

TONOPAH CONSERVATION DISTRICT

P.O. Box 1449

Round Mountain, NV 89045

May 20, 2015

Annual Work Plan Fiscal year 2015-2016

The Annual Work Plan for the Tonopah Conservation District was reviewed at the April 2, 2015 meeting. The annual plan includes the following projects for 2015-2016.

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. To identify local conservation needs, and set corresponding goals.
4. Complete all BLM and RAC/US Forest Service Grant Projects for 2015-2016.
5. Increase public awareness of their conservation district via increasing community attendance at meetings.
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.
8. Identify and pursue grant funding opportunities consistent with conservation objectives.
9. Maintain the producer data base.

Respectfully,
Susan E. Wharff,
Secretary / Tonopah Conservation District

TONOPAH CONSERVATION DISTRICT
2015-2016 PROPOSED BUDGET
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2016

PROJECTED INCOME

TONOPAH CONSERVATION DISTRICT (BANK BALANCE 5/21/2015)	\$	17,418.96
STATE FUNDING	\$	3,500.00
COUNTY FUNDING	\$	5,000.00
BLM FUNDING (GRANT BALANCE REMAINING)	\$	65,932.42
RAC/FS FUNDING (GRANT EXPIRED 9/30/2014)-MATCHING	\$	0.00
SAGE GROUSE GRANT	\$	2,800.00
UNCLAIMED PROPERTY CLAIM (FOUND DORMANT NSB/LV)	\$	458.62
<u>TOTAL PROJECTED FUNDING</u>	\$	98,173.03

PROJECTED EXPENDITURES

CWMA – WEED PROJECTS (BLM Grant Projects Cost)	\$	65,932.42
NEVADA YOUTH RANGE CAMP	\$	200.00
 RAC FUNDING MATCH FOR (TCD)	 \$	 0.00
NVACD DUES	\$	600.00
CONTRACTED / SECRETARY	\$	10,000.00
POSTAGE	\$	300.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$	200.00
TRAVEL	\$	1,000.00
MILEAGE	\$	2,000.00
ADVERTISING / MEETING PUBLICATIONS	\$	200.00
COPYING / AGENDA PACKETS MEETINGS	\$	500.00
 GRANT / PROJECT COSTS / BLM	 \$	 0.00
GRANT / SAGE GROUSE INITIATIVES / PROJECT	\$	2,800.00
 Weed Projects TCD Assistance Matching Funds/Various Projects	 \$	 14,440.61
<u>TOTAL PROJECTED EXPENDITURES</u>	\$	98,173.03
SURPLUS	\$	0.00

YEAR-END FINANCIAL REPORT
TONOPAH CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2016

RECEIPT SOURCE	AMOUNT
State Funds	\$ 4,105.82
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)	\$ 74,912.32
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: Pasco Canyon Property Owner Contribution	\$ 700.00
Total Income: To 6/30/2016	\$ 84,718.14

TONOPAH CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2016

EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT
Employee Salary/ Susan Wharff	\$ 4353.25
Fringe Benefit Expense/Ray Kretchmer Jacket	\$ 118.35
Travel/S.Wharff	\$ 800.84
Mileage	\$ 699.04
Building Rent	\$ 0.00
Telephone	\$ 0.00
Insurance	\$ 0.00
Postage	\$ 50.49
Copying Expense	\$ 343.83
Office Supplies	\$ 66.52
Publications/Newspaper/Advertising	\$ 778.00
Education/Information Expenses	\$ 95.00
Equipment Purchase: Dell Computer/Digital Recorder	\$ 0.00
Equipment Expenses:	\$ 0.00
Youth Range Camp	\$ 0.00
Dues / NvACD,	\$ 600.00
Dues / Other	\$ 0.00
Project Costs:	
Grant BLM – Tri-County Weed Public Lands	\$ 74,912.32
Grant NDA – Funding Weed Control Grant	\$ 0.00
Grant Sage Grouse	\$ 5657.50
Other Expenses – TCD 25% Cost Share-Weed Control	\$ 207.61
Total Expenses July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016	\$ 88,682.75

**TONOPAH CONSERVATION DISTRICT
FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2016

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

A. CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE:	\$ 20,656.68
B. CASH ON HAND	\$ 0.00
C. TOTAL FUND BALANCE	\$ 20,656.68
D. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE/GRANTS/INCOME	\$ 84,718.14
E. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE Fiscal year 2015-2016	\$ -88,682.75
F. TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$ 16,692.42

2. END OF YEAR FUND BALANCE:

A. CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANCE	\$ 16,692.42
B. CASH ON HAND	\$ 0.00
C. TOTAL FUND BALANCE	\$ 16,692.42

3. SUMMARY:

A. BEGINNING OF YEAR FUND BALANCE	\$ 20,656.68
B. PLUS TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 84,718.14
C. LESS TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ -88,682.75
D. END OF YEAR FUND BALANCE	\$ 16,692.07*

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4. ASSETS:

A. COMPUTER/RECORDING EQUIPMENT	\$ 800.00
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**TONOPAH CONSERVATION DISTRICT
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2016**

USE OF STATE APPROPRIATED FUNDS

AMOUNT OF STATE APPROPRIATED FUNDS:	\$ 4105.82
FUNDS SPENT: OPERATING EXPENSES/PAYROLL/SUPPLIES ETC.	\$ 4105.82
MATCHING FUNDS SPENT: LISTED ABOVE	\$ 4105.82
BALANCE REMAINING:	\$ 0.00

Approved this 18th day of August 2016

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Lorinda Wichman, Chair/Tonopah Conservation District

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The Tonopah Conservation District continues to coordinate with and support NRCS, DCNR, USDA, BLM, USFS, FSA, NDOW and other agencies to disseminate program information and developments to producers via email, newsletters and meetings. The Tonopah Conservation District 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 Tonopah Conservation District is comprised of:

Lorinda Wichman, Chairman of the TCD and Nye County Commissioner
Anthony Perchetti, Vice Chairman
Richard Reason, Supervisor
Tom Seley, Supervisor
Tom Lyman, Supervisor
Susan Wharff, Administrative Assistant

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

From July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 the TCD/NNCWMA conducted 6 meetings over this time period. 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 and BLM as required by the State and BLM Weed Grant program. The TCD now includes a 30 to 60 minute workshop prior to each meeting to discuss projects and application of those projects. These workshops are included and posted with meeting notices as well as the newspaper advertisements.

Phase I & II of the Sage Grouse Initiative project were completed in the Pasco Canyon area. Final reports were submitted through Ben Bolton of NRCS and completed in a timely manner. The grant funds were monitored, administered and all funds exhausted in a timely manner as required. The TCD is currently working on a RAC application for the continuation of the Pasco Canyon Project to enhance what has already been successfully completed and is partnering with the USFS to continue the Sage Grouse Initiative efforts as well as helping other wildlife in the area through Pinion Juniper (PJ) removal.

The Tonopah Conservation District completed the update on their Long Range Program for Resource Conservation and Management within the Tonopah Conservation District. This was done through the efforts of Supervisor Tom Lyman through multiple meetings over the past year.

It was determined in 2015 through several meetings that Esmeralda County was no longer interested in being an active member of the Northern Nye Esmeralda Weed Management Area (NNECWMA) and Esmeralda County had decided to continue with their own weed management efforts. The NNECWMA is now known as NNCWMA. Esmeralda County is no longer a member of that Board.

The TCD accepted the resignation of Supervisor Dianne Clouser in August of 2015. The TCD was active in seeking a replacement for that vacancy through advertisement as well as the through the help of Supervisors. The Board appointed Karl Brooks to the vacant position in October of 2016 only to be vacated the following month. Mr. Brooks was unable to fulfill the obligations and resigned due to his ranching workload. The TCD has actively advertised to fill the vacancy with no interested applicants. With the November mass meeting election approaching the TCD will have two positions to fill. The election date is currently being considered and will take place within the time period as required per NRS.

In addition the the TCD/Supervisors and staff were given an educational session provided by Brandon Vaught of Tri-County Weed Management on weed management and identification of noxious and invasive weeds. Staff also attended a Nevada Leadership Program Workshop at the University of Nevada, Reno in September 2015 as well as the Elko Nevada meeting of the Nevada Section of Society for Range Management in January 2016.

The Tonopah Conservation District and CWMA meeting information, agenda's and minutes are now included on the Nye County Website making ease of access for public and producers who wish to obtain past meeting information as well as the next meeting information and location. This information was included in the 2016 Spring/Summer News Letter sent out to producers in May.

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

APPROVED this 18th day of August, 2016
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Lorinda Wichman, Chair TCD

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