

**PARADISE-SONOMA  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**ANNUAL WORK PLAN & PROPOSED BUDGET**

**2021-2022**

HUMBOLDT COUNTY, NV

## Annual Work Plan

### Paradise-Sonoma Conservation District

2021-2022

#### Introduction

The Paradise-Sonoma Conservation District covers the eastern part of Humboldt County. There are about 2,313,640 acres in the district consisting of about 582,640 acres of private land and 1,731,000 acres of public land administered by the U.S. Forest Service (270,000 acres) and Bureau of Land Management. About 70 percent of the private lands are used to produce irrigated crops such as barley, oats, wheat, alfalfa, grass hay, and improved pasture (247,493 acres). The remaining private land is used for livestock grazing (railroad leases). The average size of the farms and ranches in the district is 2,500 acres. Public lands are used primarily for livestock grazing and recreation. Industrial use of lands in the district consists of several medium sized hard rock mining ventures.

#### District Board of Supervisors

The Paradise-Sonoma Conservation District Board of Supervisors consists of Joe Sicking (Chairman), Dan Gordon (Vice Chairman), Rick Graham (Treasurer), Pete Ferraro (Supervisor), Davy Kern (Supervisor), City of Winnemucca Representative Vince Mendiola (Supervisor), and Humboldt County Commissioner Representative Jesse Hill (Supervisor).

#### District Objectives

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. Specific objectives are as follows.

**Objective 1: Compliance with provisions of 1985, 1990, 1996, 2002, 2008, 2014, 2018, and 2020 Farm Bills. Provides leadership for the local Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), and for local Work Group.**

The district board wants to ensure that every cooperator with highly erodible lands and potential wetlands has a conservation plan and is in compliance with provisions of 1985, 1990, 1996, 2002, 2008, 2014 and 2018 Farm Bills to remain eligible for USDA program benefits. The

district will work with affected cooperators, the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, NRCS, and other conservation partners to ensure that (1) cooperators understand criteria that determine highly erodible lands and wetlands; (2) that assistance is available for wetlands certification; (3) historical farming practices are considered in the wetland determination process; (4) conservation plans address use and management of highly erodible land and wetlands; and (5) resource concerns are identified and resource problems are solved with new USDA programs such as EQIP.

**Objective 2: Noxious Weeds**

The district board supports the Paradise Valley Weed District in their efforts to eradicate noxious weeds.

**Objective 3: Riparian-Watershed Improvement**

The district board, in partnership with the Bureau of Land Management, will provide two rock sources and also support stabilization of stream beds and stream banks in the district.

**Objective 4: Environmental Information and Education**

The board will also sponsor (and fund) up to three youth at the Nevada Section, Society for Range Management, Youth Range Camp, Ag in the Class Room, and FFA team to Nationals. We will work with Nevada Outdoor School and their projects.

**Objective 5: Equipment Program**

The district board will continue to offer equipment, manure spreader, no-till drill, front-end loader, Brillion seeder, and grader to district cooperators for conservation uses.

**Objective 6: Support Grazing Land Conservation**

The district board, cooperators, and NRCS will identify private rangelands needing improvement and the types of improvement needed.

**Objective 7: The Sagebrush Ecosystem Project**

The district Board will support the Santa Rosa in Management Unit: Restoration And Rehabilitation Project by obtaining grants, working with the State Conservation Commission, and the Sagebrush Ecosystem Technical Team in improving sage grouse habitat in the Paradise Sonoma Conservation District . We will continue to obtain grants for Sage Grouse Rehabilitation.

**Objective 8: State Conservation Credit System**

The district Board will support the State of Nevada with the State Conservation Credit System with project proposals and pending grants.

**Legislative Affairs**

The board will request information on legislative affairs of concern to the district from the Conservation District Program Specialist.



**Approved**

5-14-21

**Date**

Paradise	Sonoma	Conservation	District
Budget Proposal	2021	2022	
	Receipt		Disbursement
State	\$3,000.00	Salary	\$1,000.00
Rental	\$3,800.00	Insurance	\$1,200.00
NDA grant (Seed)		Travel	\$1,000.00
Donate Equipment	\$500.00	Office Supplies	\$100.00
Donate Staff Time	\$2,500.00	Equipment Repair	\$2,000.00
NDA Grant Weed		Equipment Purchase	\$1,200.00
Pest Control Grant	\$10,000.00	Registration	\$600.00
NFWF Grant	\$28,000.00	Dues NvACD	\$600.00
		Dues NACD	\$500.00
		Cons. Education	\$1,600.00
		Grasshoppers	\$10,000.00
		NFWF Grant	\$28,000.00
	total		total
	\$47,800.00		\$47,800.00

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5-14-21

FY 2021 – July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

In fiscal year 2021 Paradise-Sonoma Conservation District accomplished the following:

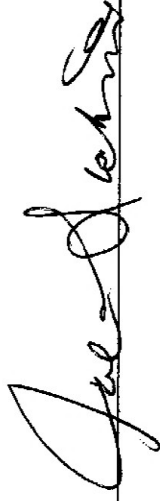
- NVACD ANNUAL MEETING: Because we were in a pandemic, The meeting was virtual. It was held November 16 & 17, 2020
- NACD ANNUAL MEETING: A virtual meeting was held February 1-10, 2021. No representative from the PSCD.
- Held eight conservation district meetings on August 6, 2020; October 1, 2020; November 5, 2020; January 7, 2021; March 5, 2021; April 1, 2021; May 6, 2021 and June 3, 2021.
- Funded conservation practices for noxious weeds.
- Paid NACD Dues for 2021.
- Provided low cost equipment rental program for PSCD cooperators.
- Operated two five acre rock pits ( in cooperation with the BLM) providing rock private land projects in Paradise Valley.
- Completed fiscal year 2021-2022 Annual Work Plan & Budget: and 2020-2021 Annual Report.
- Donated the use of the equipment to the Paradise Valley Fire Department, and the Paradise Valley Community Board.
- Managed grants for maintaining and preserving Sage Grouse habitats.

Paid Insurance for 2021

Cost share on cricket and grasshopper treatment

Completed NRCS Local Work Group training

Submitted By



Date

9-13-21

Reports of receipts, disbursements, and changes in cash balance  
Year Ending: June 30, 2021

**RECEIPTS:**

State Appropriations	\$4,000.00
Rental Receipts	\$6,979.20
Interest on Checking Account	\$8.97
<b><u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u></b>	<b><u>\$10,988.17</u></b>

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Salary	\$700.00
Supplies	\$74.71
Postage	\$45.99
NACD	
Dues 2021	\$501.00
Insurance	\$1,560.64
PACT- \$986.00	
POOL - \$559.00	
State WC - \$15.64	
Equipment Repair	
Other Waived Rental Receipts	\$3,828.88
NvACD Scholarship	\$1,038.12
Dues 2020 and 2021	\$1,000.00
Havens	\$1,200.00
Chihuahua	\$500.00
Newer Loader	\$23,795.00
Loader - \$22,750.00	
Delivery - \$1,045.00	
<b><u>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</u></b>	<b><u>\$34,247.90</u></b>

Signed:  Date: Sept 13, 2021

PARADISE SONOMA CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2012

Amount of State Appropriated Money Received      \$4,000.00  
Money Spent      \$9,449.35

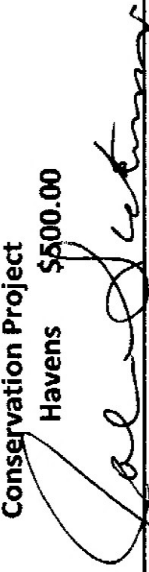
Salary    \$700.00  
Postage    \$45.99  
Office Supplies    \$74.71

Dues  
    NACD 2021    \$501.00  
    NVACD 2020 & 2021    \$1,200.00

Insurance  
    PACT    \$986.00  
    POOL    \$559.00  
    State WC    \$15.65

Equipment  
    Repair    \$3,828.88  
    Donated    \$1,038.12

Conservation Project  
    Havens    \$500.00

  
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Authorized Signature      Date      9-13-21

Joe Sicking      Chairman  
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Name and Title

Submit by September 30<sup>th</sup> to:  
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