

TONOPAH CONSERVATION DISTRICT

P.O. Box 1449

Round Mountain, NV 89045

April 20, 2014

Annual Work Plan

Fiscal year 2014-2015

The Annual Work Plan for the Tonopah Conservation District was reviewed and approved at the April 16, 2014 meeting. The annual plan includes the following projects for 2014-2015:

1. Provide a leadership role in 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. Provide outreach to producers & district population with program information relating to local, state and national resources.
4. Complete all BLM and RAC/US Forest Service Grant Projects for 2014-2015.
5. Provide ongoing assistance to producers with respect to completing, filing and following up on Farm Bill Program applications.
6. Generate a newsletter(s) for distribution to producers and community.
7. Pursue funding, development and implementation of a Sage Grouse Fence Marker manufacturing project in concert with the high school ag program.
8. Identify and pursue grant funding opportunities consistent with conservation objectives.
10. Expedite contact with relevant producers regarding implementation of Sage Grouse Initiative practices and liaise with any and all agencies regarding same.
11. Maintain the producer data base.

Amplification of projects:

Nye County Weed Control Partnerships

Continue noxious & invasive weed control assistance 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

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

Provide education and assistance to producers

TCD will provide education outreach and program assistance to producers in its service area. TCD provides for a contracted employee to provide individualized services for producers. TCD will provide hands on assistance with producers for completing, filing and following up on Farm Bill Program applications.

BLM and RAC/US Forest Service Projects for 2014-2015

TCD will monitor CWMA pass-through funds for projects during 2014-2015. TCD will provide matching funds along with shared costs from

the participants. The CWMA receives funding from the BLM and USFS for on-going weed treatment in the district. TCD has partnered with Tri-County Weed in Ely to provide the services for both agencies.

Newsletter

TCD will develop, print and distribute a newsletter to producers biannually to create awareness of the district itself, programs and opportunities.

Sage Grouse Fence Marker Project

TCD has initiated contact with the Round Mountain high school agriculture department regarding building a green house. Plans to do so are in the development stage and will be ongoing.

Grant Funding Opportunities

TCD staff has begun to identify and pursue appropriate grant applications consistent with conservation objectives.

Tree Sale

TCD staff has begun to gather information for the implementation of a tree sale.

Sage Grouse Initiatives

TCD will continue to actively participate in the pursuit of implementation of sage grouse initiative practices within the district and will continue to liaise with the relevant agencies in pursuit of same.

Producer Data Base

TCD staff will continue to maintain the producer data base.

TCD Administration

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

PROPOSED BUDGET

Tonopah Conservation District (& NNECCWMA*)

ESTIMATE OF RECEIPTS

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015

RECEIPT SOURCE	AMOUNT
State Funds	\$3629.62
County Funds	\$5000.00
City Funds	\$0.00
Other Government Funds (specify) (CWMA Grant Balance)	\$78,709.59
Administrative Income (specify)	\$0.00
Interest – CD, Savings and Checking	\$0.00
Grants for projects (specify)	\$0.00
Rental Income (equipment, etc.)	\$0.00
Contributions	\$0.00
Building/Property Rental Fees	\$0.00
Other Sources of Income (Bank Bal)	\$17,581.14
<i>TOTAL INCOME</i>	\$104,920.35

(INCOME ESTIMATE MUST EQUAL EXPENSE ESTIMATE)

*NNECCWMA is managed by TCD & shares a checkbook with the TCD.

Tonopah Conservation District (& NNECCWMA*)

ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURES

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015

EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT
Employee Salary	\$10,000.00
Fringe Benefit Expense	\$0.00
Travel	\$1000.00
Building Rent	\$0.00
Telephone	\$150.00
Insurance	\$0.00
Postage	\$300.00
Copying Expense	\$100.00
Office Supplies	\$200.00
Education & Information Expenses	\$0.00
Equipment Purchase (specify)	\$0.00
Equipment Expenses (maintenance, repair, operation)	\$0.00
Dues – NvACD	\$600.00
Dues – NACD	\$775.00
Dues - Other	\$0.00
Mileage	\$2000.00
Investments (specify)	\$0.00
Internet	\$0.00
Bond and Insurance Expenses	\$0.00
Project Costs:	
Grant #1	\$78,709.59
Grant #2	
Grant #3	
Other Expenses (specify) Sage Grouse Initiatives	\$5000.00
Other Expenses (specify) Misc Project/Undeveloped	\$6085.76
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$104,920.35

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

Current staffing of the Tonopah Conservation District is comprised of:

Lorinda Wichman - Vice President/Acting Chair - Nye County Commissioner
Anthony Perchetti, Vice Chairman
Dick Reason - Supervisor
Dianne Clouser - Supervisor
Tom Seley, Supervisor
Tom Lyman, Supervisor
District Secretary - Susan Wharff

At the January 26, 2015 meeting of the TCD the introductions of new Supervisors, Tom Lyman, Tom Seley and Anthony Perchetti were made. The following resignations of Supervisor's were approved and accepted: Ray Kretschmer and Ron Berg. In addition the Board accepted the resignation of Teah Court as Secretary to the Tonopah Conservation District and Susan Wharff was hired to replace Ms. Court.

The TCD Board of Supervisors conducted 4 Board meetings between July 2014 and June 2015. Guest attendees throughout the year included: Tim Rubald (DCNR & Sage Grouse Ecosystem Program), Ben Bolton, (DCNR), Brandon Vaught (Tri-County Weed), Jamie Greer (NDOA), Kent Bloomer (Weed Management Specialist, BLM); DeeJ Brown, BLM; Steve Williams (District Ranger, USFS); Ed Biggs, (NRCS); Janice Lyman, Public Interest; Sammi Reason, Public Interest; Wendy Seley, Public Interest; Roy Clifford, Rancher (Public Interest).

Additionally, the TCD hosted a fieldtrip on April 18, 2015 to the Wagon Johnnie/Stone Cabin area to observe and discuss Pinyon-Juniper encroachment at McIntyre Summit, discuss importance of forb and grass/grass like plants surrounding Little Fish Lake area as well as the private land ownership patterns in the Wagon Johnnie Allotment for wildlife, wild horses and livestock. The tour also included a stop at Clear Creek Ranch to look at the different sagebrush sites and potential vegetation enhancement projects and discussed the Sage Grouse strutting-breeding-nesting use in that area. The tour covered the crested wheatgrass seeding area that was planted in the late 1960's to early 1970's time period and the wild horse usage, sage grouse nesting and brood rearing and the predation on sage grouse nests.

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The tour was completed at the Fish Springs area private land to look at sagebrush crushing and well development by the Ranch owners and to discuss the positive impact for the sage grouse in that area.

The TCD published a newsletter for Spring/Early Summer to producers in the area and requested updated contact information. The TCD is currently working on a website for public access and when completed the website information will be published in local newspapers and information sent out to producers.

The TCD coordinated with the DCNR and NDF and completed the work for the first Sage Grouse Habitat improvements in the Pasco Canyon Leaks (Monitor Valley area). A second Sage Grouse Grant in the amount of \$ 3636.36 was obtained by the Tonopah Conservation District with the assistance of Ben Bolton, DCNR and is earmarked for the additional habitat work needed in the Pasco Canyon Lek area. Project planning is underway for that grant.

The Tonopah Conservation District continues to develop, implement annual work plans funded by the BLM, NDA noxious weed treatments with Tri County Weed. An accounting of weed control treatments is available from the TCD.

Tom Seley, Supervisor to the TCD attended the Nevada Association of Conservation Districts annual meeting on November 13, 2014 as well as the Conservation District Leadership Development Workshop on November 14, 2014. Mr. Seley reported to the TCD on the content of meetings at their January 26, 2015 meeting.

The Tonopah Conservation District has remained in compliance with the timely organization and posting of meeting notices and agendas, submission of meeting minutes, elections per NRS and various annual reporting requirements. All operations have been conducted within the district budget and outreach to producers and community is ongoing.

YEAR-END FINANCIAL REPORT
TONOPAH CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2015

RECEIPT SOURCE	AMOUNT
State Funds	\$ 3,604.72
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)	\$ 84,478.02
Grants for projects: NDA Funding Weed Control Grant (Public Lands)	\$ 5,500.00
Grants for projects: Sage Grouse	\$ 6,493.50
Rental Income: (Equipment etc.)	\$ 0.00
Contributions	\$ 0.00
Building/Property Rental Fees	\$ 0.00
Other Sources of Income: Unclaimed Property Dormant NSB/TCD Acct.	\$ 458.62
Reimbursement from Nye County/Rodeo Carv.	\$ 346.96
Total Income: To 6/30/2015	\$ 105,881.82

TONOPAH CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2015

EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT
Employee Salary / Teah Court	\$ 1000.00
Employee Salary/ Susan Wharff	\$ 3296.65
Fringe Benefit Expense	\$ 0.00
Travel/Tom Seley	\$ 316.43
Mileage	\$ 780.09
Building Rent	\$ 0.00
Telephone	\$ 0.00
Insurance	\$ 0.00
Postage	\$ 50.76
Copying Expense	\$ 78.83
Office Supplies	\$ 173.35
Publications/Newspaper/Advertising	\$ 40.00
Education/Information Expenses/Tom Seley	\$ 25.00
Equipment Purchase: Dell Computer/Digital Recorder	\$ 791.74
Equipment Expenses: McAfee Security Internet	\$ 19.99
Youth Range Camp	\$ 200.00
Dues / NvACD, NACD	\$ 1200.00
Dues / Other	\$ 0.00
Project Costs:	
Grant BLM – Tri-County Weed Public Lands	\$ 84,478.02
Grant NDA – Funding Weed Control Grant	\$ 0.00
Grant Sage Grouse	\$ 0.00
Other Expenses – TCD 25% Cost Share-Weed Control	\$ 9,547.97
Total Expenses July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015	\$ 101,998.83

**TONOPAH CONSERVATION DISTRICT
FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2015

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

*Reported last year beginning fund balance was \$ 17,554.96 report adjustment should have been done original figure did not include the deduction of a check in the amount of \$ 781.27 #1600 dated 6/18/2014 which brought the beginning year fund balance to: \$ 16,773.69 which matches the checkbook balance.

A. CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE:	\$	16,773.69
B. CASH ON HAND	\$	0.00
C. TOTAL FUND BALANCE	\$	16,773.69
D. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE/GRANTS/INCOME	\$	105,881.82
E. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE Fiscal year 2014-2015	\$	-101,998.83
F. TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$	20,656.68

2. END OF YEAR FUND BALANCE:

A. CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$	20,656.68
B. CASH ON HAND	\$	0.00
C. TOTAL FUND BALANCE	\$	20,656.68

3. SUMMARY:

A. BEGINNING OF YEAR FUND BALANCE	\$	16,773.69
B. PLUS TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$	105,881.82
C. LESS TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	-101,998.83
D. END OF YEAR FUND BALANCE	\$	20,656.68

4. ASSETS:

A. COMPUTER/RECORDING EQUIPMENT	\$	800.00
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**TONOPAH CONSERVATION DISTRICT
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2015**

USE OF STATE APPROPRIATED FUNDS

AMOUNT OF STATE APPROPRIATED FUNDS:	\$ 3604.72
FUNDS SPENT: OPERATING EXPENSES/PAYROLL/SUPPLIES ETC.	\$ 3604.72
MATCHING FUNDS SPENT: LISTED ABOVE	\$ 3604.72
BALANCE REMAINING:	\$ 0.00

Approved this 8th day of July 2015

Lorinda Wichman, Chair/Tonopah Conservation District