

Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) Report Card		Project LEARN and the New River Wetlands Project
Regional Water Board	Region 7 - Colorado River Basin	OUTCOMES: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory <input type="checkbox"/> Unsatisfactory
Total Project Cost	\$400,030	
SEP Funding	\$16,500	
Approval Date	1/17/2013	
Project Category	Other (Outreach)	

Summary

Two SEPs, Project LEARN and the New River Wetlands Project, were completed in Imperial County. The goals of project LEARN (Leading, Educating, and Advocating Residents on the New River Improvement Project [NRIP] Strategic Plan) is to support the Calexico New River Committee Inc. (CNRC), and to provide an aggressive community education and empowerment campaign utilizing the culturally sensitive recommendations called for in the NRIP Strategic Plan. Project LEARN activities include: education of Imperial Valley community groups and organization about the NRIP Strategic Plan, development and production of associated educational materials, operation and maintenance of a website, as well as dissemination of information through media and newsletters with the same educational purpose.

The goal of the New River Wetlands SEP is to support the continuation of the New River Wetlands Project and to implement wetland operation and maintenance activities. Imperial issued Desert Wildlife Unlimited Inc., \$100,000, which was used to implement wetland operation and maintenance activities at the New River Wetlands Project wetland sites (i.e. Imperial, Brawley, and Shank Road wetlands). Activities included maintenance and operation of wetland pump, ponds, and maintenance of roads and facility grounds.