

# Paradise Sonoma 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

Total from last Fiscal report	\$	69,091.57
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FOR INFORMATION ONLY NOT ADDED TO TOTAL

**END OF YEAR INCOME:**

<b>Total from Receipts this fiscal year:</b>		
Checking Account.....(for example on 6/30/22)	\$	63,279.28
Savings Account.....(for example on 6/30/22)	\$	-

Total from receipts page (automatically populates)		\$38,739.69
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Total funds available..... This is banking added to income	\$	140,758.66
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**END OF YEAR EXPENDITURES:**

Total from expenditures page (automatically populates)		\$75,433.95
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Any Pending expenditures		
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Total expenditures..... This is all expenditures and pending payments		\$75,433.95
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**SUMMARY: (these will populate as you fill out sheets)**

Total of Receipts from above	\$	140,758.66
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Total of Expenditures from above		\$75,433.95
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Current Balance based off reported numbers	\$	65,324.71
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**Paradise Sonoma CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES  
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022**

**EXPENDITURE AMOUNT**

<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT</u></b>
<b>Spending Categories</b>	
Salary	\$850.00
Postage	\$54.66
Office Supplies	\$176.76
POOL insurance paid before FY22	
NvACD PACT insurance 10/11/21	\$935.36
Dues – NvACD	\$600.00
Dues – NACD	\$501.00
Equipment purchase +freight	\$31,155.00
Equipment Repair	\$1,655.42
Donations	\$858.00
<b>Conservation Projects</b>	
Grasshopper cost share	\$3,147.75
Clouding cost share	\$3,000.00
Morris Ag Air	\$2,500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$45,433.95</b>
<b>TRAVEL Expenditures</b>	
Registrations	\$0.00
Hotel/Motel	\$0.00
Mileage/Airfare	\$0.00
Per Diem	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Grant Expenditures</b>	
Sage Grouse SCC Grant	\$30,000.00
USFWS LAWG grant (27,000pending)	
Joint Cheifs grant (pending)	
Grant#4 name/date	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$30,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$75,433.95</b>



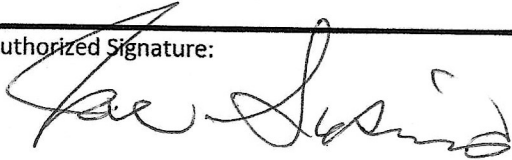
**Paradise Sonoma CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**USE OF STATE APPROPRIATED FUNDS**

**For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022**

<b>Amount State Appropriated Funds ROA:</b>	<b>\$4,068.27</b>
<b>Funds Expended:</b>	
Salary	\$850.00
Postage	\$54.66
Office Supplies	\$176.76
NvACD Dues	\$600.00
NACD Dues	\$501.00
PACT insurance	\$935.36
Grasshopper cost share program	\$3,147.75
<b>TOTAL USED:</b>	<b>\$6,265.53</b>
<b>Balance Remaining:</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Matching Funds Spent:</b>	<b>(\$2,197.26)</b>

Authorized Signature:



9-8-22  
Chairman PSOD



# Annual Report

## Paradise Sonoma Conservation District

### Fiscal Year 22

### Date Signed 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.

Joe Sicking	Chairman	2022-2024
Pete Ferraro	Supervisor	2022-2024
Dan Gordon	Vice Chair	2020-2022
Rick Graham	Supervisor	2020-2022
Davy Kern	Supervisor	2020-2022
Vince Mendiola	City Apt. Supervisor	2022
Jesse Hill	County Apt. Supervisor	2022
Frankie Peterson	Secretary	

- Briefly describe your Conservation Districts mission:

The supervisors have objectives that are designed to provide quality service to district cooperators interested in developing conservation programs for their farms and ranches. Cooperating units of government, primarily the Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS), will provide most of these services.

- Describe the Conservation Districts major achieves for the FY.
  1. Awarded SCC SG grant to treat leafy spurge in cottonwood creek
  2. Treated for grasshoppers
  3. Provided seed for restoration
  4. Purchased new road grader for rentals
  5. LWG meeting held

**Goals:**

- Briefly describe your Conservation Districts goals:
  1. Provides leadership for the local Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), and for local Work Group.
  2. Noxious Weed treatments
  3. Riparian-Watershed Improvement
  4. Environmental Information and Education
  5. Equipment rental program growth

6. Support Grazing Land Conservation
7. Support The Sagebrush Ecosystem Program and State Conservation Credit System
8. Develop Partnerships
9. Legislative Affair awareness and involvement

- **What goals did your Conservation District accomplish this year?**

1. Held LWG
2. Was awarded the SCC Sage grouse grant for work on cottonwood creek in Paradise Valley
3. Held grant to improve wet meadows in priority sage grouse habitat, worked with UNCE, BLM, NDF and NDOW to increase partnership.
4. Rented equipment and bought new equipment for program
5. Met with local Paradise Valley Weed board on projects.

- **What goals did the CD struggle to accomplish and why?**

1. Wet meadow restoration due to BLM permitting and limitation and staff changeover
2. Grasshopper funding limitations
3. COVID impacted project and partnership opportunities

**Meetings:**

- **Please list all meetings dates for the Conservation Districts of the last fiscal year:**

9-2-2021	2-3-2022
10-7-2021	3-3-2022
11-4-2021	4-7-2022
12-2-2021	5-12-2022
	6-2-2022

- **Identify needs, if any, to help your meetings be more effective, efficient and collaborative.**

1. Discussed changing the meeting times and change to meet in town to increase participation.

- **List meeting material needs if any.**

1. Need updated recorder, laptop and software.
2. Need better online access options for remote access to meetings.

- **List meeting guest speakers or guest presentations which helped the Conservation District meet its goals and mission statement.**

1. Bradley Yothers with - NRCS
2. Boyd Hatch-USFS
3. Brad Shultz – UNCE

- **Describe any training needs related to holding public meetings.**

1. NRCS civil rights and equality training completed.

**Outreach and Education:**

- **What outreach methods did the Conservation District use in the fiscal year?**

NA

- **Were the outreach methods successful? Why or Why not?**
  1. Discussed options for future advertisements
- **What education opportunities did the Conservation District participate in?**

NA
- **What is needed for the Conservation District to provide more outreach and education?**
  1. funding
  2. talked about newspaper ads

**Natural Resources:**

- **What natural resource concerns did the Conservation District address?**
  1. Noxious and invasive plants
  2. Reduce fine fuels
  3. Sage grouse habitat
  4. Rock dams for wet meadows
  5. Streambank stability
  6. Rangeland seeds for natives and increased forage
  7. Cloud seeding/ drought
- **What natural resources concerns were brought forward but not addressed? And why were they not addressed by the Conservation District?**
  1. Grasshopper and crickets – we do not have enough funding to help address this issues and resource concern.
- **What natural resource concerns does the Conservation District need addressing or need more information on?**
  1. Insufficient water concerns
- **What natural resource concerns did the Conservation Districts Local Work Group with NRCS identify as the top priority?**
  1. Insufficient irrigation water
  2. Insufficient water for livestock
  3. Degraded plant condition
  4. Soil degradation
    - Issues: Pest pressure- crickets and grasshoppers
- **What technical assistance did the Conservation District or staff provide for NRCS?**
  1. Hosted LWG

**Projects:**

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

SCC Sage grouse grant:

  1. Enhancement over 1,000 acres by controlling invasive and noxious weeds and reseeding across 150 acres and 1-2 mile of creek with more beneficial plant species. Treatment along 7.5 miles of Cottonwood creek and adjacent channels.

2. Restore 30 acres of wet Meadow and 7 stream miles  
 Low-tech process-based restoration of riparian areas includes the installation of 20 structures (e.g., rock or wood) that are designed to slow and disperse water flows and capture sediment. As a result of raising the water table, wet meadow habitat would increase and provide ecological benefits including breeding and foraging habitat for birds and invertebrates and habitat for wetland plants. This would benefit a multitude of priority species such as sage-grouse, other migratory birds, Mule deer and many other native wildlife found in this region.
3. Improving these habitats by reducing/controlling invasives and restoring wet meadows and riparian habitats is essential to the long-term sustainability of sage-grouse populations. The landowners in the region are working with multiple partners to restore habitat impacted by the 2018 Martin Fire, which burned close to 400,000 acres.

Rock Dams:

1. Project proposal outlines the North Central Local Area Workgroup's (NC-LAWG) approach to restore degraded wet and moist meadows that historically occurred on the upper 3.5 to 4 miles of Rock Creek (Figs 1a and 1b). These historic meadows, along with countless others that occurred in similar low gradient drainages throughout the area provided critical mid and late summer forage and habitat for sage grouse and other wildlife. Most meadows became degraded or disappeared when season-long, unmanaged livestock grazing occurred in the late 1800s to early 1900s, when livestock numbers that were orders of magnitude greater than today.
2. Given the spatial scale of the problem, the low gradient system, and seasonal water flow we are proposing relatively simple, cost-efficient, and effective restoration techniques that require little or no engineering. These include installation of simple structures that kickstart regenerative hydrologic and ecological processes to reduce or reverse degradation over time. In general, structures are designed to slow and disperse runoff flows, dissipate energy, and capture sediment, which increases soil moisture. These outcomes, collectively, promote mesic and wetland plant species expansion and channel recovery.

Pest Control:

1. PSCD worked with local producers to help pay for treatment of Crickets and grasshoppers on agricultural lands throughout the district.

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.**
  1. SCC Sage grouse grant: Awarded and closed. Spent \$30,000 on riparian and wet meadow restoration and invasive species control with recovery seeding. Seeding will take place in fall outside of grant closing. PSCD worked with PVWD and NDF to provide landowners on cottonwood creek herbicide treatment of noxious and invasive plant species. Follow up restoration seeding will take place with fall weather.
- **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?**
  1. Noted above.
- **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. Joint Chiefs grant is just starting and will include working with the USFS, NDF and other local stakeholders to treat fine fuels and restore native vegetation in areas dominated by annual

plant species. The grant will also allow for PFC assessments on the priority stream systems in the region to identify follow up project potential. The CD will be working on this grant for the next 3 years with a total funding of 4million on the entire grant.

2. NFWF Rock grant project is on going due to delays by BLM in permitting. We are working with NDF, NCDP and UNCE to select wet meadows to recover through low-tech restoration techniques such as rock dams. The project will continue into 2023 with a total of \$27,000 being spent.

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

1. Capacity
2. We need more projects brought to the board by local partners and landowners
3. Increased funding needed for larger projects
4. More collaboration and help from BLM on permitting

**Partners:**

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

USFW Partners, NRCS, NDF, PVWD, BLM, NCDP, USFS, UNCE

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

1. The same ones or more

**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. Need more funding for staff. -ongoing
2. Need more project ideas from community - ongoing
3. Need more partners at meetings – ongoing

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

1. Reaching out and inviting partners to meetings
2. Looking for shared areas of funding
3. Asking NVACD to request much needed increased funding to CDs

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

**Signed by:**

**Date:** 8-25-22

