

Annual Report
Northeast Elko Conservation District
Fiscal Year 2022

21th September 2022 for Submission to the SCC

Instructions: Please leave all text in place and submit your answers below each bullet point. If the bullet point is not something the Conservation District board can answer or is not relevant to your Conservation District, please note that with NA. Please remember to SIGN and DATE.

NOTE: you may attach pictures, PDFs, or any additional information the board would like submitted to the SCC at the end of the document. You may use the excel or word version.

Conservation District Information:

- Please identify the Conservation District board members, their positions, and seated terms.

Agee Smith – Chairman – 2022
Wyatt Mesna – Treasurer – 2024
Robin Boies – Supervisor – 2024
Steve Boies – Supervisor – 2024
Ruby Uhart – Supervisor – 2022

- Briefly describe your Conservation Districts mission:

To take available technical, financial, and educational resources, whatever their source, and focus or coordinate them so that they meet the needs of the local land user for conservation of soil, water and related resources.

- Describe the Conservation Districts major achievements for the FY.

- i. The Northeast Elko Conservation District hired a new contractor to serve as a Coordinator for the Conservation District under its 2019 NACD Technical Assistance Grant.
- ii. The district contracted with BP Weeds for weed treatments under an Assistance Agreement with the Bureau of Land Management. In 2021, a total of 6,517.5 acres were treated for invasive noxious weeds.
- iii. A ranch in the district received a Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) grant and used it to host educational events at the ranch's guest lodge.
- iv. The Stewardship Alliance of Northeast Elko (SANE) met for the first time since 2020.

- v. Performed a Proper Functioning Condition Assessment/Workshop for a landowner
- vi. Maintained and finished purchasing equipment for the CD Equipment Program

Goals:

- Briefly describe your Conservation Districts goals
 - i. Noxious weed control
 - ii. Outreach and education
 - iii. Protection of springs, riparian enhancement, and livestock water development with coordinating federal and state agencies
 - iv. Purchase equipment that can be used and shared throughout the district
 - v. Hire new coordinator with TA2019 NACD Grant
- What goals did your Conservation District accomplish this year?
 - i. Noxious weed control
 - ii. Outreach and education
 - iii. Protection of springs, riparian enhancement, and livestock water development with coordinating federal and state agencies
 - iv. Purchase equipment that can be used and shared throughout the district
 - v. Hired new coordinator with TA2019 NACD Grant
- What goals did the CD struggle to accomplish and why?
 - i. There are always more weeds to treat than we have the capacity to treat in a given year
 - ii. Difficulty with participation in workshops
 - iii. Difficulty with landowner participation within the Conservation District

Meetings:

- Please list all meetings dates for the Conservation Districts of the last fiscal year:
 - 1. July 22, 2021
 - 2. September 16, 2021
 - 3. November 15, 2021
 - 4. November 30, 2021
 - 5. April 7, 2022
 - 6. May 12, 2022
- Identify needs, if any, to help your meetings be more effective, efficient and collaborative.
 - i. More landowner participation to increase collaboration

- List meeting material needs if any.
- List meeting guest speakers or guest presentations which helped the Conservation District meet its goals and mission statement.

N/A

- Describe any training needs related to holding public meetings.

Facilitator training may be beneficial.

Outreach and Education:

- What outreach methods did the Conservation District use in the fiscal year?
 1. Opportunities for education provided via the SARE grant at Cottonwood Ranch
 2. Attending the Results Oriented Grazing for Ecological Resilience (ROGER) meetings
 3. Attended the Northern Nevada Stewardship Group (NNSG) meetings
 4. Attended the Elko Weeds Forum
 5. Posted Meeting Agendas at Various locations
 6. Held a LWG meeting for NRCS programs
 7. Attended NACD 2022 meeting in Florida
 8. Attended NV Cattlemen 2021 Annual Convention in Elko, NV
- Were the outreach methods successful? Why or Why not?
 1. There were not as many educational events held at Cottonwood Ranch as hoped due to lack of interest from participants and COVID outbreaks.
 2. Attending the ROGER meetings established more connections with potential partners in Nevada
 3. Attending the NNSG meetings established more connections with potential partners in northern Nevada
 4. Attending the NV Cattlemen's 2021 Annual Convention established more connections with potential partners in northern Nevada
 5. Attending the Weeds Forum established more connections with potential partners in northern Nevada
 6. Attending the NACD 2022 meeting in Florida established more connections with CD partners across the country and territories
- What education opportunities did the Conservation District participate in?
 1. Elko Weeds Forum
 2. NV Cattlemen's meeting
 3. ROGER meetings

4. NNSG meetings
 5. NACD 2022 conference
- What is needed for the Conservation District to provide more outreach and education?
 1. Increased participation
 2. Increased outreach
 3. More funding opportunities IF participation and outreach goals are met

Natural Resources:

- What natural resource concerns did the Conservation District address?
 1. Noxious weeds
 2. Drought
 3. Biodiversity and threatened species
 4. Fire
 5. Sage-Grouse habitat
 6. Aspen Stand Restoration
 7. Riparian protection

Methods used:

1. Improved livestock distribution through water development
 2. Was a component of developing Virtual Fencing with UNCE COEX
 3. SANE Plan Update
 4. Conversations held with NRCS for EQUIP Programs
 5. Weed Assistance Agreement with the BLM to hire a weed contractor
 6. Bio-Control for Canada Thistle
- What natural resources concerns were brought forward but not addressed? And why were they not addressed by the Conservation District?

N/A

- What natural resource concerns does the Conservation District need addressing or need more information on?

1. Drought
2. Fire
3. Weeds

- What natural resource concerns did the Conservation Districts Local Work Group with NRCS identify as the top priority?

Drought
Soil Erosion
Soil Degradation
Irrigation Water Control
Weeds

- What technical assistance did the Conservation District or staff provide for NRCS?

COTA contacts with two interested clients.
Assisted with LWG meeting for NRCS programs

Projects:

- List any projects and give a brief description of the project and the Conservation Districts' role.

There were no active NRCS projects in the district for this reporting period.

One cooperator is enrolled in the Conservation Credit System and the sixth year of monitoring and the report was completed and sent in.

Grants:

- What new grant/s were awarded to the CD? Describe the grant work and goals, the amount awarded and any partners on the grant.

No new grants this Fiscal Year

- What grant/s were closed out this fiscal year? Describe the grant work and goals accomplished. What was the final amount of grant money spent and amount matched by the CD?

No grants were closed out this year

- What grant/s are ongoing, and describe the work done this year? What is the current amount spent under the grant and the amount of match provided by the CD?

1. The NACD Technical Assistance Grant from 2019 is ongoing

Amount spent as of June 30, 2022: \$41,704.00

CD In-kind Match: \$15,141.00

2. An Assistance Agreement with the BLM is ongoing

Amount spent as of June 30 2022: \$89,716.53

No Match

- What overall grant needs were identified by the Conservation District?

Educational opportunities for grant writing.

Partners:

- What Partners did the Conservation District work within the FY?

1. Private landowners
2. Natural Resource Conservation Service
3. Bureau of Land Management
4. Nevada Conservation Districts Program
5. Nevada Department of Agriculture
6. Nevada Department of Wildlife
7. Nevada Division of Forestry
8. US Fish and Wildlife Service
- 7 US Forest Service
- 8 UNR Cooperative Extension

- What Partners would the Conservation District like to collaborate with in the future?

The CD would like to work more with the NRCS.

Needs:

- Identify some of the needs that came up for the CD in the fiscal year and please identify them as on the following: 1. Ongoing need 2. Specific to FY 3. Addressed in FY 4: Other(explain)

1. Ongoing need – Weeds, equipment, increased NRCS capacity (staffing for engineering, etc.)

2. Specific to FY – Weeds, equipment, increased NRCS capacity (staffing for engineering, etc.)
3. Addressed in FY – hiring a new Coordinator position with the NACD TA grant to expand workload capacity and NRCS involvement
4. Other – N/A

- What strategy is the CD taking to address those needs identified?

Outreach, education, staff increase (TA Grant), financial agreements with public entities such as our Assistance Agreement with the BLM.

Please add any information, photos, questions and or concerns identified as part of the fiscal year close-out process.

Signed by:

E Agee Smith

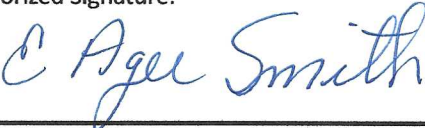
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9/25/2022

**NORTHEAST ELKO CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022**

| <u>EXPENDITURE</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
|--|---------------------|
| Spending Categories | |
| Boies Spring project (NDOW partnership) | \$40,667.61 |
| County Road (weed spraying) | \$8,000.00 |
| Clerical Fund | \$1,000.00 |
| Equipment Purchase (last payment- pivot track filler/ HDPE fusion machine) | \$6,125.00 |
| Equipment Expenses (maintenance, repair, operation), Trailer tires/drill repairs | \$3,119.74 |
| Dues – NvACD | \$600.00 |
| Dues – NACD | \$350.00 |
| Bond and Insurance Expenses (POOL Ins.) | \$559.00 |
| TA2019 NACD Grant | \$17,671.05 |
| Bank Fees | \$8.00 |
| Miscellaneous | \$2,156.25 |
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| Total | \$80,256.65 |
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| TRAVEL Expenditures | |
| Registrations | \$0.00 |
| Hotel/Motel | \$0.00 |
| Mileage/Airfare | \$0.00 |
| Per Diem | \$0.00 |
| Total | \$0.00 |
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| Grant Expenditures | |
| BLM Weeds Assistance Agreement | \$55,950.00 |
| US FISH (SANE Grant Payment) | \$7,550.00 |
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| Total | \$63,500.00 |
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| TOTAL EXPENSES | |
| | \$143,756.65 |

NORTHEAST ELKO CONSERVATION DISTRICT**USE OF STATE APPROPRIATED FUNDS****For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022**

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| Amount State Appropriated Funds ROA: | \$4,068.27 |
| Funds Expended: | |
| Insurance | \$559.00 |
| Clerical Fund | \$1,000.00 |
| Equipment Purchase (last payment- pivot track filler/ HDPE fusion machine) | \$6,125.00 |
| Dues – NvACD | \$600.00 |
| Dues – NACD | \$350.00 |
| Equipment Expenses (maintenance, repair, operation), Trailer tires/drill repairs | \$3,119.74 |
| Balance Remaining: | (\$7,685.47) |
| Matching Funds Spent: | |
| Authorized Signature: | |
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NORTHEAST ELKO CONSERVATION DISTRICT

FINANCIAL SUMMARY For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022

BEGINNING OF YEAR FUND BALANCE:

List all bank accounts: FOR INFORMATION ONLY NOT ADDED TO TOTAL

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|--------------------------------------|----|------------------|
| Total from last Fiscal report | \$ | 62,051.70 |
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FOR INFORMATION ONLY NOT ADDED TO TOTAL

END OF YEAR INCOME:

Total from Receipts this fiscal year:

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|---|----|------------|
| Checking Account.....(for example on 6/30/22) | \$ | 134,866.43 |
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| Total from receipts page (automatically populates) | | \$109,532.70 |
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| Total funds available..... This is banking added to income | | \$171,584.40 |
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END OF YEAR EXPENDITURES:

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| Total from expenditures page (automatically populates) | | \$143,756.65 |
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Any Pending expenditures

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| Total expenditures..... This is all expenditures and pending payments | | \$143,756.65 |
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SUMMARY: (these will populate as you fill out sheets)

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| Total of Receipts from above | | \$171,584.40 |
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| Total of Expenditures from above | | \$143,756.65 |
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| Current Balance based off reported numbers | | \$27,827.75 |
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