

TONOPAH CONSERVATION DISTRICT

P.O. Box 1449
Round Mountain, NV 89045

May, 2017

Annual Work Plan Fiscal year 2017-2018

The Annual Work Plan for the Tonopah Conservation District was reviewed at their May 25, 2017 meeting. The annual work plan includes the following projects for 2017-2018.

1. Provide a leadership role in Northern Nye County for weed control partnerships with producers and agencies.
2. Promote and support the following programs:
NACD, DCNR, NRCS and Nevada Youth Range Camp.
3. Continue to identify local conservation needs, set corresponding goals and through ongoing TCD workshops develop project lists for the Northern Nye County area.
4. Complete BLM, USFS, Sage Grouse Initiative projects for which we receive funding for fiscal year 2017-2018.
5. Continue to advertise meetings as required to increase public awareness of their conservation district and increase community attendance.
6. Generate a newsletter for distribution to producers and community.
7. Pursue funding, development and implementation for Sage Grouse Initiative.
8. Identify and pursue grant funding opportunities consistent with conservation objectives in conjunction with item #3.
9. Maintain a producer data base.

Respectfully,
Signature on File

Susan E. Wharff
Administrative Assistant/Tonopah Conservation District

Amplification of Projects: 2017-2018

NYE COUNTY WEED CONTROL PARTNERSHIPS

The TCD will continue noxious and invasive weed control assistance as funding allows. The TCD will utilize Tri-County Weed Control, and provide producers with cost-share initiatives that assist them with weed control efforts.

PROMOTE AND SUPPORT LOCAL, STATE AND NATIONAL PROGRAMS

The TCD will continue to support the Nevada Youth Range Camp program which is held in June. The TCD in past years has provided a scholarship for Nye County resident youth to participate in the camp experience and has agreed to fund 2 scholarships for the 2017 year. The TCD commits to support the NvACD, NACD, NRCS and DCNR by attending meetings when possible, providing funding, membership dues and/or other support to these partners.

PROVIDE EDUCATION AND ASSISTANCE TO PRODUCERS

The TCD will provide education outreach and program assistance to producers in its service area. The TCD provides for a contracted employee to provide individualized services for producers. The TCD will provide hands on assistance with producers for completing, filing and following up on project and grant program applications as needed.

BLM, RAC AND U.S. FOREST SERVICE PROJECTS FOR 2017-2018

The TCD will monitor BLM/RAC pass-through funds for projects during 2017-2018 as funding becomes available. The TCD is expected to receive additional funding from the BLM in early spring of 2017 for on-going weed treatment in the district. As of 5/9/2017 the TCD has not received that additional funding and does not know the dollar amount that will be expended to them. The TCD received RAC funding in the amount of \$11,000.00 and partnered with the U.S.F.S. on completion of Phase III of the Pasco Canyon project to begin in July of 2017. The TCD has and will continue to work on bringing their Barley Creek Project to light. The TCD has been working closely with the U.S.F.S. in an attempt to upgrade that area for public use and will continue their goal to pursue funding grants for the area as U.S.F.S. requirements are met.

GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The TCD has identified projects at their meetings through workshops and will continue to do so throughout the 2017-2018 fiscal year and will pursue grant applications consistent with conservation objectives and those identified projects. The TCD has also been reaching out to other agencies, producers, private land owners for project ideas, needs and partnering opportunities in the district area.

SAGE GROUSE INITIATIVES

The TCD has and will continue to actively participate in the pursuit of implementation of Sage Grouse Initiative practices within the district. The TCD has obtained a Competitive Sage Grouse Grant for their Morgan Creek Project partnering with the private land owner in the area for the 2017 year. The TCD will continue to liaise with the relevant agencies in pursuit of the same.

PRODUCER DATA BASE

The TCD will continue to update and expand to the producer data base.

NEWSLETTER

The TCD will develop, print and distribute a newsletter to producers at least annually and will explore other avenues to increase public awareness of their activities through community distribution of their annual newsletter.

TCD ADMINISTRATION

The TCD understands and agrees to comply with all applicable requirements and regulations and agrees to appropriately manage all fiscal responsibilities. The TCD also agrees to perform its administrative duties as required.

Approved this 25th day of May, 2017

Signature on File

_____ Date: 5/25/2017

Lorinda Wichman, Chairman TCD

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**TONOPAH CONSERVATION DISTRICT (& NNCWMA*)
2017-2018 PROPOSED BUDGET
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2018**

PROJECTED INCOME

TONOPAH CONSERVATION DISTRICT (BANK BALANCE 5/25/2017)	\$	19,209.12
STATE FUNDING	\$	4,000.00
COUNTY FUNDING	\$	5,000.00
BLM FUNDING (GRANT BALANCE REMAINING)	\$	0.00
RAC/FS FUNDING /Grant Pasco Canyon III)	\$	11,000.00
SAGE GROUSE COMPETITIVE GRANT (Morgan Creek Project)	\$	7,191.80
<u>TOTAL PROJECTED FUNDING</u>	\$	46,400.92

PROJECTED EXPENDITURES

CWMA – WEED PROJECTS (BLM Grant Projects Cost)	\$	0.00
NEVADA YOUTH RANGE CAMP	\$	400.00
NVACD DUES	\$	600.00
CONTRACTED / SECRETARY	\$	6,000.00
POSTAGE	\$	100.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$	100.00
TRAVEL	\$	1,000.00
MILEAGE	\$	1,000.00
CONTINUING EDUCATION	\$	100.00
ADVERTISING / MEETING PUBLICATIONS	\$	700.00
COPYING / AGENDA PACKETS MEETINGS	\$	500.00
GRANT / PROJECT COSTS / BLM	\$	0.00
RAC FUNDING PROJECT COSTS/ Pasco Canyon III	\$	11,000.00
GRANT / SAGE GROUSE INITIATIVES / PROJECT COST	\$	7,191.80
Weed Projects TCD Assistance Matching Funds/Various Projects	\$	17,709.12
<u>TOTAL PROJECTED EXPENDITURES</u>	\$	46,400.92
SURPLUS	\$	0.00

***NNCWMA is managed by TCD & shares a checkbook with the TCD.
Tonopah Conservation District/& NNCWMA Proposed Budget Fiscal Year 2017-2018
Approved this 25th day of May, 2017**

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Date: 5/25/2017

Lorinda A. Wichman, Chairman TCD

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Tonopah Conservation District Annual Report September 30, 2018

The Tonopah Conservation District ("TCD") continues to coordinate with and support NRCS, DCNR, USDA, BLM, USFS, FSA, NDOW and other agencies to disseminate program information and development to producers via email, newsletters and meetings. The TCD together with the Northern Nye Cooperative Weed Management Area (NNCWMA) supports and helps coordinate weed abatement projects on both public and private lands, with treatments administered by Tri County Weed Control and funded by the BLM.

Current staffing of the TCD is comprised of:

Lorinda Wichman, Chairman of the TCD and Nye County Commissioner
Anthony Perchetti, Vice Chairman
Richard Reason, Supervisor
Tom Seley, Supervisor
Jerry Elliston, Supervisor
Thomas J. Ladner, Supervisor
Sherry Harrison, Administrative Assistant

All of the above listed members and staff also reside as members of the NNCWMA.

From the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 the TCD/NNCWMA Board of Supervisors conducted five (5) meetings. All meetings were properly posted, advertised, minutes recorded and transcribed in accordance with the open meeting law. All required financial reports were completed and offered to NRCS, DCNR and the BLM as required by the State and BLM Weed Grant program. The TCD also included two (2) 30 - 60 minute workshops at two (2) meetings to discuss projects and application of those projects. These workshops were included and posted with meeting notices as well as the newspaper advertisements.

Guest attendees at meetings throughout the year included: Mr. Roy Clifford of Stone Cabin Ranch (public interest), Bettina Scherer (DCNR), Lauren Williams (DCNR), Jerry Elkins (CNGIS), Lance Brown, District Ranger (USFS), Michael West (USFS), Carol Corlock (USFS), John Ashworth (Tri-County Weed), Anna O'Brien (BLM), Joel Johnson (NDF), Duane Dory (NDF), and Dashell Burnham (BLM).

Additionally, the TCD hosted a fieldtrip on October 13, 2017 to the Morgan Creek Ranch in Monitor Valley, which site benefited from a \$7,191.80 Competitive Sage Grouse grant through the State Conservation Commission, earlier in 2017. The TCD Supervisors attended and walked the site, viewing the work completed through coordination with the NDF and Lauren Williams of DCNR. The entire grant funds were not completely exhausted on this project, and approximately \$1,706.18 remains for treating regrowth rabbit brush in the Fall of 2018.

TCD continues to seek and receive grant funding to support the Sage Grouse Initiative efforts, as well as weed treatment, inventory, monitoring and site rehabilitation within our District. TCD continues to encourage opportunities to assist land owners with weed control, and other conservations issues.

In February 2018, Lauren Williams with DCNR submitted a Competitive Sage Grouse Grant Application to the State Conservation Commission, on behalf of the Tonopah Conservation District, for the Pasco Canyon Continuation which was awarded in the amount of \$23,500.45. Activities will begin August 2018, and continue through July 2020. The project will involve removal of nuisance pinion and juniper trees by NDF hand-crew labor, as well as Tri-County Weed Control eliminating problematic brush and weeds, from a landscape highly suitable for Sage Grouse.

In furtherance of the Barley Creek/Monitor Valley project, the TCD donated and the USFS installed the new picnic tables at the Barley Creek Trailhead, and a kiosk information board will be installed.

The TCD had one vacancy on the Board in 2017, due to the resignation of Donna Otteson as of November 10, 2017. In January 2018, Thomas J. "TJ" Ladner was appointed to fill the vacancy created by Donna Otteson, for the duration of the unexpired term of office, which will end December 31, 2020.

The TCD sponsored two (2) Nevada Youth Range Camp participants from the Nye County, NV area for June 2018. The Society for Range Management operates the week-long camp for 14-18 year olds from Nevada and California. The TCD supports this camp each year through sponsorships, budget permitting.

The TCD and CWMA meeting information, agendas and minutes are included on the Nye County Website for ease of access by the public and producers who wish to obtain past meeting information as well as the next meeting information and location. Further, various social media avenues are being established to provide relevant information to the community and encourage conservation in the District.

All operations have been conducted within the district budget and outreach to producers and community is ongoing.

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2018

Lorinda Wichman, Chairman TCD

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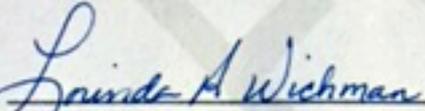
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YEAR-END FINANCIAL REPORT
TONOPAH CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2018

RECEIPT SOURCE	AMOUNT
State Funds	\$ 4,542.86
County Funds	\$ 5,000.00
City Funds	\$ 0.00
Other Government Funds	\$ 0.00
Administrative Income	\$ 0.00
Interest, CD, Savings and Checking	\$ 0.00
Grants for projects: BLM Funding Weed Control Grant (Public Lands)	\$ 21,325.69
Grants for projects: NDA Funding Weed Control Grant (Public Lands)	\$ 0.00
Grants for projects: Sage Grouse	\$ 0.00
Rental Income: (Equipment etc.)	\$ 0.00
Contributions	\$ 0.00
Building/Property Rental Fees	\$ 0.00
Other Sources of Income:	
Morgan Creek Property Owner Match	\$ 1,748.72
Add back in cancelled NvACD dues from prior yr	\$ 600.00
Total Income: To 6/30/2018	\$ 33,217.27

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SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2018

EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT
Employee Salary/ Susan Wharff	\$ 1523.75
Employee Salary/ Sherry Harrison	\$ 1178.75
Fringe Benefit Expense/	\$ 0.00
Travel/S.Wharff Travel Time	\$ 112.50
Mileage/S.Wharff	\$ 332.08
Travel/S.Harrison Travel Time	\$ 35.00
Mileage/S.Harrison	\$ 117.60
Building Rent	\$ 0.00
Telephone	\$ 0.00
Insurance	\$ 0.00
Notary Charge	\$ 0.00
Banking Charge Analysis Fee/Monthly	\$ 0.00
Postage/Post Office Box	\$ 80.89
Copying Expense	\$ 108.43
Office Supplies	\$ 75.00
Publications/Newspaper/Advertising	\$ 139.60
Education/Information Expenses	\$ 0.00
Equipment Purchase:	\$ 0.00
Equipment Expenses:	\$ 0.00
Youth Range Camp	\$ 400.00
Dues / NvACD,	\$ 600.00
Dues / Other	\$ 0.00
Project Costs:	
Grant BLM – Tri-County Weed Public Lands	\$ 21,325.69
Grant NDA – Funding Weed Control Grant	\$ 0.00
Grant Sage Grouse	\$ 0.00
Grant Morgan Creek	\$ 6,994.88
Other Expenses – TCD 25% Cost Share-Weed Control Kretschmer	\$ 771.81
Total Expenses July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018	\$ 33,795.98

**TONOPAH CONSERVATION DISTRICT
FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2018

1. BEGINNING OF YEAR FUND BALANCE (*must equal funds reported from end of previous fiscal year)

A. CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE (as of 6/30/17):	\$	24,611.42
B. CASH ON HAND	\$	0.00
C. TOTAL FUND BALANCE	\$	24,611.42
D. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE/GRANTS/INCOME	\$	33,217.27
E. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE Fiscal year 2017-2018	\$	-33,795.98
F. TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$	23,032.71

2. END OF YEAR FUND BALANCE:

A. CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$	24,611.42
B. CASH ON HAND	\$	0.00
C. TOTAL FUND BALANCE	\$	24,611.42

3. SUMMARY:

A. BEGINNING OF YEAR FUND BALANCE	\$	24,611.42
B. PLUS TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$	33,217.27
C. LESS TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	-33,795.98
D. END OF YEAR FUND BALANCE	\$	24,032.71

4. ASSETS:

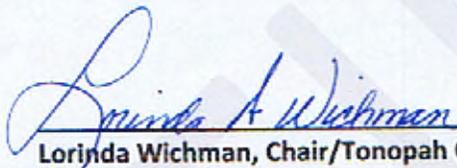
A. COMPUTER/RECORDING EQUIPMENT	\$	800.00
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TONOPAH CONSERVATION DISTRICT
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2018

USE OF STATE APPROPRIATED FUNDS

AMOUNT OF STATE APPROPRIATED FUNDS:	\$ 4542.86
FUNDS SPENT: OPERATING EXPENSES/PAYROLL/SUPPLIES ETC.	\$ 4703.60
MATCHING FUNDS SPENT: LISTED ABOVE	\$ 160.74
BALANCE REMAINING: *	\$ 0.00

Final to be Approved this 17 day of August 2018


Lorinda Wichman, Chair/Tonopah Conservation District