

Interagency Visitor Center Alkali Meadow Restoration and Native Plant Demonstration Project

2009 Accomplishments

In 2007, Native Plant Materials funding was first received for the restoration of 2 acres of alkali meadow and the creation of a native plant demonstration garden at the Interagency Visitor Center (IAVC) in Lone Pine, California. During the initial year, native trees and shrubs were purchased and planted at the site. Native forb seeds were also purchased in 2007, and were propagated in 2008 and 2009, or are being stored at the local interagency seed storage facility until the IAVC site is ready for planting. A local seed collection contract was filled during 2008.



Interagency Temperature Controlled Seed Storage

In 2009, seeds from the 2008 seed collection contract were propagated in the Deepest Valley Cooperative Native Plant Propagation center greenhouse and shadehouse facilities. Over 300 native plants were successfully produced. In addition, plants propagated in 2008 were held over and cared for, awaiting the final preparation of the demonstration garden site at the IAVC (scheduled for late fall or next spring, depending on contracting process). Species from the 2008 seed collection contract that are more appropriate for broadcast seeding in the alkali meadow are being held at the Deepest Valley interagency seed storage facility. In addition to propagation tasks, NPM funds were also used in 2009 to procure supplies for propagation, and to contribute to maintenance of the propagation center and seed storage facilities.

Year Awarded: 2009

Project completion: 2010

Report number: 3

Expenditures: \$8,100

Partners/Cooperators: California Department of Transportation, Bishop Resource Area Bureau of Land Management, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Eastern Sierra Interpretive Association



Penstemon eatonii ready for planting.



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