



Annual Work Plan

Fiscal Year 2017/18

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Vya Conservation District Mission Statement

Our vision is an environment where people conserve and promote natural resources for the benefit and enjoyment of future generations.

Vya Conservation District Vision Statement

- 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 to promote our mission and vision pending state funding.
- Vya Conservation District will continue to support local events such as the Modoc District Fair and the Modoc Heritage Foundation Ag Expo that promote our mission and vision.
- Vya Conservation District will continue to provide educational scholarships to youth pursuing careers in agriculture, natural resources, and related technical fields.
- 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 districts.
- Vya Conservation District will continue to support organizations such as NACD and NvACD through our membership.



Vya Conservation District

2017/2018 Budget

Income

Savings Interest	25.00
State of Nv	4,000.00
Project Oversight	10,000.00
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Total Income	14,025.00
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Expenditures

Weed spraying	2,500.00
Dues	700.00
Insurance	700.00
Admin	2,100.00
Project Oversight	8,500.00
Vya Cost Share Program	1,000.00
Scholarship	750.00
Bank fees	50.00
Outreach	800.00
Advertising	500.00
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Total	17,600.00
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Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2017/2018

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Overview

The Vya Conservation District has had a busy year. We contacted county, state, and federal legislators regarding land use policies affecting 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 work on a brochure representing the district, participated in the local Ranch, Farm & Garden Expo, sponsored a water rights informational meeting for local landowners, and awarded a scholarship to one applicant. Several board members attended meetings regarding the Washoe Lands Bill.

- **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 2018, 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. Melany Aten, Winnemucca District Conservation Staff Specialist, attended the Expo and spoke with members of the public regarding opportunities provided by conservation districts. The district also helped to financially support the Expo with a \$200 donation.
- This year we had one application for our scholarship and were able to provide a \$1,000 scholarship to that individual. We have offered scholarships for many years, and it is something we plan to continue for as long as funds are available.
- VCD supervisors attended public meetings and contacted Nevada legislators and several organizations, including the Nevada Cattlemen's Association, regarding our concerns about the Washoe Land Bill
- In order to educate the public further about the VCD, the district completed a brochure which explains our Cost Share program for landowners, highlights projects we have collaborated on, and provides an overview of who we are.

The brochure was available to the public at the Ranch, Farm, and Garden Expo in Cedarville in March.

- **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. The board received one cost share application in fiscal year 2017/2018.

1. In April of 2018 the board approved a cost share project for a shelter belt hedgerow project. The request was for funds to purchase plants, irrigation, and fencing. The board approved the request of up to \$5,000 as the landowner is continuing to pursue funds elsewhere. The Vya contribution will be adjusted depending on the landowner receipt of additional funding.

- **Website**

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**

The board accepted the resignation of one supervisor this year and learned that two additional supervisors will not run for re-election in November, leaving the board with only three members at the end of 2018. The board is actively seeking new board members and has created an informational flier regarding the open positions which includes a description of supervisor duties and opportunities.

- **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 2017/2018, we contributed \$2,500 to the BLM Applegate Field Office in Surprise Valley which was used to spray weeds.

- **Workshops**

In April of 2018 the District sponsored a Water Rights Workshop with Sam Monteleone, Water Rights Consultant. He provided the public with information regarding well water permits, vested water rights, open casing wells, and answered questions from the board and the public. See attached flier.

The board is in the process of planning and putting on a weed control workshop in the coming fiscal year. We are being assisted by Melany Aten from the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Topics to be covered will include weed identification, weed management, prevention and restoration.

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.

**Landowners in Northern
Washoe County**
**JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL
MEETING WITH SAM
MONTELEONE**

Learn about water rights and
water use on your land.



Don't miss this
opportunity to learn and
ask questions of a Water
Rights expert!

**SAM IS A WATER
RIGHTS CONSULTANT
SPECIALIZING IN:**

- Water Rights Applications
- Proof of Completion
- Proof of Beneficial Use
- Claims of Vested Rights
- Extensions
- Reports of Conveyance
- Reviews of Water Rights Ownership

Sponsored by:



DATE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2018
LOCATION: BLM APPLGATE FIELD OFFICE, 620
GRESSLER ST., CEDARVILLE
TIME: 1:30 P.M.

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VYA Conservation District

Summary of Receipts

Year ending June 30, 2018

State funds		\$4,542.86
County funds		
City funds		
Other Government funds (specify)	CCQ signups	\$1,000.00
Interest--CD, Savings, Checking		\$91.72
Other sources of Income		
TOTAL INCOME		<u><u>\$5,634.58</u></u>

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Summary of Expenditures

Year ending June 30, 2018

Contracted services	\$1,831.79
Building Rent--Donation	\$150.00
Insurance	\$691.00
Education & Information Expense	\$800.00
Dues--NvACD/NACD	\$700.00
BLM: Weed spraying	\$2,500.00
Other Expenses (specify)	
 TOTAL EXPENSES	 <u><u>\$6,672.79</u></u>

Vya Conservation District Financial Summary

Year ending June 30, 2018

1. BEGINNING OF YEAR FUND BALANCE

Equals Funds Reported from end of previous fiscal year)

A.	List all bank accounts:	
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	Savings Account	\$60,766.00
	Checking Account	\$8,431.22
	Certificate of Deposit	
B.	Cash on hand	
C.	Total Fund Balance	<u>\$69,197.22</u>
D.	Accounts Receivable Grants	
E.	Accounts Payable	
F.	TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	<u><u>\$69,197.22</u></u>

2. END OF YEAR FUND BALANCE

A.	List all bank accounts:	
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	Checking account	\$6,301.29
	Savings Account	\$61,857.72
	Money Market	
B.	Cash on hand	
C.	Total fund balance	<u>\$68,159.01</u>
D.	Accounts Receivable Grants	
	1. Grant #1	
	2. Grant #2	
E.	Accounts Payable	
	1. Item #1	
	2. Item #2	
F.	TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$68,159.01

3. SUMMARY

A.	Beginning of year fund balance (1C above)	\$69,197.22
B.	Plus total receipts (from Receipt Summary)	\$5,634.58
C.	Less Expenditures (from Expense Summary)	\$6,672.79
D.	Must equal end-of-year balance (2C above)	<u><u>\$68,159.01</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, 2018

**Use of State
Appropriated Money**

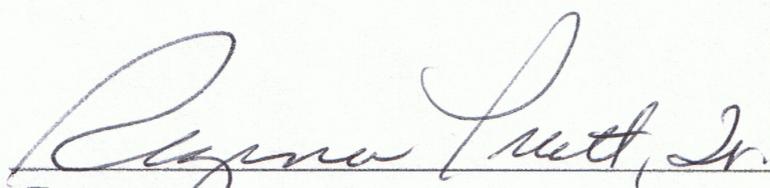
Amount of State
Appropriated Money \$4,542.86

Money Spent

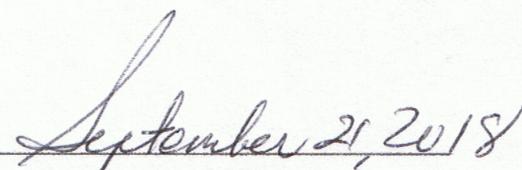
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TOTAL EXPENSES \$6,672.79

Balance Remaining **-\$2,129.93**



Treasurer
VYA Conservation District



Date