



Low Desert Weed Management Area

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Southern Low Desert RC&D
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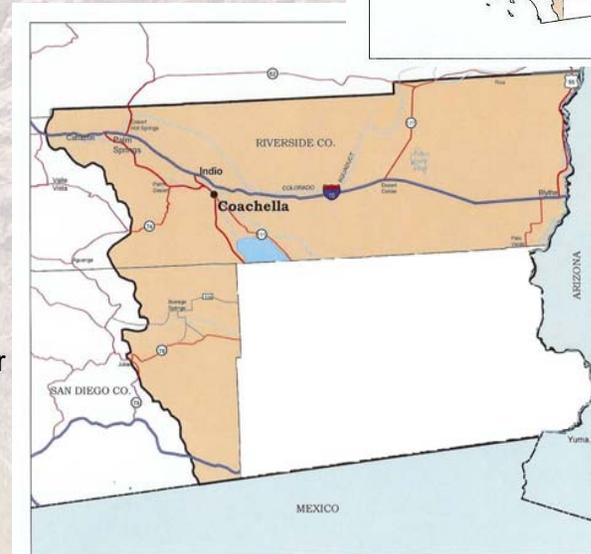
Introduction

- Formed in 2006

- MOU Signatories

- Southern Low Desert RC&D
- CDFA
- Cal Trans
- San Bernardino National Forest
- BLM
- Joshua Tree National Park
- USGS
- UC Cooperative Extension
- CDFG
- Cal Department of Parks and Recreation
- USFW
- Agricultural Commissioners: Riverside, San Diego County
- Cal Native Plant Society, Riverside/San Bernardino Chapter
- Coachella Valley Water District
- UC Natural Reserve System
- Friends of the Desert Mountain Volunteers
- Center for Natural Lands Management
- Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy
- Coachella Valley Resource Conservation District
- NRCS
- The Wildlands Conservancy

State Location Map



Natural Resource Conservation Service

State Office



Background

- Strategic Planning Session, 2006
 - Developed a WMA mission & objectives.
 1. Promote: Education Management Efforts
Research Info exchange
 2. Develop a coordinator position
 3. Write grants and manage projects
 - Identified worst weeds, prioritized watersheds
 - Distributed a report of plan.

Current Activity

- **Tamarisk Removal**

Santa Rosa San Jacinto National Monument

– Partners: CDFA, USFS, CAFG, BLM

*Total project = \$215,000; 15 acres cleared; ongoing

- **CDFA Review:**





Current Activity

- **Rapid Watershed Inventory**
 - Next step outlined in strategic plan
 - Inventory weed data in Southern Low Desert Area
 - Involves cooperative data sharing/analysis
 - Purpose: develop and prioritize WMA projects



Current Activity

- **Rapid Watershed Inventory**
 - Series of meetings, full and regional groups
 - Expected 1 year process
 - Assistance provided by NRCS
 - First meeting is tomorrow



Any Questions?