**Property at a glance**

**Location:** Oasis Pines, Las Vegas, NV  
**Staff:** J.R. Landcare Group, Inc.  
**Category:** Condominium Complex  
**Total budget:** $41,530  
**Year site built:** 1996  
**Acres of turf:** 5  
**Acres of woody ornamentals:** 4  
**Acres of display beds:** 3.5  
**Total paved area:** 5 acres  
**Total man-hours/week:** 48.5

**Maintenance challenges**

- Combatting desert heat  
- Dealing with pets and their deposits  
- Handling tenant vandalism

**Project checklist**

- Turf reduction  
- Installation of irrigation controls  
- Irrigation renovation/upgrades

**On the job**

- 20 full-time staff, 20 seasonal employees

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**Oasis Pines**

The 2000 Grand Award Winner of the Professional Grounds Management Society for Condo, Apartment Complex or Planned Community

The desert can be rough. Just ask the employees of the J.R. Landcare Group, who have grown accustomed to 100-plus degree temperatures and bone-dry conditions working on landscapes in and around Las Vegas, NV.

As everybody knows, water is gold out west, which is why the J.R. Landcare Group is big on designing water-efficient landscapes. The company's also good at it, having recently won first place from the Southern Nevada Water Authority in the category of commercial maintenance for designing a landscape judged to be both beautiful and water-efficient.

One example is the grounds at Oasis Pines, a gated 320-unit condominium community nestled in the Mojave Desert that features pools, spas, gazebos, barbecues, picnic areas, beautiful paseos and desert garden areas.

Within the last two years, crew members have reduced the amount of turf on the grounds and upgraded the irrigation system without sacrificing the natural beauty of the site. In between, they've also managed to handle the continual cleanup of fecal matter from residents' pets and mend the occasional tire track from a late night "turffing" session.

J.R. Landcare Group president Rob Diaz casts a critical eye over one of Oasis Pines' many flower beds.
The pool area at Oasis Pines features water-efficient plantings.