



ANNUAL WORK PLAN

Fiscal Year 2021/2022

CARSON VALLEY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Sage Grouse	\$30,000.00
Education Outreach	\$5,600.00
Noxious Weed Control	\$100,000.00
River Rest. Snagging and Clearing	\$232,434.62
Bioengineering	\$100,000.00
NDOT Drainages	\$500,000.00
Total:	\$1,185,553.62

Streambank Stabilization, Channel Clearing, Snagging, and Maintenance

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Bioengineering/Erosion Control

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Floodplain Rehab, Reseeding and Stormwater Mitigation

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The riparian area near the river channel has been severely impacted and the floodplain is currently infested with Perennial Pepperweed, Hoary Cress, Yellow Starthistle, Tamarisk, Knapweeds and Thistles. The stream banks within the treated areas are protected using a series of engineering treatments to deflect the highest velocity possible away from the banks. Bioengineering structures assist in providing physical stability and ecological improvements. This project has been utilized in floodplain areas as well as private agricultural areas that have been decimated by drought and past flooding events. The district actively works with project stakeholders in removing decadent materials, treating invasive weeds, and re-seeding with native or desirable vegetation to improve habitat, vegetation density, and water quality. The district is



working directly with the Douglas County Stormwater program to help mitigate damage to the Carson River and its tributaries by actively minimizing erosion and water quality issues.

Running NDOT Drainage and Stormwater Contract

The district has entered a trial program with NDOT to help them with private property issues for drainage repairs and maintenance. This program is run by district staff who manages the projects, crews, payroll, materials, equipment, permits, and fees. The district signed a five-year interlocal agreement with the Nevada Department of Transportation which will be valid until 2024. This program has helped the State of Nevada mitigate damage to adjacent landowners because of stormwater erosion. To date, the program has expended over 8 million dollars in funding to help improve impacts from stormwater runoff.

Cooperative Weed Management

The CVCD continues to develop a cooperative partnership with Douglas County for weed management. The district has received funding from the Nevada Department of Agriculture, Carson Water Sub-conservancy District, and Douglas County in the past to continue the district's weed control program. The weed control program involves the identification, mapping, and prioritization of specific noxious weeds to control and implement a treatment strategy. To carry this out, the district relies on assistance from local private landowners for help with identification, location, and herbicide application in controlling noxious weeds within the district boundary on county, state, federal and private lands. The district has applied for Nevada Department of Agriculture funding to treat large weed infested agricultural lands along the Carson River. Another component of the request allows the district the ability to replant native and desirable vegetation for both domestic and wildlife habitat. The district has submitted funding requests to the Nevada Department of Agriculture, Carson Water Sub-conservancy District and Douglas County.

Along with controlling invasive weeds, the district utilizes a GPS unit to map the known locations of noxious weeds in our district boundary so the information can be tracked annually and submitted to the Nevada Department of Agriculture for incorporation into the Nevada State Weed Map.

Conservation Education

For the last 18 years, the CVCD and River Wranglers have helped organize and implement annual Carson River Workdays in Douglas County. These events provide the opportunity for elementary school children to visit the Carson River and learn about the watershed in which they live. The CVCD continues to support local youth in attending the Nevada Range Camp held annually during the month of June. The district sponsored three local youth to attend the annual range camp. The district requires the youth to come back to the board and present what they learned at Range Camp. Since the Covid outbreak we have not had any in person events however staff has created a webpage highlighting our work and project partners



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Income for FY 21 Effective 06-30-2021

FY 2021 Final Financial Statement Income

River Funds						
CWSD-Annual Funding for River Projects					\$	170,000.00
CTWCD-Annual Funding for River Projects					\$	40,000.00
NDOT Contract					\$	512,332.70
Nevada Department of Wildlife River					\$	-
United States Fish and Wildlife Service River					\$	-
Douglas County					\$	100,000.00
Nevada Division of Water Resources AB 190					\$	100,000.00
NDEP 319 Grant for River Projects					\$	150,000.00
Subtotal:					\$	1,072,332.70
Noxious Weed Treatment Funds						
CWSD-Annual Funding for Noxious Weed Treatments					\$	-
CTWCD-Annual Funding for Noxious Weed Treatments					\$	-
NDOA Noxious Weed Funding					\$	-
Douglas County					\$	100,000.00
Nevada Department of Agriculture					\$	-
Nevada Division of Forestry State Fire Assistance Grant					\$	-
Subtotal:					\$	100,000.00
Sage Grouse NRCS Funding						
Nevada Dream Tag					\$	24,999.86
Nevada Off Road Funding					\$	-
Bureau of Land Management					\$	-
Natural Resource Conservation Service Funding					\$	6,294.37
					\$	-
Subtotal:					\$	31,294.23
Other Funding						
CWSD Landowner workshop annual award event					\$	-
River Wrangler Funds through CWSD					\$	2,000.00
Douglas County-Yearly Admin Funding					\$	25,000.00
Equipment Rental Program Income					\$	38,517.27
Conservation District Program					\$	4,000.00
Interest					\$	7.73
Donations					\$	-
Subtotal:					\$	69,525.00
Total Income:					\$	1,273,151.93

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Expenditures FY 21

FY 21 Final Financial Statement Expenditures

River and Rightaway Erosion Control Funds

CWSD-Annual Funding for River Projects	\$ 120,000.00
CTWCD-Annual Funding for River Projects	\$ 20,000.00
Douglas County	\$ 75,000.00
Nevada Department of Transportation	\$ 512,332.70
Nevada Department of Wildlife	\$ -
United States Fish and Wildlife Service	\$ -
Nevada Division of Water Resources AB 190 Program	\$ 77,434.62
Dream Tag Sagegrouse Juniper Removal Pinenits	\$ 25,499.86
NDEP 319 Grant for River Projects	\$ 120,000.00
Subtotal:	\$ 950,267.18

Noxious Weed Treatment Funds

CWSD-Annual Funding for Noxious Weed Treatments	\$ -
CTWCD-Annual Funding for Noxious Weed Treatments	\$ -
Douglas County	\$ 100,000.00
NDOA Noxious Weed Funding	\$ -
NRCS Sgae Grouse Pinenuts	\$ 6,294.37
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Desert Terminal Lakes	\$ -
Nevada Department of Agriculture	\$ -
Subtotal:	\$ 106,294.37

Employee and Board Member Expenses

CVCD Coordinator	\$ 60,000.00
CVCD Grant & Watershed Coordinator	\$ 60,000.00
Sagegrouse Coordinator & NRCS Liason	\$ 18,000.00
Administrative Assistant \$15/hour (1/2FTE)	\$ 25,000.00
Health Insurance Reimbursement Staff	\$ -
Payroll-Employer Taxes/Collection	\$ 19,008.00
Payroll Invoice Fees/W-2 Forms	\$ 1,540.00
Insurance: Liability for Staff and Board Members	\$ 1,100.00
Insurance: Worker's Compensation	\$ 1,936.00
Subtotal:	\$ 186,584.00

Equipment/Vehicle Expenses/Insurance

Insurance and Liability: Vehicles and Equipment	\$ 896.70
Staff and Board Workers Compensation	\$ 2,259.23
Equipment and Vehicle Expenses routine maintenance	\$ 1,000.00
Subtotal:	\$ 4,155.93

General Operating Expenses:

Office supplies and postage	\$ 453.53
Cell Phone	\$ -
Office phone and fax lines	\$ -
Equipment repairs	\$ 4,799.46
Equipment Vehicle and Trailer Purchases	\$ 8,888.00
Replacement Hand Tools and Supplies	\$ -
Fuel	\$ -
Misc: Computer, software, books, office equipment, etc.	\$ -
Tri-Odyssey Business Services Payroll Services Fees	\$ 5,000.00
NVACD Sponsorship Annual Dues	\$ -
Weed Management Training & Certification	\$ 435.00
Training, certifications, airfare, accomodations, meals, etc.	\$ -
Operating Contingency	\$ -
Subtotal:	\$ 19,575.99

River Wrangler Funds Through CWSD

Annual Event, awards, event and etc.	\$ 674.46
Range Camp	\$ -
Carson River Workdays/Website/Tool Trailer	\$ 2,000.00
District Equipment & Trailer Purchases	\$ 2,000.00
Vegetation Management	\$ 1,600.00
Carson River Festival-Plant Donation	\$ -
Subtotal:	\$ 6,274.46

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Estimated Income for FY 22 Effective 06-30-2021

FY 2022 Estimated Income

River Funds

CWSD-Annual Funding for River Projects	\$ 175,000.00
CTWCD-Annual Funding for River Projects	\$ 25,000.00
NDOT Contract	\$ 450,000.00
Nevada Department of Wildlife River	\$ 15,000.00
United States Fish and Wildlife Service River	\$ -
Douglas County	\$ 100,000.00
Nevada Division of Water Resources AB 190	\$ 100,000.00
NDEP 319 Grant for River Projects	\$ 150,000.00

Subtotal: \$ 1,015,000.00

Noxious Weed Treatment Funds

CWSD-Annual Funding for Noxious Weed Treatments	\$ -
CTWCD-Annual Funding for Noxious Weed Treatments	\$ -
NDOA Noxious Weed Funding	\$ -
Douglas County	\$ 100,000.00
Nevada Department of Agriculture	\$ -
Nevada Division of Forestry State Fire Assistance Grant	\$ -

Subtotal: \$ 100,000.00

Sage Grouse NRCS Funding

Nevada Dream Tag	\$ -
Nevada Off Road Funding	\$ -
Bureau of Land Management	\$ -
Natural Resource Conservation Service Funding	\$ 30,000.00
	\$ -

Subtotal: \$ 30,000.00

Other Funding

CWSD Landowner workshop annual award event	\$ -
River Wrangler Funds through CWSD	\$ 2,000.00
Douglas County-Yearly Admin Funding	\$ 25,000.00
Equipment Rental Program Income	\$ 38,517.27
Conservation District Program	\$ 5,000.00
Interest	\$ 36.35
Donations	\$ -

Subtotal: \$ 70,553.62

Total Income: \$ 1,185,553.62

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Estimate of Expenditures FY 22

FY 22 Estimated Expenditures

River and Rightaway Erosion Control Funds

CWSD-Annual Funding for River Projects					\$ 120,000.00
CTWCD-Annual Funding for River Projects					\$ 20,000.00
Douglas County					\$ 75,000.00
Nevada Department of Transportation					\$ 450,000.00
Nevada Department of Wildlife					
United States Fish and Wildlife Service					\$ -
Nevada Division of Water Resources AB 190 Program					\$ 77,434.62
NDEP 319 Grant for River Projects					\$ 120,000.00
Subtotal:					\$ 862,434.62

Noxious Weed Treatment Funds

CWSD-Annual Funding for Noxious Weed Treatments					\$ -
CTWCD-Annual Funding for Noxious Weed Treatments					\$ -
Douglas County					\$ 100,000.00
NDOA Noxious Weed Funding					\$ -
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Desert Terminal Lakes					\$ -
Nevada Department of Agriculture					
Subtotal:					\$ 100,000.00

Employee and Board Member Expenses

CVCD Coordinator					\$ 60,000.00
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Sagegrouse Coordinator & NRCS Liason					\$ 30,000.00
Administrative Assistant \$15/hour (1/2FTE)					\$ 25,000.00
Health Insurance Reimbursement Staff					\$ -
Payroll-Employer Taxes/Collection					\$ 19,008.00
Payroll Invoice Fees/W-2 Forms					\$ 1,540.00
Insurance: Liability for Staff and Board Members					\$ 1,100.00
Insurance: Worker's Compensation					\$ 1,936.00
Subtotal:					\$ 198,584.00

Equipment/Vehicle Expenses/Insurance

Insurance and Liability: Vehicles and Equipment					\$ -
Staff and Board Workers Compensation					\$ 2,500.00
Equipment and Vehicle Expenses routine maintenance					\$ 1,000.00
Subtotal:					\$ 3,500.00

General Operating Expenses:

Office supplies and postage					\$ 1,000.00
Cell Phone					\$ -
Office phone and fax lines					\$ -
Equipment repairs					\$ 3,000.00
Fuel					\$ 6,000.00
Misc: Computer, software, books, office equipment, etc.					
Tri-Odyssey Business Services Payroll Services Fees					\$ 5,000.00
NVACD Sponsorship Annual Dues					\$ -
Weed Management Training & Certification					\$ 435.00
Training, certifications, airfare, accomodations, meals, etc.					\$ -
Operating Contingency					\$ -
Subtotal:					\$ 15,435.00

River Wrangler Funds Through CWSD

Annual Event, awards, event and etc.					\$ 1,000.00
Range Camp					\$ 600.00
Carson River Workdays/Website					\$ 2,000.00
Vegetation Management					\$ 2,000.00
Carson River Festival-Plant Donation					\$ -
Subtotal:					\$ 5,600.00

Total Expenditures:					\$ 1,185,553.62
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