ANNUAL WORK PLAN

LAHONTAN CONSERVATION DISTRICT

JULY 1, 2017 – JUNE 30, 2018

MISSON STATEMENT

The mission of Lahontan Conservation District (District) is to provide technical resource and educational services to people, groups, and agencies by identifying resource issues and creating programs to address these issues.

INTRODUCTION

There are many, and varied, issues of concern to the residents of the Lahontan Valley, both rural and urban dwellers. This work plan represents the issues the District considers the most important and those that they can effectively influence, both directly and indirectly, through their programs.

There are five elected officials on the District Board of Supervisors; one appointed Churchill County representative, one contract employee, and one employee of the District. They are as follows:

Chairperson
Vice Chairperson
Secretary/Treasurer
Member
Member
Member
County Representative
Equipment Manager

Bill Washburn
Elbert Mills
Morena Heser
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Colby Frey
Call Erquiaga
Larry Miller

Conservation Specialist Jackie Bogdanowicz

The Equipment Manager is responsible for maintenance, repair, rental and sales of all District equipment.

The Conservation Specialist keeps records of all transactions regarding accounts receivable and accounts payable for the following two accounts, three CD's and a high yield and savings account.

- 1. Lahontan Conservation District General Account.
- 2. Carson River Project Account.

In addition, the Conservation Specialist accumulates data for the quarterly, annual and other reports as required, including the accounting information needed for auditing. The Specialist distributes announcements of the monthly meetings, which includes copies of the previous meetings minutes and the upcoming agenda. The specialist also attends the monthly meeting for the District, typing minutes for later distribution.

All incoming mail and phone calls are attended to as well as any typing required, distribution of materials for school, church and community affairs. The banking, supply ordering, filing and other duties are completed as required.

The Specialist also manages and coordinates the Lower Carson River Coordinated Resource Management Projects.

The District works in partnership with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Fallon Field Office. The staff consists of the following:

Lahontan Area Staff

Area Conservationist Debra Brackley

Fallon Field Office Staff

District Conservationist Lex Riggle
Ag Engineer Jeffery Yurchick

Objective 1: Administer District business in a timely manner.

Goal 1: Conduct and attend meetings.

Action Item 1: District Board meetings will be held monthly and will have a quorum 90% of the time. Open meeting laws will be followed. The Chairperson will conduct the meetings (the Vice-Chairperson in the absence of the Chairperson).

Action Item 2: The District will take an active part in National Association of Conservation District (NACD) and Nevada Association of Conservation Districts (NvACD) by paying annual dues and attending meetings.

Action Item 3: Committees will be formed on an as-needed basis and will meet when the Board feels it is necessary.

Goal 2: Support the Conservation Specialist position.

Action Item 1: The Conservation Specialist will, coordinate conservation projects on the Lower Carson River.

Action Item 2: The Conservation Specialist keeps records, produces reports, files and updates forms, performs banking activities, obtains funds and other tasks as required to keep abreast of daily activities.

Action Item 3: The Specialist coordinates, provides administrative and bookkeeping assistance for the noxious weed program.

Action Item 4: Funding for this position will come from grants secured for the river, weed control projects, Churchill County and from State funding.

Action Item 5: A personnel committee consisting of three board members will complete an annual performance review of the District employee.

<u>Goal 4: Complete the reporting requirements set forth by the State Conservation Commission.</u>

Action Item 1: Minutes of meetings will be submitted to the Commission within 30 days of the meeting.

Action Item 2: The annual work plan will be outlined by the Board and submitted by June 1. It will be reviewed periodically at monthly board meetings.

Action Item 3: The annual report will be prepared and submitted by September 1.

Goal 5: Maintain financial information.

Action Item 1: A treasurer's report will be given at each Board meeting.

Action Item 2: An annual budget will be prepared and submitted to the Conservation Commission with the annual work plan.

Action Item 3: A spreadsheet of the budget will be periodically reviewed at the board meetings.

Action Item 4: The Secretary/Treasurer will review bank statements and the Treasures report before each meeting to verify accounting transactions. A "Monthly Accounting Verification" sheet will be signed by the Secretary/Treasurer.

Action Item 5: An audit will be conducted annually by a local accountant and the Board members by September 1. The results will be submitted to the Commission with the annual report and the summary of income and expenditures.

Action Item 6: State, federal, and other funding opportunities, will be explored by the Conservation Specialist.

Objective 2: Implement an information and education program.

Goal 1: Increase the visibility of the District.

Action Item 1: A quarterly newsletter will be distributed to cooperators and other interested parties, describing accomplishments, outlining future plans, and providing technical information as required. Contributions will come from the NRCS staff, the district employee and board members.

Action Item 2: Stewardship Week will be promoted and materials will be provided to interested local schools and churches.

Action Item 3: The District will participate in the NvACD and Goodyear awards programs to recognize outstanding achievements in conservation.

Action Item 4: Articles will be submitted to the Lahontan Valley News, Nevada Rancher and other publications on District projects and other conservation related topics.

Action Item 5: The District will administer a Carson River Work Day that will offer students an opportunity to participate in a day filled with hands on events that will educate them on noxious weeds, wildlife habitat enhancement, stream bank erosion, soils and water quality.

Action Item 6: The District will participate in Churchill County Cooperative Weed Management Area meetings and be a member of the Nevada Weed Management Association and participate in noxious weed projects.

Goal 2: Promote conservation education in the Churchill County School District.

Action Item 1: The District will sponsor two students to the Nevada Youth Range Camp.

Action Item 2: In partnership with NRCS, the District will participate in the Ag in the Classroom.

Action Item 3: Presentations on conservation and related topics will be given to classes on request by the Conservation Specialist. Current and appropriate publications will be provided and field trips will be taken.

Action Item 4: NvACD scholarship applications will be provided to the Churchill County High School and Western Nevada College

Action Item 5: The Lahontan Conservation District will participate in the NvACD and NACD poster contest along with the Stillwater Conservation District. Posters will be judged by the Board, with prizes awarded to local winners.

Action Item 6: The District will educate and provide information on noxious weeds to the public.

Action Item 7: The District will conduct an annual tree sale to promote erosion control, riparian restoration and wildlife habitat improvement, aesthetic value, and improve air and water quality.

Action Item 8: The District will have their annual Barbeque dinner and Christmas dinner in 2015-2016.

Objective 3: Provide technical guidance concerning conservation.

Goal 1: Plan and implement programs to maintain or improve water quantity and quality.

Action Item 1: LCD will obtain grants from the Carson Water Subconservancy District and the Carson Truckee Water Conservancy District, to continue debris removal,

beaver dam removal and Beaver control on the lower Carson River from Diversion Dam to Carson Sink. This funding will also be used to remove sediment from natural choke points in the lower Carson River. Work will start July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. The Conservation Specialist will provide coordination.

Action Item 2: LCD will obtain grants from the Carson Water Subconservancy District, to remove sediment, islands, and restore River banks at critical locations identified by LCD, Churchill County Planning and Emergency Planning. Work will start July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. The Conservation Specialist will provide coordination.

Action Item 3: Assist NRCS with the Bench/Bottom Program to help water right owners get their bench allocation reinstated on their property.

Goal 2: Support weed control programs.

Action Item 1: The District will promote and encourage awareness, education, and control of noxious weeds by including information in the quarterly newsletter. The District participates in the Nevada Weed Management Association and the Churchill County Cooperative Weed Management Area.

Action Item 2: The District will receive \$6,000.00 from the Churchill County Mosquito, Vector & Weed Control District to help control noxious weeds by providing chemical to landowners to spray their properties. Landowners will fill out an in-kind form to use as in-kind match.

Goal 3: Assist in planning in urban and agricultural areas.

Action Item 1: The District cooperates with the Churchill County Planning Commission in reviewing subdivision maps to limit encroachment on prime farmland and lands of local importance, reduce erosion, preserve wetlands, and maintain the integrity of affected irrigation systems on and off site. Reviews and soil interpretations will be done by the Lahontan Conservation District with assistance provided by NRCS.

Action Item 2: The Lahontan Conservation District will review dust control plans that are submitted to Churchill County Planning for review. Plans will be required to meet District standards and specifications.

Action Item 3: Participate in the cooperative efforts to control wind erosion.

Goal 6: The District will monitor and manage Conservation easements periodically as a needed basis.

Action Item 1: The District will review letters from the Churchill County Planning Department on new applications for Conservation Easements.

Action Item 2: The District will monitor Rambling River Ranches (Norman Frey's) conservation easement yearly with documentation of any changes to the property.

Objective 4: Administer an equipment program.

Goal 1: Provide an equipment rental program to cooperators for use in conservation activities:

Action Item 1: Equipment will be purchased and sold to help fund the low cost rental program.

Action Item 2: Equipment will be rented to dues-paying cooperators at competitive rates.

Action Item 3: An equipment manager will implement the program.

Action Item 4: Equipment will be available for Carson River projects.

Objective 5: Maintain cooperation between the District and other agencies and groups.

Goal 1: Remain informed on local issues.

Action Item 1: The County representative will give a report on pertinent issues at the monthly board meetings.

Action Item 2: Truckee Carson Irrigation District Board members and Churchill County Commissioners will be kept informed of District activities by supervisors of the Conservation District.

Action Item 3: District representatives will attend public workshops and seminars.

Action Item 4: The Lahontan Conservation District will support programs to assist the Sage Grouse.

Goal 2: Remain involved in issues of state and national importance.

Action Item 1: The District will continue to write letters to state and federal legislators, and testify at hearings to voice the District's position on conservation, agricultural, and funding related matters.

Action Item 2: District representatives will continue to attend state and national meetings of conservation groups and serve on committees.

Action Item 3: The District will continue to review federal rules, environmental assessments, EIS's and other documents and make comments concerning natural resources.

BUDGET LAHONTAN CONSERVATION DISTRICT ESTIMATE OF RECEIPTS

For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018

PROPOSED AMOUNTS FOR 2017-2018

RECEIPT SOURCE

State Funds	\$3,500.00
County Funds	\$5,000.00
Cooperator Dues	\$2,000.00
Tree Sale	\$7,000.00
Equipment Rental Income	\$10,000.00
Equipment Sales	\$10,000.00
Administration Income from Grants	\$2,000.00
Bank Interest	\$4,500.00
County Subdivision Reviews	\$200.00
High Yeild Account Funds	\$1,800.00
SUB-TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	\$46,000.00
GRANTS (OPERATING BUDGET)	
River Wranglers (Carson River Work Day)	\$2,400.00
River Wranglers (Carson River Clearing	
& Snagging)	\$3,600.00
Carson Water Subconservancy District	
(Clearing, Snagging & Sediment Removal)	\$30,000.00
Carson Truckee Water Conservancy District	
(Restoration &Sediment Removal)	\$10,000.00
SUB-TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	\$46,000.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	\$92,000.00

LAHONTAN CONSERVATION DISTRICT ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURES

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018

PROPOSED AMOUNTS FOR 2017-2018

EXPENDITURE

Employee Salary	\$18,000.00
Employers' Benefit Costs	\$8,000.00
Employee Taxes & Unemployment	\$3,500.00
General Liability & Workers Comp Insurance	\$1,500.00
Travel Expenses	\$1,000.00
Postage	\$300.00
Office Supplies	\$100.00
Professional- Audit report	\$600.00
Education and Information	\$1,000.00
Dues (NACD, NvACD, etc)	\$800.00
Annual Barbeque, Christmas Dinner & Carson River Work	
Day Lunch	\$600.00
Equipment Purchases	\$0.00
Equipment Expenses (maintenance, repair,	
operation)	\$3,100.00
Equipment Manager's Commission on Sales	\$1,500.00
Equipment Manager's Commission on Rentals	\$6,000.00
Other Miscellaneous Expenses	\$0.00
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LAHONTAN CONSERVATION DISTRICT

2017-2018 Annual Report



Lahontan Conservation District <u>Mission</u>

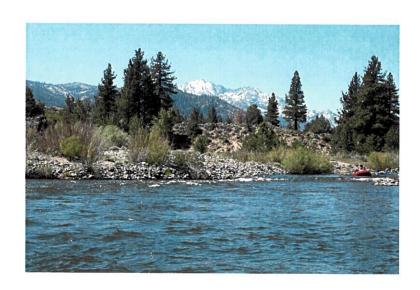
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Board of Supervisors

Bill Washburn, Chairperson
Elbert Mills, Vice Chairperson
Morena Heser, Secretary/Treasurer
Neil Olsen, Member
Colby Frey, Member
Carl Erquiaga, County Representative

District Staff

Larry Miller, Equipment Manager Christy Sullivan, District Clerk



Lahontan Conservation District Office

111 Sheckler Road Fallon, NV 89406 (775) 423-5124xl01 The District works in partnership with the Fallon Field Office of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). The staff consists of the following:

Area Conservationist

Debra Brackley

Lex Riggle

Engineer

Jeffery Yurchick

Soil Conservationist

Francisco Orsini

Soil Conservationist

Jose Rodriguez

Operation and Attended Meetings



The Lahontan Conservation District Board members met the second Tuesday of every month in the conference room at the Agriculture Service Center, 111 Sheckler Road Fallon, Nevada. There were one hundred and fifty dues paying cooperators this year.

The Stillwater and Lahontan Conservation Districts joined together to put on the Annual Summer Barbeque, District Elections, and the Christmas dinner.

The Lahontan Conservation District participates in Churchill County Cooperative Weed Management Area meetings as well as the Churchill County Planning Commission Joint Workshop Meetings.

Education and Information

One of the major goals of Lahontan Conservation District is to provide information and education to agricultural producers, other land users and the general public. To achieve this goal, the District actively participated in the following:

The Lahontan Conservation District, with River Wranglers, Churchill County FFA, and Oasis FFA held the Carson River Work Day. The location of the event took place at Venturacci Ranch and Rambling River Ranch respectively. Over 450 fifth grade students from Churchill County Schools, their teachers and chaperons spent the day learning about the Lahontan Valley, the water cycle, wood ducks, the Carson River Watershed and water chemistry.



Lahontan Conservation District sponsored three students to attend the Nevada Youth Range Camp that was held in June at the Smith Creek Ranch. They participated in a number of activities including map reading, identification of rangeland plants, evaluated sagebrush and woodland ecosystems and wildlife surveying techniques. The camp also offered swimming, fishing and hiking.



The District publishes a Newsletter which is sent out to over 300 cooperators and partners. The newsletter provided important information concerning NRCS programs and deadlines, the Equipment program, and other Conservation District news.

The Nevada Association of Conservation Districts Scholarship applications were distributed to the Churchill County High School and the Western Nevada College.

Technical Assistance

Lahontan Conservation District monitored the Rambling River Ranches conservation easements by taking pictures and documenting all the necessary paper work. After inspection, the three easements were in compliance with the terms of the Grant.



Conservation Grants, Contracts, and Projects

The District's Noxious Weed program is to control the spread of Invasive/Noxious species and minimize the effect that these weeds have on the environment, the economy, and the agricultural community in Churchill County. The District continued to work with Churchill County Mosquito Weed Abatement to provide the community with an opportunity to take advantage of free chemical to spray their weeds. The program is funded by the Carson Water Subconservancy District. The landowners are given Base Camp Amine 4 to spray their own properties. Over 130 landowners treated acres of white top, knapweed, puncture vine, etc. in the Lahontan Valley.

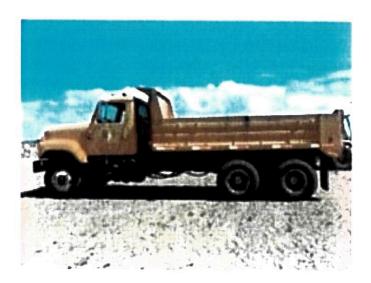
The Lahontan Conservation District assists NRCS with the Bench/Bottom Program to help water right owners get their bench allocation reinstated on their property. As this year was the first full water year in many years, LCD put in a total of 18 wells for producers to monitor.

The Lahontan Conservation District will continue with the channel clearing, snagging and debris removal projects along the Carson River by hiring the Nevada Division of Forestry prison crews and provide funding for TCID to clear the River Channel.

Having a steady stream reduces erosion and helps reduce the change of the water system caused by obstruction in the river. It also reduces the potential of flood, improves channel capacity, provides safety to the community in the flood zone, and improves the functionality and management of the lower Carson River. The funds are provided by the Carson Water Subconservancy District.



The Lahontan Conservation District continues to run an equipment rental program. The equipment is rented to District cooperators for conservation purposes. The equipment includes a backhoe, two large dump trucks, two loaders, a pasture aerator, tilt bed trailer, and a road grader. Larry Miller is the Equipment Manager who rents, maintains and advertises the equipment for sale. Rental receipts totaled \$5,461.90 and finally sold the 1975 Case 1070 Tractor.



The Conservation District had its annual tree sale where bare root plants were sold and ranged in size depending on the species selected. The trees and shrubs were selected based on the Lahontan Valley's soils and the plants drought tolerance. The trees purchased must be used for windbreak, soil erosion control, riparian restoration, or wildlife habitat improvement. Prices range from \$3.00 - \$4.50. Trees were purchased from Lincoln-Oaks and Lawyers Nurseries. Total profit from the trees and shrubs sold were \$4,753.75.



Lahontan Conservation District received \$4,000.00 from the State of Nevada and \$5,000.00 from Churchill County to help in conservation practices.

FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT LAHONTAN CONSERVATION DISTRICT GENERAL ACCOUNT SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018

RECEIPT SOURCE	AMOUNT
State of Nevada Appropriation	\$4,542.86
Churchill County Appropriation	\$5,000.00
Cooperator Dues	\$1,400.00
Tree Sale	\$3,285.00
Awards, Educate and Donation	\$502.50
Equipment Rental	\$16,002.20
Equipment Transportation	\$0.00
Equipment Reimbursement for Fuel	\$0.00
Equipment Sales	\$0.00
Carson River Work Day	\$6,438.83
Bank Interest	\$2,429.77
Office supplies	\$271.67
Annual Barbecue, Christmas & Election Dinners	\$265.30
Travel Reimbursement	\$191.01
Misc. Income	\$32,643.92
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$72,973.06
Beginning Balance	\$1,826.47
Plus Receipts	\$74,799.53
Less Expenses	\$71,200.38
Ending Balance	\$3,599.15

Bill Washburn, Chairperson

Lahontan Conservation District

Date

FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT LAHONTAN CONSERVATION DISTRICT GENERAL ACCOUNT

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018

EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT
Employee Salary	\$15,501.17
Public Employees Retirement System	\$1,573.88
Employee Health Insurance	\$416.00
Taxes, Unemployment and Workers comp	\$6,425.68
Travel & Meetings Expenses	\$807.43
Postage	\$115.84
Office Supplies	\$1,032.93
Professional- Audit report	
Education, Awards and Donations	\$1,120.00
Dues (NACD, NvACD, etc)	\$1,400.00
Carson River Work Day/Carson River	\$799.41
Tree Sale	\$2,057.04
Annual Barbeque, Christmas Dinner & Carson	
River Work Day Lunch	\$385.00
Equipment Purchases	\$3,500.00
Equipment Expenses (maintenance, repair,	
operation)	\$7,839.20
Equipment Manager's Commission on Sales	\$0.00
Equipment Manager Commission on Rentals	\$5,362.20
Other Miscellaneous Expenses	\$22,864.60
Petty Cash	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$71,200.38
Beginning Balance	\$1,867.47
Plus Receipts	\$74,799.53
Less Expenses	\$71,200.38
Ending Balance	\$3,599.15

Bill Washburn, Chairperson

Lahontan Conservation District

Date

FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT LAHONTAN CONSERVATION DISTRICT HIGH YIELD ACCOUNT SUMMARY

RECEIPT SOURCE	AMOUNT
Bank Account Interest	\$140.24
Deposits From CD's	\$0.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$140.24
EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT
ransfer to General Account	\$15,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$15,000.00
Beginning Balance	\$49,689.25
Plus Receipts	\$140.24
ess Expenses	\$15,000.00
Ending Balance	\$34,829.49

FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT LAHONTAN CONSERVATION DISTRICT CARSON RIVER

ACCOUNT SUMMARY

RECEIPT SOURCE	AMOUNT
Carson Water Subconservancy District -	
Clearing and Snagging along river	\$21,143.92
Carson Truckee Water Conservancy	\$10,000.00
River Wranglers	\$0.00
Bank Account Interest	\$0.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$31,143.92
EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT
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Permits	\$200.00
TCID	\$26,712.88
Beaver Trappers	
Misc Expence	\$68.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$26,980.88
Beginning Balance	\$14,236.06
Plus Receipts	\$31,143.92
Less Expenses	\$26,980.88
Ending Balance	\$18,399.10

FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT LAHONTAN CONSERVATION FINANCIAL HORIZONS CREDIT UNION CONSERVATION EASEMENT CD ACCOUNT #5131

RECEIPT SOURCE	AMOUNT
Deposit from Savings Account	\$0.00
Bank Interest	\$0.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$0.00
EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT
Interest transferred to General Account	\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$0.00
Beginning Balance	\$200,147.26
Plus Receipts	\$0.00
Less Expenses	\$0.00
Ending Balance	\$200,147.26

FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT LAHONTAN CONSERVATION DISTRICT SAVINGS ACCOUNT SUMMARY

RECEIPT SOURCE	AMOUNT
Transfer from CD	\$0.00
Bank Account Interest	\$0.79
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$0.79
Transfer to CD	\$0.00
EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$0.00
Beginning Balance	\$766.55
Plus Receipts	\$0.79
Less Expenses	\$0.00
Less Expenses	20.00