PARADISE-SONOMA

CONSERVATION DISTRICT

ANNUAL WORK PLAN & PROPOSED BUDGET

2019-2020

HUMBOLDT COUNTY, NV
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), Will Hall (Supervisor), City of Winnemucca Representative Vince Mendiola (Supervisor), and Humboldt County Commissioner Representative Marlene Brissenden (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.


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, and participate with Ag in the Class Room.

**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 and Quinn River Population Conservation ion 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 both the Paradise Sonoma Conservation District and the Quinn River Conservation District.
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.

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Approved                      Date
Paradise-Sonoma Conservation District

Humboldt County, Nevada

Budget

Year Ended:  June 2020

RECEIPTS:

State Appropriation  3,630.00
Savings- Equipment  10,000.00
Rental Receipts  15,000.00
Other- Waived Rental Receipts  2,000.00
Other- Donated Materials  20,000.00
Grants  50,000.00

Total Receipts  100,630.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Salaries- Secretary Duties, Equipment Management  6,000.00
Insurance  1,500.00
Travel (Per Diem)  8,325.00
Office Supplies/Postage  400.00
Dues  1,375.00
Equipment Repair  16,130.00
Equipment Purchase  15,000.00
Audit Expense  500.00
Registration  600.00
Other- Ecology Days  300.00
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- **Big O**: $1,957.34 (9-5-19) and $70.00 (10-3-19)
- **NvACD**: $775.00 (11-7-19) and $775.00 (12-5-19)
- **Insurance - Dues**: $21.95 (1-2-20), $1,080.00 (2-6-20), $439.00 (3-5-20), $1,540.95 (4-2-20)
- **Carter Ag**: $79.28 (5-7-19) and $79.28 (6-4-20)
- **Frankie Peterson**: $1,065.67 (7-11-19) and $1,065.67 (8-8-19)
- **Napa**: $245.86 (10-3-19), $75.49 (12-5-19), $75.49 (1-2-20), $396.84 (2-6-20)
- **Joe Sicking**: $275.20 (1-2-20) and $275.20 (2-6-20)
- **NDF**: $1,500.00 (7-11-19), $4,664.00 (8-8-19), $6,164.00 (9-5-19)
- **Legal - Alan Schroeder**: $1,217.81 (10-3-19) and $1,217.84 (11-7-19)
- **FFA**: $1,600.00 (12-5-19) and $1,600.00 (1-2-20)
- **Chihuahua**: $354.13 (11-7-19) and $354.13 (12-5-19)
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Paradise-Sonoma Conservation District
Paradise Valley, Humboldt County, NV
Annual Report
FY 2020 – July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

In fiscal year 2020 Paradise-Sonoma Conservation District accomplished the following:

• NvACD ANNUAL MEETING: Joe Sicking represented the PSCD at the Annual Meeting in Winnemucca, Nevada, on October 22-24, 2019.

• NACD ANNUAL MEETING: Joe Sicking did not represent the PSCD at the Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada on February 8-12, 2020.

• Held nine conservation district meetings on July 11, 2019; August 8, 2019; September 5, 2019; October 3, 2019; November 7, 2019; December 5, 2019; February 6, 2020; March 5, 2020; and May 7, 2020.

• Did not pay NvACD Dues for 2020.

• Paid NACD Dues for 2020.

• 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.


• 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 2020

• Donated to the local FFA Chapter to go to Nations and have presentation on preserving Sage Grouse.

Submitted By _________________________________ Date __________________
Paradise-Sonoma Conservation District
Humboldt County, Nevada
Reports of receipts, disbursements, and changes in cash balance
Year Ending: June 30, 2020

RECEIPTS:

State Appropriations
$19,678.02

Grants
Trout Unlimited - Beaver Dams
$9801.02

Commission Grant
$9000.00

Refund
$377.00

Havens
$500.00

Rental Receipts
$5,769.78

Interest on Checking Account
$9.15

TOTAL RECEIPTS
$25,456.95

DISBURSEMENTS:

Salary
$900.00

Supplies
$89.77

Postage
$75.90

Dues
NACD 2020
$775.00

Insurance
$1,540.95

Equipment Repair
$3,206.41

Other Waived Rental Receipts
$1,246.00

NvACD Meeting Expenses
Joe Sicking
$275.20
Projects
$6,164.00
   Beaver Dams $1,500.00
   Seed $4,664.00
Future Farmers of America
$1,600.00
Annual dinner
$354.13
Legal - Alan Schroeder
$1,217.81

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS
$17,445.17

Signed:_______________________________ Date:____________________