**

Category 24 (Housing)	Category 51 (Administration)
NA	Seamless rain gutters Door locks and closers Garage door repair

**Laughlin Office**

Category 24 (Housing)	Category 51 (Administration)
NA	Contract for preventive maintenance HVAC equipment Laughlin – <i>Pending.</i>

**Elko Office**

Category 24 (Housing)	Category 51 (Administration)
NA	Knox box Elko Contract for preventive maintenance HVAC equipment Elko – <i>Pending.</i> Drainage, concrete, down spouts, etc. CIP Elko – <i>Pending completion.</i>

**Las Vegas Office**

Category 24 (Housing)	Category 51 (Administration)
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NA	<p>Contract for preventive maintenance HVAC equipment LV – <i>Pending.</i></p> <p>Energy retrofit Las Vegas – <i>pending. In coordination with Patrick Cates.</i></p>
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**Mason Valley Hatchery and WMA**

Category 24 (Housing)	Category 51 (Administration)
<p>Rock for houses at hatchery</p> <p>New trim for houses at hatchery</p> <p>Storm doors hatchery</p> <p>Landscaping lumber and plastic hatchery</p> <p>Painting the exterior 5 houses hatchery</p> <p>New windows hatchery</p> <p>Yard work at hatchery</p> <p>New waterline to the houses WMA</p> <p>Remove unsafe old electrical/install new MWA</p> <p>Sheet rock WMA</p> <p>Roofing repairs WMA</p> <p>Fix ceiling, patch, texture and paint WMA</p> <p>Upgrade lighting WMA</p> <p>Seamless Rain gutters WMA</p> <p>Fix the well for the houses hatchery &amp; WMA</p>	<p>Seamless rain gutters hatchery</p> <p>Concrete repair</p> <p>Energy retrofit hatchery – <i>pending. In coordination with Patrick Cates.</i></p>

**Spring Creek Rearing Station**

Category 24 (Housing)	Category 51 (Administration)
New Furnace	

Deck repair – <i>materials available. On-site staff to complete this summer.</i>	
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**Kirch MWA**

Category 24 (Housing)	Category 51 (Administration)
Oven and hood Gas range faucet Shower Pan	

**Key Pittman WMA**

Category 24 (Housing)	Category 51 (Administration)
Painting supplies for Key Pittman WMA Concrete repairs Key Pittman – <i>pending completion.</i> Windows repairs Key Pittman – <i>pending completion.</i>	New shop (SPWB) – <i>Pending.</i>

**Lake Mead Hatchery**

Category 24 (Housing)	Category 51 (Administration)
Dishwasher	

**Gallagher Hatchery**

Category 24 (Housing)	Category 51 (Administration)
Dishwasher	

**Overton WMA**

Category 24 (Housing)	Category 51 (Administration)
Painting supplies Exterior painting	Final roofing inspection

**State-Wide**

Category 24 (Housing)	Category 51 (Administration)
<p>Staff has been working with the State Fire Marshal's office in advance of statewide housing inspections - All department residence will soon be inspected. Key issue pending—fire alarms required in all rooms.</p>	<p>New Signage – “Division” replace with “Department” on all major signs</p> <p>Vehicle decals – <i>Pending installation in all regions.</i></p> <p>Firearms signs at all 24 location statewide - <i>Being sent to most locations for local installation.</i></p>

Engineering making final preparations to recoup FEMA reimbursement - Engineering staff have been pulling together the needed mounds of paperwork related to the decommissioning of Schroeder Dam to submit to Division of Emergency Management who will submit to FEMA. When complete, we anticipate recouping approximately \$827,000 I Q-1 funds.

**Wildlife Diversity Division**

Wildlife Diversity personnel gave a presentation to the Nevada Legislative Committee for the Review and Oversight of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and the Marlette Lake Water System. The presentation provided an overview of the Tahoe Basin wildlife and conservation priorities as well as an update on the Environmental Improvement Program habitat enhancement and restoration projects.

Field work in the Tahoe Basin began this month. About 500 sugar pine seedlings were planted on the slopes of Memorial Point just north of Sand Harbor. An additional 500 seedlings were planted in a 10 acre site at Slaughterhouse Canyon (near Spooner Meadow). Survival is expected to be comparatively high as seed stock was originally harvested from an area with similar elevation and soil chemistry.

Annual shorebird and waterbird surveys continued in the western part of the state. In Lahontan Valley, over 1300 white-faced ibis active nests were recorded at Carson Lake, the majority of which were located in the Big Water Unit. Fewer than 500 active nests were located on Stillwater NWR; however, water conditions at both Stillwater NWR and Carson Lake were well above average this spring. Sandhill crane and colonial waterbird aerial surveys also took place in Humboldt

County. Information from this survey, together with results from the Fallon area will provide data for a multi-year western USA colonial waterbirds inventory and monitoring effort being coordinated by the USFWS.

The second Walker Lake Education Day, sponsored by the Walker Lake Working Group and NDOW, took place on May 1. Displays by agencies and special interest groups were set up including those by Fisheries and Wildlife Diversity divisions. Boat rides for the public to view birds on the lake were provided by Law Enforcement and Fisheries divisions, and presentations were given on the status of fish and wildlife at Walker Lake. It was estimated more than 400 people attended this event.

Over 500 people attended the annual Spring Wings Festival in Fallon between May 13 and 16. This community-supported wildlife viewing event focuses on bird watching tours and wildlife education presentations. Wildlife Diversity Division personnel participated in educational presentations for 350 third grade class children over a two day period, as well as providing birding tours. A presentation on raptors was given, and a display on wildlife diversity activities provided.

Winnemucca staff completed monitoring of six sagebrush seedling sites in the Double H Range of Humboldt County in coordination with the Habitat Staff Biologist. Approximately 86 percent of the seedlings planted across all six sites in March of 2010 have survived.

American pika surveys continue in Northern Washoe County. Surveys revealed additional pika evidence in sites that we did not know pika occurred. These results suggest pikas are more widely distributed in northwest Nevada than previously thought.

Personnel continue to coordinate with consultants to the Ruby Pipeline project and Dr. Larrucea from UNR to develop a pygmy rabbit project to assess impacts of the project. A field site visit is planned for June.