

**BIG MEADOW CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
110 American Boulevard  
Lovelock, NV 89419

**ANNUAL WORK PLAN**

Fiscal Year July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014

**INTRODUCTION**

The Big Meadow Conservation District is a unit of state government that provides advice and counsel on natural resource issues. The District provides guidance and sets priorities for technical assistance of the cooperating agencies.

A board consisting of five (5) elected supervisors, and two (2) appointed supervisors manages the Big Meadow Conservation District. They are as follows:

Chairman.....	Robert Depaoli
Vice Chairman.....	Vance Vesco
Member .....	Carl Clinger
Member .....	Leighton Knisley
Member .....	John Shank
City Representative .....	Mac Moezzi
County Representative.....	Steve Foster

This plan defines the objectives of the Big Meadow Conservation District. It implements the District's long-range program by specifying those policies and activities that will receive emphasis for the coming year.

**MISSION STATEMENT**

To provide technical assistance and services to the private sector and public agencies through education and management programs to promote wise use of resources.

## GOALS

1. DEVELOP A DETAILED LIST OF RESOURCE CONCERNS FOR PERSHING COUNTY AND IDENTIFY PRACTICES PERTAINING TO THOSE RESOURCE CONCERNS.
2. IMPROVE WEED CONTROL PROGRAM FOR PERSHING COUNTY – ONGOING
3. IMPROVE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE DISTRICT AND ITS FUNCTION – ONGOING
4. HAVE THE DISTRICT RECOGNIZED AS A LEADER IN CONSERVATION PRACTICES
5. DEVELOP SUPERVISORS AND UPDATE SUPERVISOR'S HANDBOOK

## PLANNING FOR SERVICE

### 1. CONSERVATION

The District will:

- A. Develop, with the Local Work Group, a comprehensive list of resource concerns and work with NRCS to develop and justify practices to address the resource concerns of Pershing County.
- B. Provide technical assistance to cooperators to address resource concerns including but not limited to the following: water quantity/quality, soil erosion, plant health and vigor, air quality, rangeland health, wildlife, ag sustainability, bio-fuels, septage, etc.
- C. Serve as an advocate for producers and take a leadership role in government cost share and other funding programs that may become available.
- D. Maintain a close liaison with the FSA, NRCS, Pershing County Water Conservation District and the Cooperative Extension Service. Emphasis will be placed on planning and application of conservation practices.
- E. Actively promote the education and planting of trees and shrubs, and re-establish selling trees to the public. Develop a school based program for growing their own food.
- F. Improve the weed control program in the District in coordination with the Nevada State Department of Agriculture. Take a leadership role promoting coordination with other county, state and federal agencies, private industry and landowners.
- G. Analyze staff needs and secure assistance from cooperating agencies and local sources.

H. Develop and maintain Big Meadow Conservation District website to facilitate and promote items 1-A through 1-F.

2. PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

The District will:

A. Take an active part in the State Technical Committee meetings.

B. Take an active part in the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) and the Nevada Association of Conservation Districts (NvACD). Dues will be paid to both organizations. Members of the Board will attend the Northeast Area District Meeting.

C. Review equipment and staffing needs monthly to ensure that District objectives are met. Cooperators will be interviewed to ensure that the equipment program is effective.

D. Prepare and review the District calendar to ensure timely action.

E. Sponsor the NvACD poster contest in the elementary school.

F. Develop Big Meadow Conservation website.

3. INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

The District will:

A. Sponsor programs on conservation subjects.

B. Work with local media to publicize the District programs.

C. Continue annual tree planting, including sales and providing trees for the yearly school program (pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade for all of Pershing County).

ORGANIZING FOR SERVICE

1. LIAISON

The District will:

A. Invite public and cooperating agencies to meet with the BMCD Board on a regular basis.

B. Maintain contact with local, state and federal officials regarding District plans and programs.

C. Study current legislative activities and advise their representatives of the effect of legislation on District activities.

D. Review District correspondence to keep informed on regional and national issues.

2. ADMINISTRATION

The District will:

- A. Hold at least three meetings annually with special meetings to be called as necessary. The agenda will be mailed or e-mailed to each board member at least one week prior to the meeting. Agendas will be posted in accordance with the Open Meeting Law requirements.
- B. Outline the Annual Work Plan in the spring and submit as required.
- C. Review the plan and budget quarterly and monitor programs.
- D. Prepare the Annual and Financial Reports and submit as required. The report will also be sent to interested local, state and federal agencies.
- E. Review all Memoranda of Understanding. Discuss at least one Memorandum of Understanding with an appropriate agency representative each year.

3. FINANCIAL

The District will:

- A. Prepare an annual budget.
- B. Receive a report of the financial status at scheduled meetings.
- C. Invest funds prudently.
- D. Maintain equipment properly.
- E. Explore state and federal grants and other monies that are available to carry out the District's long-range objective.
- F. Conduct an annual audit in conjunction with the preparation of the annual report.
- G. Generate a report of the financial status of the District at the end of the fiscal year and post the results.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Depaoli  
BMCD Chairman

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Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2013-2014

RECEIPT SOURCES

Legislative Funds	\$3,500.00
Equipment Rental Fees	2,000.00
Bank Account Interest	5.00
Tree Sales	<u>100.00</u>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS ESTIMATED FOR BUDGET</b>	<b>\$5,605.00</b>

EXPENDITURES

Contract Labor	\$1,000.00
Travel Expenses	500.00
Office Supplies/Postage	30.00
Equipment Expenses (Maintenance/Repairs)	500.00
Dues (NACD)	100.00
Dues (NvACD)	600.00
Trees and Related Expenses	600.00
Poster Contest	150.00
Annual Dinner Meeting	400.00
Annual Audit	150.00
Insurance	<u>1,575.00</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES ESTIMATED FOR BUDGET</b>	<b>\$5,605.00</b>

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Proposed In Kind Budget for Fiscal Year 2013-14

Rent Paid to NRCS	\$1,316.00
Labor	5,500.00
Travel	500.00
Weeds	<u>2,000.00</u>
 TOTAL IN KIND RECEIPTS	 \$9,316.00

Rent Paid to NRCS	\$1,316.00
Labor	5,500.00
Travel	500.00
Weeds, PCCWMA/LVWS	<u>2,000.00</u>
 TOTAL IN KIND EXPENSES	 \$9,316.00

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Depaoli  
BMCD Chairman

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## Annual Report

July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014

### INTRODUCTION

Supervisors and appointed officers of the board for the past year were:

Chairman	Robert Depaoli
Vice Chairman	Vance Vesco
County Representative	Steve Foster
City Representative	Mac Moezzi
Member	Carl Clinger
Member	Leighton Knisley
Member	John Shank
Secretary	Jody Vesco

With a full board, the BMCD worked to address and advance conservation concerns and programs relevant to the district's goals and objectives being mindful of the original mission of the conservation districts while meeting the challenges of new realities.

### CONSERVATION

The District continued to provide technical assistance to cooperators in order to improve irrigation water management and erosion control. Preparation for the EQIP programs was a high priority. District cooperators participated in the AMA, EQIP and WHIP programs.

The BMCD sent letters opposing more regulations that would be detrimental to the producers of our district. A letter was sent to the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection stating opposition to the Working in Waters General Permit" and also took a stand opposing the potential listing of the Nevada and Northeast California Greater Sage Grouse.

Our district also partnered with community member Gail Munk who organized a Plant Nutrition Workshop for the producers of the Big Meadow District. The BMCD handled the registration fees for the attendees.

The Board has cooperated with all Coordinated Resource Management Planning (CRMP) activities in Pershing County. One Supervisor from the District attended and participated in the NRCS State Technical Committee (NSTC) meeting. One supervisor attended the NvACD meeting held in Elko, Nevada during November 2014.

A Local Work Group meeting was not held this year.

Close liaison was maintained with NRCS, NDOW, Division of Forestry, Nevada Department of Ag, FSA, Pershing County Water Conservation District, Humboldt Weed Management Committee, Nevada Weed Management Association, University of Nevada, Reno, Nevada Cooperative Extension, and the Nevada Farm Bureau. The District took the leadership role in the Pershing County Cooperative Weed Management Area (PC-CWMA), a countywide weed management organization and participation in the statewide Nevada Weed Management Association (NWMA). The BMCD maintained membership in NvPAW (Nevada's People for Animal Welfare) to continue our work on responsible management of animals, both feral and domestic. The District's Annual Work Plan was reviewed and updated.

The District continues with the annual Arbor Day tree-planting program at Lovelock Elementary School, Imlay Elementary School and the Little Feathers Daycare. The District furnished 400 Austrian Pine plugs. Generous contributions by Big R and John Shank provided containers and soil, respectively. BMCD Supervisors, NRCS staff and two volunteers from the community instructed the children on planting and caring for their trees.

The poster contest was held this year sending three posters to the state competition. In addition, the BMCD attempted to sponsor a participant to Range Camp. Unfortunately, the camper was not able to attend.

#### ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

The District held meetings August and September for 2013; January, February, April, May and June 2014 at the USDA Service Center in Lovelock, Nevada.

The Board reviews the Memorandum of Understanding and Agreements that it has with the aforementioned agencies.

The Board analyzed equipment and staff needs regularly to insure the District Objectives were being met. Staff was provided to manage the equipment rental program and district administration.

Correspondence was reviewed at all regular meetings.

Reduced dues were paid to the NACD due to our reduction in funding. Full dues were paid to NvACD.

District funds were prudently invested; personnel were bonded and, personnel and equipment were insured. Financial reports were updated regularly and reviewed at each regular meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

*Vanne Visco for Robert Depaoli*

Robert Depaoli  
BMCD Chairman

**YEAR-END FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**BIG MEADOW CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
**SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS**

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014

**RECEIPT SOURCE** **AMOUNT**

<b>State Funds</b>	<b>3629.62</b>
<b>County Funds</b>	
<b>City Funds</b>	
<b>Other Government Funds (specify)</b>	
<b>Administrative Income (specify)</b>	
<b>Interest – CD, Savings and Checking</b>	<b>4.44</b>
<b>Grants for projects (specify)</b>	
<b>Rental Income (equipment, etc.)</b>	<b>1290.00</b>
<b>Contributions</b>	
<b>Bank Maintenance Fee Return</b>	
<b>Other Sources of Income – Plant Nutrition Regist.</b>	<b>180.00</b>
<b>Dinner Guest Reimbursement</b>	<b>21.00</b>
<b>Tree Sales</b>	<b>45.00</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>5170.06</b>

**YEAR-END FINANCIAL REPORT**

**DRAFT REPORT DUE JULY 15TH AND FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT DUE SEPT. 30<sup>TH</sup>**

**TO: STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**DIVISION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS,**  
**901 S. STEWART STREET #5004, CARSON CITY, NV 89701**  
**PHONE (775) 684-2760 FAX- (775) 684-2761**

# BIG MEADOW CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
<b>Employee Salary</b>	<b>\$1305.25</b>
<b>Fringe Benefit Expense</b>	
<b>Travel</b>	
<b>Audit</b>	
<b>Bank Maintenance Fee</b>	<b>35.79</b>
<b>Insurance</b>	<b>633.31</b>
<b>Postage</b>	<b>9.20</b>
<b>NvACD Convention Raffle Items</b>	<b>73.73</b>
<b>Office Supplies- Checks</b>	<b>44.84</b>
<b>Education &amp; Information Expenses (Poster Contest)</b>	<b>45.00</b>
<b>Equipment Purchase (specify)</b>	
<b>Equipment Expenses (maintenance, repair, operation)</b>	<b>74.75</b>
<b>Dues – NvACD</b>	<b>600.00</b>
<b>Dues – NACD</b>	<b>150.00</b>
<b>Dues - Other</b>	
<b>Mileage</b>	<b>233.10</b>
<b>Plant Nutrition Workshop</b>	<b>180.00</b>
<b>Annual Dinner</b>	<b>419.68</b>
<b>Bond and Insurance Expenses</b>	
<b>Project Costs:</b>	
<b>Grant #1</b>	
<b>Grant #2</b>	
<b>Grant #3</b>	
<b>Other Expenses (specify)</b>	
<b>Tree Planting</b>	<b>269.13</b>
<b>Range Camp Sponsorship</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>4073.78</b>

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# BIG MEADOW CONSERVATION DISTRICT FINANCIAL SUMMARY

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014

**1. BEGINNING OF YEAR FUND BALANCE:**  
(Must Equal Funds Reported From End of Previous Fiscal Year)

<b>a.</b>	<b>List all bank accounts:</b>		
	Certificate of Deposit .....	\$	0.00
	Checking Account .....	\$	3009.73
	Savings Account .....	\$	8886.90
<b>b.</b>	Cash on hand .....	\$	0.00
<b>c.</b>	<b>Total fund balance.....</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>11896.63</b>
<b>d.</b>	Accounts receivable grants.....	\$	0.00
<b>e.</b>	Accounts payable.....	\$	0.00
<b>f.</b>	<b>Total funds available.....</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>11896.63</b>

**2. END OF YEAR FUND BALANCE:**

<b>a.</b>	<b>List all bank accounts:</b>		
	Checking Account .....	\$	4101.57
	Savings Account .....	\$	8891.34
<b>b.</b>	Cash on hand .....	\$	0.00
<b>c.</b>	<b>Total fund balance.....</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>12992.91</b>
<b>d.</b>	Accounts receivable grants.....	\$	0.00
	1. Grant #1 _____ - \$ _____		
	2. Grant #2 _____ - \$ _____		
<b>e.</b>	Accounts payable.....	\$	0.00
	1. Item #1 _____ - \$ _____		
	2. Item #2 _____ = \$ _____		
<b>f.</b>	<b>Total funds available.....</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>12992.91</b>

**3. SUMMARY:**

<b>a.</b>	Beginning of year fund balance (1.c. above).....	\$	11896.63
<b>b.</b>	Plus total receipts (from Receipt Summary) .....	\$	5170.06
<b>c.</b>	Less total expenditures (from Expense Summary) ....	\$	4073.78
	1. Less adjustment.....	\$	
<b>d.</b>	<b>Must equal end-of-year fund balance (2.c. above) .....</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>12992.91</b>

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

<b>a.</b>	Trencher .....	\$	3500.00
<b>b.</b>	PCCWMA.....	\$	1500.00

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