

**PARADISE-SONOMA
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

ANNUAL WORK PLAN & PROPOSED BUDGET

2014-2015

HUMBOLDT COUNTY, NV

Annual Work Plan

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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), Tom Cassinelli (Vice Chairman), Rick Graham (Treasurer), Pete Ferraro (Supervisor), and Will Hall (Supervisor), City of Winnemucca Representative Ken Tipton (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.

Objective 1: Compliance with provisions of 1985, 1990, 1996, 2002, 2008 and 2014 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, and 2008 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 a rock source for stabilization of stream beds and stream banks in the district.

Objective 4: Environmental Information and Education

The district board will sponsor (and fund) the annual Ecology Days for fourth grade students in Humboldt County. 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. Davy Kern is the equipment manager

Objective 6: Support Grazing Land Conservation Initiative (GLCI)

The district board will provide information to cooperators about the "Conservation of Private Grazing Land" section of the 2008 Farm Bill and GLCI. 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 Population Management Unit: Restoration and Rehabilitation Project by obtaining grants and doing different projects.

Legislative Affairs

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

Approved

Date

Paradise-Sonoma Conservation District

Humboldt County, Nevada

Budget

Year Ended: June 2015

RECEIPTS:

State Appropriations	3630.00
County Appropriations	0
Savings- Equipment	10,000.00
Rental Receipts	15,000.00
Other- Waived Rental Receipts	2,000.00
Other- Donated Materials	20,000.00
Total Receipts	50,630.00

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
Other- SRM Range Camp	500.00
Total Disbursements	50,630.00

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Paradise Valley, Humboldt County, NV

Annual Report

FY 2015 – July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015

In fiscal year 2015 Paradise-Sonoma Conservation District accomplished the following:

- NVACD ANNUAL MEETING: Joe Sicking represented the PSCD at the Annual Meeting in Fallon, Nevada, on November 12-14, 2014.
- NACD ANNUAL MEETING: No one attended
- Held ten conservation district meetings: July 3, 2014; August 7, 2014; September 4, 2014; October 2, 2014; November 6, 2014; December 4, 2014; January 8, 2015; February 5, 2015; March 5, 2015; April 16, 2015; and May 7, 2015
- Paid NVACD Dues
- Paid NACD Dues
- Provided low cost equipment rental program for PSCD cooperators.
- Operated a five acre rock pit (in cooperation with the BLM) providing rock for stream bank projects on private lands in Paradise Valley.
- Completed fiscal year 2015-2016 Annual Work Plan & Budget: and 2014-2015 Annual Report.
- Donated the use of the equipment to the Paradise Valley Fire Department, Paradise Valley Weed District, and the Paradise Valley Community Board.

Obtaining grants for maintaining Sage Grouse habitats.

Submitted By _____

Date _____

Paradise-Sonoma Conservation District
Humboldt County, Nevada
Reports of receipts, disbursements, and changes in cash balance
Year Ending: June 30, 2015

RECEIPTS:

State Appropriations	19,820.86
Sage Grouse Project	11,106.86
Commission Grant	8,714.00
County Appropriations	
Rental Receipts	7,071.03
Cooperative Dues	0
Equipment Sales	15,160.00
Interest on Checking Account	7.08
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>41,998.97</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:

Salary	950.00
Supplies	171.37
Dues	1,375.00
Travel (Per Diem)	0
Insurance	604.20
Equipment Repair	1,368.53
Equipment Purchase	0
Other Waived Rental Receipts	941.50
NvACD Meeting Expenses	631.29
Sage Grouse Project	7,520.04
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>13,621.93</u>

Signed: _____ Date: _____