



Lower Colorado River Multi-Species Conservation Program

Balancing Resource Use and Conservation

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Program Guidelines

- Normal river operations
- Willing participants only
- Additional federal lands not preferred
- Adequate water (accounting)





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Program Aspects

- Restoration research
- Habitat creation
- Existing habitat maintenance fund





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\$626 Million (2003, Inflated Annually)

50% Federal

50% Non-Federal (AZ, CA, NV)

Conservation Area Development & Management

Years 1-5

\$3.9 M

Years 6-10

\$14.6 M

Years 11-15

\$14.5 M

Years 16-20

\$14.3 M





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Restoration Group Organization

- Coordinator
- Project managers
- Technical skill set
- BFF vs. MFF



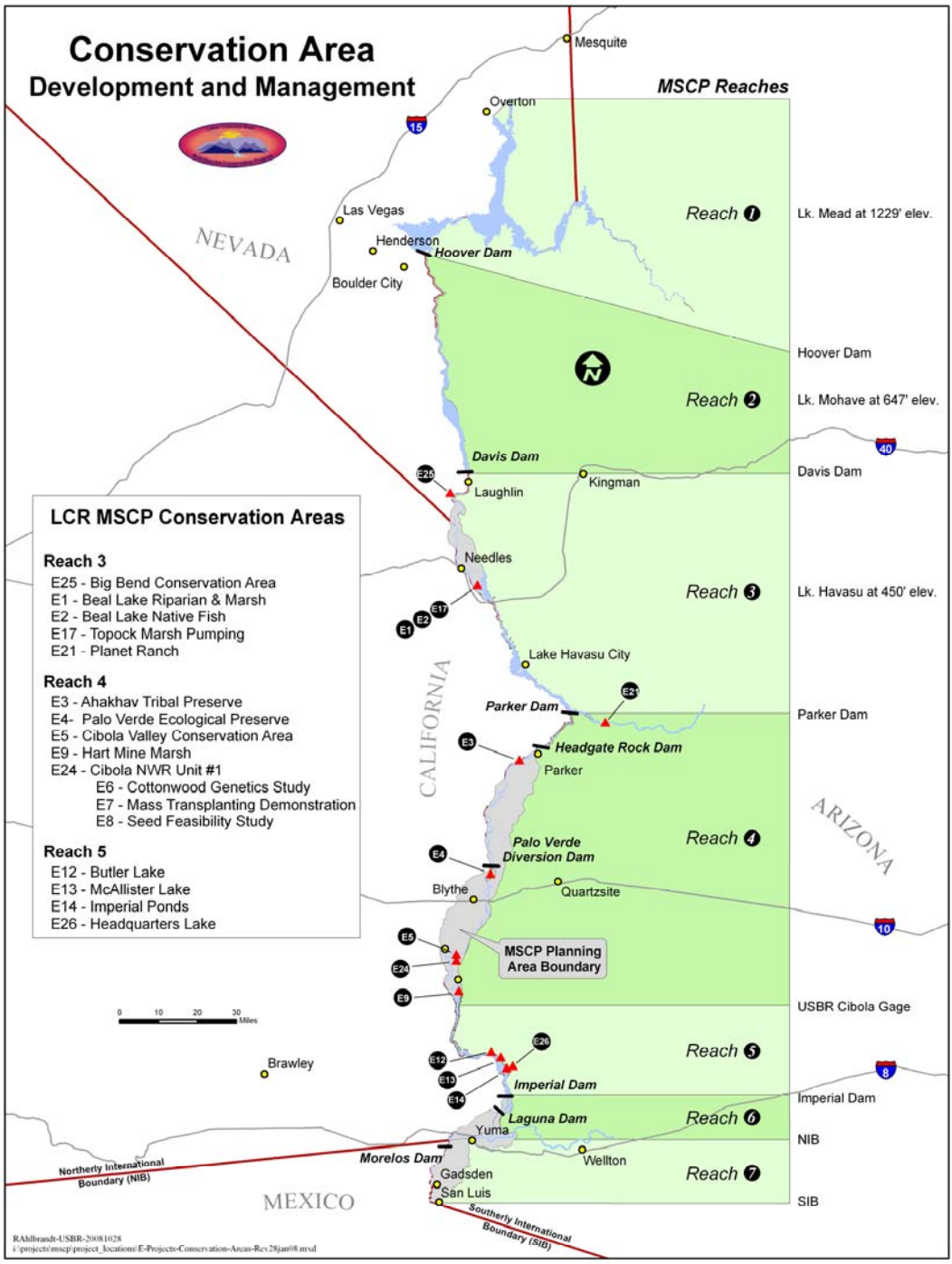
Conservation Area Development and Management



NEVADA

MSCP Reaches

- LCR MSCP Conservation Areas**
- Reach 3**
 E25 - Big Bend Conservation Area
 E1 - Beal Lake Riparian & Marsh
 E2 - Beal Lake Native Fish
 E17 - Topock Marsh Pumping
 E21 - Planet Ranch
- Reach 4**
 E3 - Ahakhav Tribal Preserve
 E4 - Palo Verde Ecological Preserve
 E5 - Cibola Valley Conservation Area
 E9 - Hart Mine Marsh
 E24 - Cibola NWR Unit #1
 E6 - Cottonwood Genetics Study
 E7 - Mass Transplanting Demonstration
 E8 - Seed Feasibility Study
- Reach 5**
 E12 - Butler Lake
 E13 - McAllister Lake
 E14 - Imperial Ponds
 E26 - Headquarters Lake





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Conservation Area Site Selection

- 6 Steps for “Riparian” [Jed Blake]
- 5 Steps for “Backwater” [Nathan Lenon]





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Restoration (land cover establishment)

- Cottonwood-Willow 5,940 Acres
- Honey Mesquite 1,320 Acres
- Marsh 512 Acres
- Backwater 360 Acres





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Habitat (credit)

- Species specific conservation measures
- Secured land & water
- Based & guided by monitoring results
- Overlapping





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Agreement for Restoration Activities

- Roles & responsibilities
- Utilities, law enforcement, & fire protection
- Management & dispute resolution



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Documentation

- Annual Workplan Process
- Development & Monitoring Plans
- Annual Reports



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<http://www.lcrmscp.gov>

