WEED MANAGEMENT

IN THE PRB
POSITIVES OF PRB DEVELOPMENT

• Greater access
• Infusion of money into programs and communities – Special Districts,...reform,...transparency...cost share with developers
• Weeds became a major concern= more treatment than ever before
• Reclamation successes
• More weed awareness
NEGATIVES

- More weeds
- Water discharge changing species complex in draws
- Conflicts with landowners
- More traffic
- Potential for new invaders
- Bad eggs among developers
- Bad eggs among spray contractors
CONSIDERATIONS

- What you want vs what you don’t want there
- Minimize disturbance - innovations in trenching
- Preventative measures
- What’s outside the ROW
- Pre survey, treatment measures
- Timing - seeding, spraying, disturbing
- Reclaiming “Total vegetation Control” areas
- Impacts to wildlife
- Weed management plans with Consultants
EXPECTATIONS AT END OF LIFE

• Something good growing where disturbed
• Going to have weeds...seed longevity/viability
• Minimized erosion potential
• Use appropriate seed mixes