

Vya Conservation District

Annual Work Plan

Fiscal Year 2016/17

- Vya Conservation District will continue to work with local farmers and ranchers on conservation issues including sage grouse habitat improvement, other wildlife habitat, soil health, and weed eradication, pending state funding.
- Vya Conservation District will continue to work with county, state, and federal partners pending state funding.
- Vya Conservation District will continue to support local events such as the Modoc County Fair.
- Vya Conservation District will continue to pursue educational opportunities such as the annual scholarship.
- Vya Conservation District will continue to educate the public in natural resources through activities such as an annual tour or workshop.
- Vya Conservation District will support cooperative agreements with other conservation projects.
- Vya Conservation District will continue to support organizations such as NACD and NvACD through our membership.

Vya Conservation District 2016/2017 Budget

Interest	\$25.00
State of NV	\$4,000.00
NRCS	<u>\$30,000.00</u>
Total Income	<u><u>\$34,025.00</u></u>

Weed eradication	\$2,500.00
Dues	\$700.00
Insurance	\$700.00
Administration	\$1,000.00
Project Oversight	\$27,525.00
Scholarship	\$750.00
Bank Fees	\$50.00
Community Outreach	<u>\$800.00</u>
Total Expenses	<u><u>\$34,025.00</u></u>



Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2016/2017

The Vya Conservation District fosters and supports natural resource conservation through leadership, education, technical, and financial assistance to implement and ensure sustainable use of Northwestern Nevada's natural resources.

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Overview

The Vya Conservation District has had a busy year. We had the opportunity to present important land use information to citizens in our district, supported local efforts to promote agriculture, and partnered with state and federal agencies in weed abatement programs. As the year progressed we completed the process of creating and approving our mission and vision statement, began work on a brochure representing the district, conducted an election for supervisors, and had one supervisor attend Conservation Day at the Nevada Legislature.

- **Community Outreach/Education**

- As with many counties in CA, Modoc County has experienced extensive reductions in funds for our County Fair. The Modoc Heritage Foundation was formed as a grass roots effort to keep the Modoc County Fair viable. The VCD supported their efforts with a financial donation of \$500.
- In March of 2017, the Modoc Heritage Foundation sponsored a Farm and Garden Expo in Cedarville, CA. Vya Conservation District participated in the event and set up a table providing information about the CD, applications for our conservation project funding program, and pictures of recent projects we have completed in partnership with NRCS.
- This year we had one application for our scholarship. The career goals of the student did not match our criteria of being related to agriculture, and we were unable to provide the scholarship. We have offered scholarships for many years, and it is something we plan to continue for as long as funds are available.
- VCD supervisors were active in educating the public about the Washoe County Lands Bill. The district presented information about the Lands Bill during a public meeting of the Gerlach/Empire Citizen Advisory Board meeting in February of 2016. Information about the district's Cost Share programs and our work in Northern Nevada was also presented.

In addition to presenting information about the Lands Bill to Gerlach area residents, the district contacted Nevada legislators and several organizations, including the Nevada Cattlemen's Association, regarding our concerns about the bill.

- In order to educate the public further about the VCD, the district is in the process of creating a brochure which explains our Cost Share program for landowners, highlights projects we have collaborated on, and provides an overview of who we are.
- **Conservation Project Funding**

The district has funds set aside to help landowners with sage grouse habitat improvement, water development, or other conservation projects. We are continuing to solicit applications for projects through the NRCS field office in Alturas.

 1. In September of 2016, the board approved a landowner request for funding to assist with an NRCS approved fencing project. The project was to construct a wildlife-friendly, permanent fence to provide for grazing management. The fence was built with a lower smooth wire and fence markers to ensure Sage Grouse safety. VCD assisted the landowner in his costs for the project in the amount of \$2,025.
 2. The board approved a request in the fall of 2016 from a local landowner who requested funds for a fencing project to replace a fence that is no longer usable in order to protect annual crops from damage from open range cattle. The fence was to improve the effectiveness of an NRCS cross-fencing/planned grazing/native grass project. The District assisted the landowner in the amount of \$1,000.
- **Mission & Vision Statements and Website**

As the district has taken on more projects and we see the potential for growth, the board felt a need to create an online presence and formalize our direction through the creation of a website, mission and vision statements, and a logo. In the spring of 2016 work began on each of these items. Our logo and our mission and vision statements were approved by the board and are now in place. Our website is updated regularly with meeting information and other items of interest.
- **Project Oversight**

As a result of our successful oversight on previous projects with NRCS, the district has been asked to provide oversight to another NRCS project in our area. The project is a Wetland Reserve Project (WRP) located at Crooks Meadow in Northern Washoe County. At the present time, the project is on hold pending an engineering report.
- **Supervisors**

In November, an election of supervisors was held, and two supervisors were reelected with terms beginning January 2, 2017 and ending December 31, 2020.

Supervisor Lani Estill attended Conservation Day at the Nevada State Legislature and was able to meet and share our work with various members of the legislature.

- **Weed Control Funding**

As in recent years, the Vya Conservation District continued to support the public/private partnership weed abatement program in Northern Washoe County. In fiscal year 2016/2017, we contributed \$2,500 to the BLM Applegate Field Office in Surprise Valley which was used to spray weeds.

This past year we also partnered with Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) on a weed spraying project in the Duck Lake and Upper Reservoir areas of Wall Canyon, located in Northern Washoe County. This project resulted in spraying 122 weed sites covering 66.06 acres. The weed spraying was done by BLM, with Vya Conservation District oversight.

SUMMARY

The past year has provided our district with many opportunities for growth and public outreach. We are looking forward to the coming year and the new opportunities it will bring as we continue conservation work in Northern Washoe County.

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Summary of Receipts

Year ending June 30, 2017

State funds	\$4,000.00
County funds	\$1,000.00
City funds	
Other Government funds (specify)	
NRCs oversight (Fee)	\$180,709.58
NDOW oversight (Wall Canyon)	\$7,000.00
Administrative Income (specify)	
Interest--CD, Savings, Checking	\$108.03
Grants for projects	
Rental Income (equipment, etc.)	
Contributions	
Building/Property rental fees	
Other sources of Income	
Bank Error Adjustment	\$500.00
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TOTAL INCOME	<u><u>\$193,317.61</u></u>

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Summary of Expenditures

Year ending June 30, 2017

Employee Salary	
Contracted services	\$2,827.00
Fringe Benefit Expense	
Travel	
Building Rent--Donation	
Expo participation fee	\$300.00
Insurance	\$691.00
Postage	
Copying Expense	
Office Supplies	
Education & Information Expense	\$1,000.00
Equipment purchase (specify)	
Equipment Expenses (maintenance, etc)	
Dues--NvACD	
Dues NACD	\$100.00
Dues --North CalNeva RCD	
Mileage	
Investments (specify)	
Internet	\$12.00
Bond and Insurance Expenses	
Project Costs	
NRCS Project Oversight	\$157,138.50
BLM Weed Spraying	\$2,500.00
Cost Share	\$3,025.00
Other Expenses (specify)	
Bank adjustment	\$500.00
Advertising	
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$168,093.50</u>

Vya Conservation District Financial Summary

Year ending June 30, 2017

1. BEGINNING OF YEAR FUND BALANCE

Equals Funds Reported from end of previous fiscal year)

A.	List all bank accounts:	
	Savings Account	\$42,657.97
	Checking Account	\$1,315.14
	Certificate of Deposit	
B.	Cash on hand	
C.	Total Fund Balance	<u>\$43,973.11</u>
D.	Accounts Receivable Grants	
E.	Accounts Payable	
F.	TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	<u><u>\$43,973.11</u></u>

2. END OF YEAR FUND BALANCE

A.	List all bank accounts:	
	Checking account	\$8,431.22
	Savings Account	\$60,766.00
	Money Market	
B.	Cash on hand	
C.	Total fund balance	<u>\$69,197.22</u>
D.	Accounts Receivable Grants	
	1. Grant #1	
	2. Grant #2	
E.	Accounts Payable	
	1. Item #1 Secretarial Services	
	2. Item #2 Scholarship	
F.	TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	

3. SUMMARY

A.	Beginning of year fund balance (1C above)	\$43,973.11
B.	Plus total receipts (from Receipt Summary)	\$193,317.61
C.	Less Expenditures (from Expense Summary)	\$168,093.50
D.	Must equal end-of-year balance (2C above)	<u><u>\$69,197.22</u></u>

ASSETS List all assets (equipment, land, buildings, etc.) and estimate their value

- A.
- B.
- C.

VYA Conservation District: Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2017

Use of State Appropriated Money

Year ending June 30, 2017

Amount of State Appropriated Money \$4,000.00

Money Spent

Category (specify)

Education	\$500.00
Modoc Heritage Foundation	\$500.00
Dues	\$100.00
Weed Spraying	\$2,500.00
Insurance	\$691.00

Total \$4,291.00

Balance Remaining \$0.00

Regina Prate 9/21/17
Authorized signature Date

Regina Prate, Treasurer, Supervisor
Printed Name and Title

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