

LINCOLN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

ANNUAL WORK PLAN

FISCAL YEAR 2012 - 2013

INTRODUCTION

The quality of our soil and water depends on how wisely we use these resources now and how well we plan for the years ahead.

1. Provide a pro-active approach to resolving resource management conflicts between private property owners and state and federal agencies.
2. Provide support for education programs that help increase knowledge of agriculture, Ag science and resource management issues that affect Lincoln County.
3. Actively influence the use and management of water and water quality for all users.
4. Ability to act as grantees or subgrantees to administer conservation funding as made available.

This Annual Work Plan outlines conservation objectives and activities of the District for Fiscal Year 2012 - 2013.

Work Plan objectives address District priority actions listed in the District's long-range Work Program.

Conservation assistance is made available, free of charge, to district landowners in cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service. The boundaries of the District include all of Lincoln County, Nevada.

2012-2013 OBJECTIVES

AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

Lee Mathews and Robert Mathews, primary
District Board of Supervisors and Cooperative Extension Service

Objective: Provide Conservation Assistance to District property owners, cooperating agencies, organizations, groups, and units of government.

Concentrate water conservation efforts on irrigated lands; give input to Lincoln County Flood Control Board and conservation planning.

Lincoln County Conservation District takes an active role in advising farmers and ranchers up and down Meadow Valley Wash on how to get proper permits to restore their diversions.

- A. Evaluate irrigation systems and provide alternatives for improvements.
- B. Develop conservation plans on private lands.
- C. Assist with plans as appropriate for private property in conjunction with public land plans.
- D. Provide technical assistance to programs administered by the Farm Service Agency and Natural Resources Conservation Service.
- E. Provide technical assistance, incentives and labor (if necessary) to control weeds on private land using resources from CWMA. Interface between agencies and private landowners pursuing weed control.
- F. Provide assistance to Lincoln County of natural resource based information. Current Memorandums of Understanding will be reviewed and discussions concerning opportunities for assistance will be held with the County Commissioners.
- G. Encourage Lincoln County farmers in the planting of suitable crops to our area. Provide information on the planting of orchard varieties, Christmas tree production, sod farming and other enterprises.
- H. Solicit grants to assist with weed control efforts. Provide local list of targeted weeds. Coordinate grants and projects with RC&D. Sponsor pesticide applicator training and certification every four years in the winter.
- I. Provide oversight for the Natural Resources Conservation Service on Farm Bill programs.
- J. Convene Pahrnagat Valley and Meadow Valley Local Work Groups and encourage local citizens groups to support activities in relation to agriculture activities.

RANGE COMMITTEE

John Sanders and Eddie Stewart, primary
District Board of Supervisors

Objective: Provide rangelands resource assistance to cooperators and units of government. Concentrate efforts on rangeland management.

- A. Support rangeland management in Lincoln County through the local CRM Steering Committee.
- B. Provide support to NRCS Plant Materials program.
- C. Support any active soil surveys and ecological site mapping being completed in Lincoln County.
- D. Provide technical training to the two high school FFA programs in Soils and Range Judging. Support participation in the local, Nevada, and national judging contests and provide assistance with transportation for these efforts.
- E. Coordinate efforts to educate and better facilitate fire suppression activities concerning private property issues for public land agency crews.

INFORMATION & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Margaret Orr and Kelly Miller, primary
District Board of Supervisors

Objectives: Carry out active public and government awareness and education. Provide an upgraded facility for the improvement of the community; the building also co-locates NRCS, UNR Cooperative Extension and the Public Health Nurse who pay rent to the Conservation District. It also provides meeting space and long distance learning space for the community which is unavailable elsewhere. Concentrate on environmental education programs for youth and adults.

- A. Provide environmental education programs for the public schools in Lincoln County including; range, animal, and crop judging contests for 4-H and FFA at local, state and national levels.
- B. Sponsor and distribute conservation materials to all schools in the county.
- C. Sponsor youth and support Nevada Youth Range Camp.
- D. Sponsor a school poster contest in the county.
- E. Support ongoing 4-H programs in Lincoln County including 4-H Farmers Market, 4-H Fair, facility, and public recognition of the market.

WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Robert Mathews, primary
District Board of Supervisors

Objective: Water use and management is critical in Lincoln County.

- A. Promote water quality programs in Lincoln County.
- B. Promote the understanding of the state water laws.
- C. Monitor static water levels and record in the following valleys: Panaca Valley, Pahranaagat Valley, Penoyer Valley and Lake Valley.
- D. Promote high efficiency of irrigation through on-farm studies.
- E. Carry out an active water resource program.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

Eddie Stewart, Susan Hansen and Maggie Orr, primary
District Board of Supervisors

Objective: Through wise land-use planning and conservation management, the Lincoln County Conservation District is helping shape the present and future needs of Lincoln County, faced with greater demands on the area's natural resources. Concentrate on environmental concerns of farmers and ranchers in Lincoln County.

- A. Continue to review environmental assessments in Lincoln County and surrounding areas, as they become available.
- B. Participate on local Technical Review Teams and the Lincoln County CRM Steering Committee. Explore grant opportunities as necessary.
- C. Monitor Southeast Lincoln County Habitat Conservation Plan. (SLCHCP)
- D. Convene Pahranaagat Valley and Meadow Valley Local Work Groups and encourage local citizen's groups to support activities in relation to environmental concerns.
- E. Support efforts to improve watershed functionality County-wide and specifically work to address issues with grade control structures in Meadow Valley Wash.

No person shall, on the grounds of race, color religion, national origin , handicap, marital status, or sex be excluded from participation in, or denied benefits of, or be subject to discrimination under any activity of the Lincoln County Conservation District Program.

Adoption of this amended Annual Work Plan was authorized by a resolution of the Lincoln County Conservation District Board of Supervisors at a regular meeting held on April 17, 2012.

Robert Mathews, Chairman

Date: April 17, 2012

Susan Hansen, Treasurer
Lincoln County Conservation District

Date: April 17, 2012

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Lincoln County Conservation District Supervisors, Employees, and Cooperating Agency Personnel:

LINCOLN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF SUPEVISORS:

Chairman, Robert Mathews / Panaca / 775 962-1317

Vice-Chair, Margaret Orr / Caliente / 775 726-3742

Secretary, Kelly Miller / Hiko / 775 725-3502

Treasurer, Susan Hansen (City Appointment) / Caliente / 775 726-3643

Supervisor, Lee R. Mathews / Pioche / 775 962-1263

Supervisor, Eddie Stewart / Alamo / 775 725-3690

Supervisor, John Sanders (County Appointment) / Hiko / 775 725-3830

DISTRICT STAFF:

District Clerk, vacant, 775 726-3101

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATON SERVICE:

District Conservationist, James Gatzke / Caliente / 775 726-3101

Range Conservationist, Justin Feeman / Caliente / 775 726-3101

UNIVERSARY OF NEVADA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION:

Lincoln County Extension Educator, Holly Gatzke / Caliente / 775 726-3109

Secretary, Tara / Caliente / 775 726-3109

4-H Coordinator, Hayley Gloeckner / Caliente 775 726-3109

**PROPOSED BUDGET
LINCOLN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
ESTIMATE OF RECEIPTS**

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2013

RECEIPT SOURCE	AMOUNT
State Funds	\$ 2,500.00
County Funds	
City Funds	
Other Government Funds (specify)	
Administrative Income (specify)	
Interest - CD, Savings and Checking	\$ 5.00
Grants for projects (specify)	
Rental Income (equipment, etc.)	
Contributions	
Building/Property Rental Fees	\$ 23,962.00
Other Sources of Income	
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 26,467.00

(INCOME ESTIMATE MUST EQUAL EXPENSE ESTIMATE)

SUBMIT BY JUNE 1ST TO: DIVISION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS,
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**LINCOLN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURES**

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2013

EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT
Employee Salary/Contract Labor	\$ 6,800.00
Fringe Benefit Expense	
Travel	\$ 1,000.00
Building Rent	
Telephone	
Insurance - Building	\$ 1,500.00
Postage	\$ 175.00
Copying Expense	
Office Supplies	\$ 275.00
Education & Information Expenses	\$ 2,000.00
Equipment Purchase (specify)	
Building Expenses (maintenance, repair, operation)	\$ 3,000.00
Dues - NvACD	\$ 600.00
Dues - NACD	\$ 255.00
Dues - Other	\$ 200.00
Mileage	
Investments (specify)	
Internet	
Bond and Insurance Expenses	\$ 1,500.00
Project Costs:	
Grant #1	
Grant #2	
Grant #3	
Other Expenses (specify):	
Utilities	\$ 6,620.00
Annual Dinner	\$ 950.00
Conference Registration Fees	\$ 750.00
Building Upgrades	\$ 842.00
Staff Support	\$ -
Noxious Weed Eradication Funds	\$ -
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 26,467.00

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“Conserving our Resources for Future Generations”

**ANNUAL REPORT
FY 2013**

Lincoln County Conservation District (LCCD) continued to work for conservation and proper management of private and federal/state lands in Lincoln County and Nevada while maintaining our commitment to students, our community, National Association of Conservation Districts, Nevada Association of Conservation Districts and the Nevada State Conservation Commission.

LCCD Supervisors participated in and contributed to many meetings and works-in-progress:

- Lincoln County Sage grouse Local Area Work Group
- Initiation of Stewardship Alliance of Northeast Elko (SANE) and associated work to provide a facilitated assist to the Governor’s Sagebrush Ecosystem Council
- NDOW / USFWS Meadow Valley Wash and Pahrangat Valley Recovery Implementation Teams
- NRCS State Technical Committee
- Subcommittee to restore effectiveness to NRCS State Technical Committee
- Annual and Special meetings of Nevada Association of Conservation Districts
- UNR President Marc Johnson’s visit to Lincoln County
- Nevada Section Society for Range Management’s Winter Meeting on Greater Sage grouse and Summer Tour on Pinyon-Juniper Management
- Restoring Lincoln County High School’s Agriculture Education (FFA) Program
- USFWS / engineers on proposed watershed assessment in Pahrangat Valley
- Pahrangat Valley Local Work Group addressing the Central Valley Drain issue
- Pahrangat Valley Cooperative Weed Management Area

LCCD continues its strong support of education by automatically sponsoring two students to attend the Nevada Youth Range Camp in June whether they are from Lincoln County or not. If additional Lincoln County students wish to attend they are sponsored as well. We offer cash prizes for the NACD National Poster Contest at the County level, supporting the education that is offered in the schools by Cooperative Extension in conjunction with the contest. We encourage participation in FFA and 4-H Soils and Range Judging. We contributed cash prizes for successful competitors from Lincoln County in the Clark County Junior Livestock Show. We also offer our building meeting space to local groups such as 4-H, Lincoln Communities Action Team and many others, and provide the location for educational classes and meetings via video conferencing for no charge. This year the CD committed significant financial resources needed to maintain and improve the building and grounds so as to provide for the conference room space and offices for NRCS, UNCE, the Lincoln County Public Health Nurse and the Farmer’s Market. We provide an educational speaker at our Annual Meeting.

LCCD continued to pursue a proactive, holistic solution involving fluvial geomorphology and bioengineering incorporated with engineering, for the deteriorated Mathews Drop Structure

Project located between Panaca and Caliente. Our pursuit of assistance from first USDA NRCS and then Nevada Department of Wildlife to complete a project plan was unsuccessful so we will continue to seek funding elsewhere. The current thought is to leave the structure in place and build what is needed over it.

LCCD took a strong stand with a long term view when responding to a US Fish and Wildlife Service request for input on a proposed watershed assessment in Pahrnagat Valley. Our response, also submitted to the Lincoln County Commissioners, read in part:

...Lincoln County Conservation District (LCCD) wishes to be involved in a positive and lasting solution to the water management issues in the Pahrnagat Valley. As we understand, the main technical issue involved is inefficient movement of water through the valley. What we know to be true, and have pointed out multiple times before, is - this is a people issue more than it is a technical issue. All of us know what the technical problems are and have known for decades. What we don't presently have are the relationships to put solutions to these problems on the ground. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) solution is data; the real answer is people. Data is useful, but worthless without the people to find a way to make it work for everyone.

It is safe to say the USFWS historically has not always been a good neighbor in the Pahrnagat Valley. Litigation over water rights, poor management of the Pahrnagat National Wildlife Refuge, and lack of participation in maintenance of the Central Valley Drain have created the ongoing climate of unease and even anger in the attitudes of the people of the valley toward the USFWS. It is up to the USFWS to change those attitudes by building relationships one at a time by initiating honest, legitimate, put-it-on-the-ground, face time in the community....

...LCCD wants to start here by being honest. We advise more listening, more hearing, and more commitment to the people of the valley. We advise USFWS get input from the landowners for ground rules to follow for this data collection. We advise any proposal the USFWS has in the future be brought to the people of the valley first for their input and as part of the process to build trust. We, as a Conservation District, are unwilling to jeopardize our working relationships to accomplish other projects to run interference for the USFWS. It seems the various branches within the USFWS broke the bridges and now the current entities within the agency must work together to fix them. We are willing to do our part when the time comes. We will not, however, risk the activities we have ongoing until a yet to be determined appropriate time. If USFWS spends the time to mend these bridges, and will work to build new ones, we wholeheartedly believe the end result will be better management that will benefit wildlife, landowners, and the people of the valley for the long term.

The Lincoln County Conservation District organizes its work by five committees: Agriculture, Range, Information and Education, Water Resources, and Environmental. The Pahrnagat Valley and Meadow Valley Work Groups, under the Agriculture Committee, will continue to consult with NRCS. Over fifteen new conservation plans have been developed on private lands and public range allotments. Ten new contracts worth over \$300 thousand for pinyon pine and juniper removal, high tunnels, irrigation system automation and other irrigation projects were worked on by the Caliente NRCS office.

The Range Committee participated in State Technical Committee meetings. Livestock water practices were installed on BLM range allotments by three of four different ranchers with NRCS contracts. NRCS has been communicating with BLM to create a more efficient process to

implement livestock water practices on BLM land. The current process isn't working for all involved – BLM, NRCS, and ranchers. However, NRCS did work with the BLM to cut 507 acres of pinyon-juniper from encroached areas and open an old chaining for mule deer and livestock

LCCD will support efforts by the local NRCS office to improve initiation and completion of EQIP projects on public and private lands, fostering the relationship between the agencies here to expedite on-the-ground projects to improve Sage-grouse habitat which will have benefits to all species present. Justin Feeman of NRCS made a presentation to the Ely BLM Management Team on how this works effectively in other areas.

The Environmental Committee advises on the Southeastern Lincoln County Habitat Conservation Plan and will continue to monitor and advise on this and other projects on federal land that will affect life in Lincoln County and the West.

Water has been conserved in the Pahranaagat Valley with the new pipeline in Alamo and two-thirds of Richardville. Construction on the remainder of Richardville line starts in October of this year. Construction on the upgrade to the Panaca Irrigation mainline involving 10 landowners is still being delayed by State Historic Preservation Office.

FINAL YEAR-END FINANCIAL REPORT
LINCOLN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2013

RECEIPT SOURCE	AMOUNT
State Funds	\$2,659.49
County Funds	
City Funds	
Other Government Funds (specify)	
Administrative Income (specify)	
Interest - CD, Savings and Checking	\$9.64
Grants for projects (specify)	
Rental Income (equipment, etc.)	
Contributions	\$200.00
Building/Property Rental Fees	\$25,510.21
Other Sources of Income	
TOTAL INCOME	\$28,379.34

YEAR-END FINANCIAL REPORT

DRAFT REPORT DUE JULY 15TH AND FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT DUE SEPT. 30TH

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FINAL YEAR-END FINANCIAL REPORT
LINCOLN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2013

EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT
Custodial Salary	\$5,763.95
Fringe Benefit Expense	\$0.00
Building Expenses (maintenance, repair, operation)	\$3,257.52
Telephone	
Insurance - Building	\$1,476.00
Postage	\$69.52
Copying Expense	
Office Supplies	
Education & Information Expenses	\$1,794.85
Equipment Purchase (specify)	
Equipment Expenses (maintenance, repair, operation)	\$353.00
Dues - NvACD	\$600.00
Dues - NACD	\$254.77
Dues - Other	
Mileage	
Investments (specify)	
Internet	
Bond and Insurance Expenses (General Liability)	\$901.53
Project Costs:	
Grant #1 4-H Farmers Market	
Grant #2	
Grant #3	
Other Expenses (specify):	
Utilities	\$5,858.79
Operating Supplies	\$319.22
Annual Dinner	\$704.49
NvACD Annual Meeting Attendance Reimbursement	\$1,490.63
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$22,844.27

DRAFT REPORT DUE JULY 15TH AND FINAL FINANCIAL REPORT DUE SEPT. 30TH
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LINCOLN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
FINAL FINANCIAL SUMMARY
For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2013

1. BEGINNING OF YEAR FUND BALANCE:	
(Must Equal Funds Reported From End of Previous Fiscal Year)	
a. List all bank accounts:	
Certificate of Deposit.....	\$ -
Checking Account #1.....	\$ 13,919.92
Checking Account #2.....	\$ 510.00
Savings Account.....	\$ 9,636.31
b. Cash on Hand.....	\$ -
c. Total fund balance.....	\$ 24,066.23
d. Accounts receivable other.....	\$ 1,072.00
e. Accounts payable.....	\$ -
f. Total funds available.....	<u>\$ 25,138.23</u>
2. END OF YEAR FUND BALANCE;	
a. List all bank accounts:	
Checking Account #1.....	\$ 19,445.35
Checking Account #2.....	\$ 510.00
Savings Account.....	\$ 9,645.95
b. Cash on hand.....	\$ -
c. Total fund balance.....	\$ 29,601.30
d. Accounts receivable - other	\$ -
1. Grant #1.....	\$ -
2. Grant #2.....	\$ -
e. Accounts payable.....	\$ -
1. Item #1.....	\$ -
2. Item #2.....	\$ -
f. Total funds available.....	<u>\$ 29,601.30</u>
3. SUMMARY:	
a. Beginning of year fund balance (1.c. above).....	\$ 24,066.23
b. Plus total receipts (from Receipt Summary).....	\$ 28,379.34
c. Less total expenditures (from Expense Summary).....	\$ 22,844.27
d. Must equal end-of-year fund balance (2.c. above).....	<u>\$ 29,601.30</u>
4. ASSETS: List all assets (equipment, land, buildings, etc.) and estimate their value:	
a. Building.....	\$ 116,626.00
b. Copier (Available for Surplus).....	\$ 100.00
d. Auto Folder (Available for Surplus).....	<u>\$ 501.95</u>

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LINCOLN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2013

FINAL USE OF STATE APPROPRIATED MONEY

Amount of State Appropriated Money: \$ 2,659.49

Money spent:

Category (specify)	
Attorney General - General Liability	\$ 749.72
LCCD Annual Dinner	\$ -
Poster Contest/Range Camp/Junior Livestock Show	\$ 1,035.00
Dues: NACD (\$245.77)/NvACD (\$600)	\$ 854.77
Custodial Salary	\$ 20.00
Total of Category	<u>\$ 2,659.49</u>

Matching Funds Spent:

Category (specify)	
LCCD Annual Dinner	\$ 704.49
Poster Contest/Range Camp/Junior Livestock Show	\$ 400.00
Attorney General - General Liability Insurance	\$ 151.81
Custodial Salary	\$ 5,743.95
Total Matching	<u>\$ 7,000.25</u>

Balance Remaining: \$ -

Authorized Signature:

Name and Title: Susan C Hansen, Treasurer

Date: 09/24/2013

LINCOLN COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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