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Washoe-Storey Conservation District

Natural Resources Conservation Services

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ANNUAL PLAN

2019-2020

September 28, 2020

MISSION

The Washoe-Storey Conservation District (WSCD) creates an understanding of the interrelationships between people and our environment through educating our citizens and building opportunities and partnerships to foster conservation and restoration efforts on all lands and to aid urban growth in an environmentally responsible manner, identify environmental needs and facilitate aid.

VISION

The Washoe-Storey Conservation District works with the public, government agencies, community organizations, and other stakeholders to foster environmental stewardship and management of natural resources, to educate the community on environmental issues, and to restore and enhance our natural resources.

DISTRICT GOALS

- Maintain a healthy, viable conservation district organization and maintain partnerships with other environmental groups, government agencies, and local landowners.
- Restore and enhance natural resources including, but not limited to, Washoe Dam restoration, Perry Fire restorations, maintenance of river and riparian areas.
- Implement conservation practices emphasizing water quantity and quality, fish and wildlife habitat, stream and wetland restoration, rangeland management, flood control and others.
- Identify, map and control noxious weeds in partnership with newly formed Washoe Storey Cooperative Weed Management Area
- Encourage and assist in environmentally responsible urban land use by reviewing our area's planned infrastructure projects.
- Assist in the development of recreation opportunities by encouraging maintenance and restoration of recreation areas.

- Emphasize fire fuel reduction in urban-rural interface lands by removing woody debris and invasive species which lead to increased fire hazard.
- Work with elected officials, educators, engineers, landowners, and local residents to attain our goals.

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The Washoe-Storey Conservation District is to be governed by a seven-member Board of Supervisors. The board is a combination of elected and appointed citizens who make District policy and oversee the decisions and activities of the District. Current District Supervisors include:

Bret Tyler, Chairman- Storey County Resident- Supervisor

Jim Shaffer, Treasurer –Washoe County Resident- Supervisor

Kathy Canfield - Storey County Appointee- Supervisor

Jeanne Herman- Washoe County Appointee- Supervisor

Sean Gephart- Board Member- Supervisor

Vacant – City of Reno & City of Sparks Appointees

Naomi DeVore, Office Administrative Staff Member

ABOUT THE WASHOE-STOREY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The Washoe-Storey Conservation District is a legal subdivision of the state government of Nevada. The District works to protect, restore, and improve the natural and cultural resources of this unique part of the state, and provides natural resource conservation assistance to the urban population, ranchers, tribes, small land holders and government agencies. The district offers to assist with the identification of land use problems, offer guided solutions, plans, and seeks grants for implementation and coordinates volunteer participation in its conservation projects.

A few of our partners include The Cities of Reno and Sparks, Washoe and Storey Counties, Washoe Storey Cooperative Weed Management Area, Rainbow Bend Homeowners Association, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, Washoe County Health District, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, Environmental Protection Agency, The United States Army Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Reclamation, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Nevada Land Conservancy, University of Nevada-Reno, Washoe and Storey County schools environmental and community groups, fellow conservation districts and other units of government.

WASHOE-STOREY CONSERVATION DISTRICT PROGRAMS

The Washoe-Storey Conservation District focuses much of our efforts on Restoration and Enhancement, Education, and Internal and Public Policy. Through each of these programs, the District hopes to accomplish their goals to encourage environmental stewardship and responsibility.

RESTORATION and ENHANCEMENT

The Washoe-Storey Conservation District plans and restores streams, wetlands, and riparian habitat to a proper functioning status.

In an urban setting that is increasingly developed, the riparian habitat is essential in maintaining a natural stream function. Riparian zones provide canopy cover, stabilize slopes, provide habitat for native species, reduce nutrient loads, minimize public health vector impacts, and help to filter storm water runoff. These environmental benefits can also lead to economic advantages in drinking water treatment, wastewater treatment, recreation, and tourism. The Washoe-Storey Conservation District recognizes that the preservation and restoration of these riparian areas can contribute immeasurably to our quality of life. WSCD is diligently working on some current restoration projects:

Little Washoe Dam Restoration: WSCD is coordinating planning of restoration to Little Washoe Dam by bringing together stakeholders, engineers, and government agencies to determine and implement repairs and restoration for this dam which impacts Washoe Valley residents.

Perry Fire Restoration: Members of our team have begun working with landowners to revive and vegetate natural species around riparian springs impacted by wildfire.

River and Riparian Zone Restoration and Maintenance: Washoe Storey Conservation Districts aims to support local river clean-ups and to encourage and foster maintenance of these riparian areas while partnering with local volunteers, other environmental stewardship groups, and local businesses.

Northern Washoe Partnership: WSCD continues to partner with our northern counterpart Vya Conservation District with aims to eradicate fire-prone invasive species and woody debris, and to restore native Nevadan species and landscapes.

EDUCATION

The Washoe-Storey Conservation District encourages and assists with the development of public policy that benefits the health of the watershed. We work to be a resource to connect area residents with experts to guide and inform environmental conservation policies.

The District views education and outreach as an essential part of our mission, to deliver information to the next generation about how individuals and groups are able to conserve, protect, and maintain our natural resources. Education is the primary way to get volunteers and young people involved in continuing conservation projects and fostering community support for conservation efforts. The District has been coordinating with the NRCS in putting together an education and outreach program to bring conservation education and encouragement to local schools and community service groups. The education component of the program will focus on Truckee Meadows, Storey County and surrounding areas. WSCD hopes to bring education and outreach programs to the communities including outdoor workdays. As we re-evaluate what public workshops, presentations, and outreach may look in the near future, our team values the opportunity to work with the wider public towards conservation goals in new ways. The District will work toward these ends through the following:

- Maintain and expand the District's Web page and use this platform as a resource to connect experts, educators, and residents.
- Revise or develop new conservation presentations and zines on invasive species, resource conservation and environmental mindfulness.

- Conduct presentations, meetings, and workshops as part of our education and public outreach program for Sage Grouse.
- Participate in local conservation events to continue providing public education and participation, as well as expanding our own knowledge to better serve the public.
 - Sponsor workdays which actively restore natural habitats while educating volunteers and increasing public awareness, support, and outreach of conservation efforts.

Through these efforts, the Washoe-Storey Conservation District will bring environmental education and outreach into the Northern Nevada Community.

COOPERATIVE WEED MANAGEMENT

The WSCD will continue to support and correspond with local cooperative weed management groups. Last year, we helped form a new Washoe Storey Cooperative Weed Management Area. We have been coordinating with Rainbow Bend Homeowners Association in Storey County to map and begin removal of invasive species such as poison hemlock in public areas as well as providing information about weed removal to local residents. As we continue with this and other partnerships with Nevada conservationists, residents and landowners from our area, we work to both remove and prevent infestations of noxious weeds which leads to ecosystem instability and higher potential for natural events such as fire, landslide, and flood. The district relies on conversation and connection with private landowners to locate, identify, and control noxious weeds within the district boundary.

INTERNAL POLICY

The Washoe-Storey Conservation District maintains a healthy Conservation District organization. We meet regularly to make progress on our projects, connect and inform. As a largely grant-funded organization, the District must secure program funding and carefully track expenditures and budgets to continue to provide our services to the community. Regular correspondence, strategic planning, financial planning, and regular reviews all contribute to the sustainability of WSCD.

PUBLIC POLICY

The Washoe-Storey Conservation District encourages and assists with the development of public policy that benefits the health of the watershed and improves public recreation. Our consistent comments on planning reviews widely impacts the way views conservation as infrastructure expands.

The District recognizes the role of public policy in conservation efforts. Outreach within our community creates widespread improvement of our natural resources. To encourage public funding and community support, the District works with local governments, as well as state and federal agencies, to advocate environmentally responsible growth and development policies. The three main focuses of the District's Public Policy program to date have been noxious weeds, stormwater runoff, and development plan reviews. During the coming fiscal year, the District plans to continue this work, as well as soliciting grant funding from public organizations and private foundations in order to encourage more preservation of private and public lands and to maintain and expand the areas natural recreation opportunities.

Land Use Planning

- Provide input into land use planning by participating in local governmental planning committees.

Water Quality

- Align district projects efforts with Nevada's Department of Environmental Protection 208 Water Quality Plan.

Development Plan Reviews

- As our area continues to expand, We continue to review county development plans for vegetation mixtures that will help with soil suitability and water conservation, as well as make recommendations including Low Impact Development (LID) designs that will ultimately reduce construction phase erosion, aid in sediment control and the improvement of water quality.

Preservation of Agricultural Land

- Encourage the preservation of traditional agriculture in Washoe and Storey Counties, including the preservation of water rights on cultivated land.
- Work with the Natural Resources Conservation Service and other sources to provide technical and financial assistance to agricultural producers for conservation efforts.

Recreation

- Work with our partners to maintain local trails and other recreational opportunities including river and riparian zone management and community gardens.

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020

1. BEGINNING OF YEAR FUND BALANCE:

(Must Equal Funds Reported From End of Previous Fiscal Year)

- a. List all bank accounts:
 - Certificate of Deposit.....\$ _____
 - Checking Account #.....\$4,768.30
 - Savings Account #.....\$12,804.85
- b. Cash on Hand.....\$ _____
- c. Total Fund Balance.....\$17,573.15
- d. Accounts receivable grants.....\$ _____
- e. Accounts payable\$ _____
- f. Total Funds Available.....\$17,573.15

2. END OF YEAR FUND BALANCE:

- a. List all bank accounts
 - Checking Account #.....\$6,917.96
 - Savings Account #.....\$15,244.85
- b. Cash on hand.....\$ _____
- c. Total Fund Balance.....\$22,162.81
- d. Accounts receivable grants.....\$ _____
 - Grant #1
 - Grant #2
- e. Accounts payable.....\$ _____
 - Item #1
 - Item #2
- f. Total Funds Available.....\$22,162.81

3. SUMMARY

- a. Beginning of year fund balance (1c above).....\$17,573.15
- b. Plus total receipts (from Receipt Summary)\$4,554.00
- c. Less total expenditures (from Expense Summary).....\$4,669.68
- d. Must equal end-of-year fund balance (2c above).....\$22,242.83

4. ASSETS: List all assets (equipment, land, buildings, etc.) and estimate their value:

- a. Computer ~\$
- b. Sage Grouse Tags ~\$
- c. Saw for Sage Grouse Tags \$~

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SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020

EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT
Employee Salary	2,347.89
Fringe Benefit Expense	--
Travel	--
Building Rent	--
Telephone	--
Insurance	--
Postage	--
Copying Expense	--
Office Supplies	70.60
Education/ Information Expense	--
Equipment Expense (Computer)	703.71
Equipment Maintenance	--
Dues- NVACD	600.00
Dues- NACD	--
Dues- Other	--
Mileage	546.64
Investments (specify)	--
Internet	--
Bond/ Insurance Expense	--
Project Costs:	--
Grant #1	--
Grant #2	--
Grant #3	--
Other Expenses (Website)	400.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	4,668.84

YEAR END FINANCIAL REPORT
WASHOE STOREY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS
For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020

RECEIPT SOURCE	AMOUNT
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State Funds	4554.00
County Funds	1530.30
City Funds	--
Other Government Funds	--
Administrative Income	--
Interest- CD, Savings and Checking	--
Grants for Projects	--
Rental Income (equipment, etc.)	--
Contributions	--
Building/ Property Rental Fees	--
Mitigation Fund Transfer	200.00
Sage Grouse Tag Sales	3182.39
TOTAL INCOME	9466.69

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USE OF STATE APPROPRIATED MONEY

Amount of State Appropriated Money \$4,554.00

Money Spent

Category (specify) \$4,554.00

Matching Funds Spent

Category (specify) __ .00

Balance Remaining __ .00

Authorized Signature: _____

Name and Title

Date