

**ANNUAL WORK PLAN**  
**QUINN RIVER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
**2014-2015**

**INTRODUCTION**

The Quinn River Conservation District covers the western part of Humboldt County Nevada. There are about 2,508,750 acres in the district consisting of about 326,920 acres of private land and 2,181,830 acres of public land. Public lands are administered by the Bureau of Land Management, United States Forest Service, and US Fish and Wildlife Service (Sheldon Wildlife Refuge).

Private lands are used to produce irrigated crops; oats, wheat, alfalfa hay, alfalfa seed, potatoes, mint, grass seed, and improved pasture. The average size of farms and ranches in the district is 2500 acres.

Industrial uses of lands in the district consist of a few small mining ventures.

**District Board of Supervisors**

The Quinn River Board of Supervisors consists of Chairman Clay Smith, Supervisors Dan Hetrick, Dan Dufferrena, Will Frey and Brian Rookstool.

**District Objectives**

The Board of 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 are primarily the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Specific objectives are as follows:

**Objective 1: Greater Sage Grouse Initiative**

This EQIP Initiative project is designed to enhance habitat for the Greater Sage Grouse on private and public lands.

**Objective 2: Environmental Quality Incentives Program**

The district will provide leadership for local Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP). The district will chair Humboldt River GPA local group meetings.

**Objective 3: Noxious Weeds and Other Pests**

The district will seek an agreement with the Bureau of Land Management or other Agencies to allow a land owner a 1000 foot parameter on public land that borders private land to spray or otherwise control noxious weeds, insects, and other pests. This agreement would allow landowners to spray or otherwise prevent damage on their land from pests in a timely manner.

**Objective 4: Support grazing land conservation initiative (GLCI).**

The district will provide information to interested cooperators and participate at local meetings.

**Objective 5: Energy Conservation and Cost of Innovation**

Recent reports of new taxes on energy have producers concerned. We have a Rural Electric provider and our electric power is more reasonable than others. Any increase will have a negative effect on our District as water is pumped from deep wells on all of the farms and ranches. Rates are expected to increase next year. Nevada can be a leader as an energy provider for wind/solar/geothermal power. The new bio-fuel crops for producing fuel are of interest also. Times and cost to develop new ideas on Energy will impact the District producers in the weak economy. We will continue to seek information and inform producers on new developments in energy/fuel.

**Objective 6: Water Quality and Quantity**

Declining water tables are having an economic impact on many producers in the area. The district will work with county, state, and federal agencies to inform cooperators in the district about water rights issues. The board will help cooperators gain information about water issues concerning the district.

**Objective 8: Wildfire Prevention**

Cooperate with the Santa Rosa Ranger District, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest with the South Fork of the Quinn River Restoration Project. This project, still in the scoping phase, would plant fire resistant plants (kochia) to produce green strips to reduce fuel for wildfires, and allow recovery of sagebrush. Wildfires have burned sagebrush in three separate fires over the last 20 years and seriously impacted sage grouse, pygmy rabbits, mule deer and other dependant species. This project in Quinn River Conservation District near McDermitt, is important in reducing fuel for wildfires and the later infestation of cheat-grass and invasive noxious weeds.

**Quinn River Conservation District Work Plan 2014-2015**

Approved\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_

# Quinn River Conservation District

## **Proposed Annual Budget**

Fiscal Year 2014/2015

### **Income**

State of Nevada	<u>\$3,500</u>
Total	\$3,500

### **Estimated Expenditures**

Employee Salary	1,200
Postal/Office Supplies	150
Equipment Expenses	4,000
NvACD Dues	600
Insurance	<u>650</u>
Total	\$6,600

Quinn River Conservation District

Orovada, Humboldt County, NV

Annual Report

June 30, 2014- June 30, 2015

In fiscal year 2015 Quinn River Conservation District accomplished the following:

- Steve Weaver- Conservation Specialist from Winnemucca Office has attended all of our meetings to help us understand and participate in the Sage Grouse Initiative Program
- Held four Conservation District Meetings: September 5, 2014-November 10, 2014-December 12, 2014-June 10, 2015
- Protested Water Right Transfer threatening District
- Provided Equipment Rental Program
- Received our grant from the State for \$3,604.72 in October of '14
- Received a grant through the Sage Grouse Initiative for \$2,857.14 in July of '14
- Paid NVACD Dues
- Completed fiscal year 2015-2016 Annual Work Plan and Budget. Along with 2014-2015 Annual Report.
- Helped provide Orovada Elementary with Soil Education Program

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DRAFT SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015

<u>RECEIPT SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
State Funds	\$3,604.72
County Funds	\$0
City Funds	\$0
Other Government Funds (specify)	\$0
Administrative Income (specify)	\$0
Interest- CD, Savings and Checking	\$0
Grants for projects (Sage Grouse)	\$2,857.14
Rental Income (equipment, etc.)	\$6,305.00
Contributions	\$0
Building/Property Rental Fees	\$0
Other Sources of Income	\$0
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$12,766.86</b>

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ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURES  
For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015

EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT
<u>Employee Salary</u>	<u>\$1,200.00</u>
Fringe Benefit Expense	
Building Rent	
Telephone	
Insurance	
<u>Postage</u>	<u>\$60.00</u>
Copying Expense	
<u>Office Supplies-Printer Ink</u>	<u>\$111.08</u>
Equipment Purchase (specify)	
<u>Equipment Expenses</u>	<u>\$1,397.51</u>
<u>Check #'s 1032,1037,1039)</u>	
<u>Dues- NvACD</u>	<u>\$1,200.00</u>
Dues-NACD	
Dues-other	
Mileage	
Investments (specify)	
Internet	
<u>Bond and Insurance Expenses</u>	
Project Costs	<u>\$0</u>
Grant #1	
Grant#2	
Grant#3	
Other Expenses	
<u>Nevada Division of Water Resources Protest Fee</u>	<u>\$60.00</u>
<b><u>Total Expenses</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,028.59</u></b>

As noted last year our 2014 NvACD Dues were paid in April of 2014 but they were not deducted from the account until July of 2015. Making the amount showing for 2015 \$1,200.

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015

**1. BEGINNING OF YEAR FUND BALANCE**

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

a. List all bank account

Certificate of Deposit .....	\$0
Checking Account .....	\$45,110.59
Savings Account .....	\$0
b. Cash on hand .....	\$184.00
c. Total Fund Balance .....	\$45,294.59
d. Accounts Payable .....	\$0
e. Total funds available .....	\$45,294.59

**2. End of Year Balance**

a. List all bank accounts

Checking account .....	\$53,888.36
Savings account .....	\$0
b. Cash on hand .....	\$144.50
c. Total fund balance	
d. Accounts receivable grants .....	\$53,888.36
1. Grant #1 for \$2,857.14 (Sage Grouse) included in the total	
2. Grant #2 for \$3,604.72 included in the total	
e. Accounts payable .....	\$0
f. Total funds available .....	\$54,032.86

**3. Summary**

a. Beginning of year fund balance .....	\$45,294.59
b. Plus total receipts .....	\$12,766.86
c. Less total expenditures .....	\$4,028.59
d. Must equal end of year fund balance .....	\$54,032.86

Assets

1. Terex Loader
2. Grader Old Yellow
3. Green Trencher
4. Low Boy
5. Mack Truck
6. Dresser Grader