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Imperial Ponds Conservation Area 2014 Fisheries Updates

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Imperial Ponds

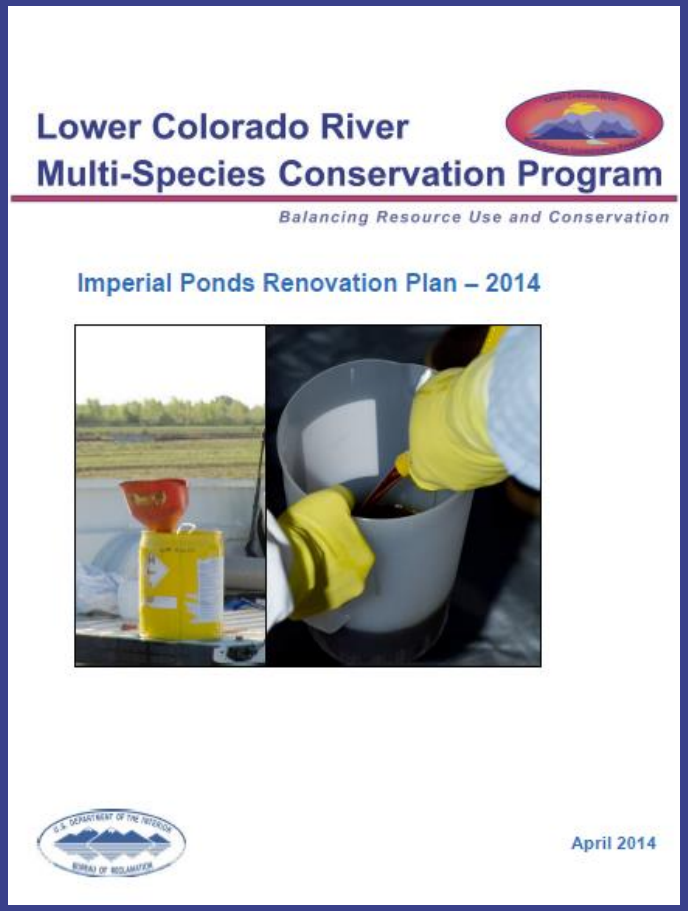
Out With The Old And In With The New

Martinez Lake Inlet Pump

New Groundwater Well

Imperial Ponds Renovation

- First Proposed in 2008
- Multiple Entities
  - Imperial National Wildlife Refuge
  - Ecological Services Offices
  - Arizona Native Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office
- Identified Actions to be included in plan in 2013
- Drafted and finalized plan in 2014
- First Application December 2014
- Follow up Application January 2015
- Post renovation monitoring through Spring 2016
- Potential native fish stocking in Fall 2017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Imperial Ponds Renovation Plan – 2014

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Imperial Ponds Renovation

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Reach 4/5 Native Fish Stocking

- Razorback Sucker Stocked
  - Fall 2013
  - Spring and Fall 2014
- Bonytail Stocked
  - Fall 2014
- Monitoring
  - Larvae
    - Contacted in Spring 2014
  - Remote Sensing
    - Approximately 80 razorback suckers contacted in Spring 2014
  - Began monthly scanning November 2014