

Vya Conservation District

Annual Work Plan

Fiscal Year 2014/15

- Vya Conservation District will continue to work with local farmers and ranchers on conservation issues including sage grouse habitat improvement, 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..

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Annual Budget

Fiscal Year 2014/15

Income

State of NV	<u>\$3,500</u>
Total	\$3,500

Estimated Expenditures

Conservation Work: Weed Eradication	\$ 650
Conservation Work: NRCS Partnership	0
Dues	750
Insurance	650
Administration	700
Education	700
Office/postal supplies	<u>50</u>
Total	\$3,500

Vya Soil and Water Conservation District

221 West 8th Street

Alturas, CA 96101

Vya, Nevada

Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2015

Vya Soil and Water Conservation District has been active in our area contributing to and educating others about critical conservation and resource issues.

In the 2015 fiscal year Vya Soil and Water Conservation District held four public meetings and a Soil Health Workshop to conduct district business and educate the public on conservation activities in our area. Topics included the Sage Grouse Habitat improvement efforts that are continuing throughout the area, juniper control projects, noxious weed eradication efforts, soil health, and challenges faced by all because of the prolonged drought conditions.

The District sponsored a soil health workshop in Cedarville, CA in February of 2015. The workshop speakers included Tom Champa, NRCS, Spencer Smith, with the Jefferson Center for Holistic Management, and Dr. Jeffery Creque with the Carbon Cycle Institute. The main topic was Soil Health and the speakers all added ideas as to how to achieve that goal. The Modoc RCD also brought attendees up to date on their activities. American Ag Credit Co-Sponsored lunch. It was well attended and well received.

The district submitted a request to the state to change our boundary to include the area south of Gerlach, which has been underserved for several decades. The proposal will be decided in the fall. See the attached proposal for the map and legal description.

Vya Soil and Water Conservation District has continued to support the public/private partnership weed abatement program in North Washoe County. We gather matching funds from area land owners and contribute to the Weed Abatement program managed by the Surprise Area BLM Office. The attached report from the Surprise BLM office details the weed work that they have accomplished this season. We also provided funding to Nevada Department of Transportation for Weed Abatement in Vya.

BLM just completed several Juniper Control Projects that Vya Conservation District contributed \$10,000 in funds to support. All of the money was used to help fund the Homecamp Corral Upland Juniper Removal Project. Document dates are from September 20, 2013 through July 22, 2014. The work was conducted primarily in the Mare Pasture, at about 1200 acres, and was

a Sage Steppe/Aspen Stand improvement. This project was a joint funding between the BLM, NV Dept. of Wildlife (NDOW), NRCS, and Vya CD. See attached map for location of project.

The District has funds set aside to help landowners with sage grouse habitat improvement, water development or other conservation projects. In the 2015 fiscal year, we had two applications but neither were approved by NRCS, so we declined to fund them. We are continuing to solicit applications for other projects through the NRCS office in Alturas. We applied for grant funding for the Nevada Conservation Districts 2015 Sage Grouse Habitat improvement projects and were awarded a grant for the spring development and water storage project on the Bare Ranch which is on the Nevada/California state line. The grant was awarded and completed in the 2015 fiscal year in cooperation with the landowner and NRCS. Rockin' TD Ranch submitted an application for Nevada Conservation Districts, Sage-Grouse 2015 Habitat Grant Program and was awarded the grant. The project will be funded and completed in the 2016 fiscal year.

Vya Soil and Water Conservation District continued to gather input concerning critical conservation issues in the North Washoe county area of Nevada by attending local, state, and neighboring state conservation district and resource related meetings. The district paid all state dues and contributed to the national organization at a reduced level.

Vya Soil and Water Conservation District continued to support educational activities including awarding one scholarship to a student active in 4-H, FFA and planning on studying agriculture or natural resources. We also supported local community events by donating to the Modoc County Fair.

Submitted by

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Lani Estill, President

Vya Conservation District Financial Summary

Year ending June 30, 2015

1. BEGINNING OF YEAR FUND BALANCE

Equals Funds Reported from end of previous fiscal year)

A.	List all bank accounts:	
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	Certificate of Deposit	\$14,845.61
	Checking Account	\$737.88
	Savings Account	
B.	Cash on hand	
C.	Total Fund Balance	\$15,583.49
D.	Accounts Receivable Grants	
E.	Accounts Payable	\$125.00
F.	TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$15,458.49

2. END OF YEAR FUND BALANCE

A.	List all bank accounts:	
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	Checking account	\$1,611.60
	Savings Account	\$14,852.93
B.	Cash on hand	
C.	Total fund balance	\$16,464.53
D.	Accounts Receivable Grants	
	1. Grant #1	
	2. Grant #2	
E.	Accounts Payable	
	1. Item #1 Secretarial Services	\$100.00
	2. Item #2 Scholarship	\$500.00
F.	TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$15,864.53

3. SUMMARY

A.	Beginning of year fund balance (1C above)	\$15,583.49
B.	Plus total receipts (from Receipt Summary)	\$7,326.18
C.	Less Expenditures (from Expense Summary)	\$7,045.14
D.	Must equal end-of-year balance (2C above)	\$15,864.53

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

- A.
- B.
- C.

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Summary of Receipts

Year ending June 30, 2015

State funds	\$3,604.72
County funds	
City funds	
Other Government funds (specify)	
Administrative Income (specify)	
Interest--CD, Savings, Checking	\$7.32
Grants for projects	\$2,857.14
Rental Income (equipment, etc.)	
Contributions	
Building/Property rental fees\	
Other sources of Income	
Refund bank fee	\$65.00
Cost Share	\$414.00
Workshop dues	\$178.00
Reimbursement workshop food	<u>\$200.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u><u>\$7,326.18</u></u>

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Summary of Expenditures

Year ending June 30, 2015

Employee Salary	
Contracted services	\$648.00
Fringe Benefit Expense	
Travel	
Building Rent	\$50.00
Telephone	
Insurance	\$691.00
Postage	
Copying Expense	
Office Supplies	
Education & Information Expense	\$950.00
Equipment purchase (specify)	
Equipment Expenses (maintenance, etc)	
Dues--NvACD	\$600.00
Dues NACD	\$40.00
Dues --North CalNeva RCD	\$50.00
Mileage	
Investments (specify)	
Internet	
Bond and Insurance Expenses	
Project Costs	
Grant #1 Estill project	\$2,857.14
Grant #2 Washo Co. Road Dept.	\$650.00
Grant #3	
Other Expenses (specify)	
Bank service charge	
Advertising	\$95.00
Cost share	\$414.00
 TOTAL EXPENSES	 <u>\$7,045.14</u>

