

Interagency Visitor Center Alkali Meadow Restoration and Native Plant Demonstration Project

2007 Accomplishments

Under the Interagency Visitor Center (IAVC) Alkali Meadow Restoration Project, the primary objectives are to work with small local as well as larger commercial native plant specialists to develop a palette of materials for use in the IAVC alkali meadow and native plant garden. Native tree (Fremont cottonwood, red willow, desert willow) and vine (virgin's bower) species were purchased from California native plant dealers, for planting in the alkali meadow area and visitor center entrance way. In addition, small seed lots of several different herbaceous species were purchased for use in the alkali meadow and native plant demonstration garden.

Native local alkali meadow species were largely unavailable due to the very poor precipitation year in the winters of 06/07. A contract was prepared for custom seed collection in 2008. The collection will consist of 15-25 pounds each of a few common alkali meadow graminoids, as well as small (one pound or less) collections of a wide variety of other species to provide diversity and color, for a total of 50 pounds of local native seed.

The California Department of Transportation, through contributed labor from the staff landscape architect, is in the process of developing plans for the irrigation system for both the alkali meadow and the native plant garden.



Red willow

Year Awarded: 2007

Project completion: 2009

Report number: 1 of 3

Expenditures:

FY07 funding: \$25,000

Expended: \$10,728

Remaining: \$14,272

Partners/Contractors/Coop:

Caltrans, BLM, LA Dept. Water & Power, Eastern Sierra Interpretive Association / Comstock Seed, Chalfant Big Trees Farm
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Fremont cottonwood.



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