

STARR VALLEY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Annual Report
Fiscal Year 2021

The following details the activities of the Starr Valley Conservation District for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

PLANNING AND SERVICE

In order to facilitate implementation of the District's programs, we solicited assistance from other agencies and organizations assistance on a regular basis.

- A. Discussion with other agencies on water quality issues and possible projects. No action was taken but possible projects are being considered.
- B. Continued support for the current Farm Bill.
- C. Continued the noxious weed control program with Memorandums of Agreement. Cooperating agencies include USFS, Elko County, BLM, Nevada Department of Agriculture, and NRCS.
- D. Supported activities of the Humboldt Watershed Cooperative Weed Management Area.
- E. Continued the Civil Rights policy with NRCS on minority outreach programs to ensure that all land users are aware of assistance available to them.
- F. Conservation planning assistance was provided to cooperators who requested assistance.
- G. Support the Elko County Commissioners on their Elko County Sage Grouse Management Conservation Strategy Plan.
- H. Continued noxious weed abatement in Bishop Creek watershed.

INFORMATION AND EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

- A. Assistance to the Wells High School Vocational-Agriculture Department is ongoing as needed and requested.

MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

- A. Bank account signers were updated.

- B. Dues were paid to the Nevada Association of Conservation Districts and Elko County Association of Conservation Districts.
- C. Regular meetings were held, and cooperating agencies were invited to participate in the meetings.
- D. Meeting notices were posted in accordance with the state open meeting law.
- E. The District's financial report, annual report and planning reports were all submitted by their respective due dates to the Nevada Division of Conservation Districts.
- F. Meeting minutes were submitted to the Nevada State Conservation Commission and NRCS.
- G. Leslie Lotspeich or a designate substitute represented the District at the Elko County Association of Conservation Districts meeting.
- H. Continued management of the district equipment program for benefit of cooperators in implementing conservation practices.
- I. Continued monitoring sagebrush demonstration plots at Mary's River Ranch.

***The Annual Report for the 2021 Fiscal Year has been Approved
by Starr Valley Conservation District on 29 September 2021.***

Starr Valley Conservation District

Financial Report Fiscal Year 2021

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Summary of Receipts

Receipt Source	Amount
Federal Appropriation	
State of Nevada Grant Appropriation	\$ 4,000.00
Elko County Appropriation	\$ 8,000.00
Conservation Client Gateway sign-up incentives	
State Additional Funding	
Grant Project	
Grant Match	
Equipment Rental	
Interest Payment	\$ 1.07
Returned Fee	\$ 34.30
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 12,035.37

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Summary of Expenditures

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021

Expenditure	Amount
Travel (per diem - mileage)	
Registration - meetings	
Project : Noxious Weed Management	
Herbicide for distribution	\$ 4,999.40
Noxious Weed Contract Spraying	\$ 5,000.00
Education:	
Annual dinner and meeting	\$ -
Office Supplies:	
Equipment purchase:	\$ -
Equipment expenses (maintenance, repair, operations)	
Donations:	\$ 250.00
Demonstrations	\$ -
Dues NvACD	\$ 600.00
Dues NACD	\$ -
Dues ECACD clerical fund	\$ 1,000.00
Other Dues	
Bank Fees	\$30.00
Miscellaneous: IFA + Retuned Fee	\$ 46.30
TOTAL Expenditures	\$ 11,925.70

Starr Valley Conservation District Financial Summary

For the Fiscal year ending June 30, 2021

1. BEGINNING OF THE YEAR FUND BALANCE:

a. List of all Bank Accounts:	
Equipment Account	
Checking Account	\$ 14,796.12
Certificate of Deposit	
b. Cash on Hand	
c. Total Fund Balance	\$ 14,796.12
d. Accounts receivable	
e. Accounts payable	
f. Total Funds Available	\$ 14,796.12

2. END OF THE YEAR FUND BALANCE:

a. List of all Bank Accounts:	
Equipment Account	
Checking Account	\$ 14,905.79
Certificate of Deposit	
b. Cash on Hand	
c. Total Fund Balance	\$ 14,905.79
d. Accounts receivable - pending deposit	
e. Accounts payable - pending repair payment	
f. Total Funds Available	\$ 14,905.79

3. SUMMARY

a. Beginning-of-year fund balance	\$ 14,796.12
b. Plus Total Receipts (from receipt summary - sheet 1)	\$ 12,035.37
c. Minus Total Expenditure (from expense summary)	\$ 11,925.70
d. Must Equal End of the Year Fund Balance (2 f)	<u>\$ 14,905.79</u>

Starr Valley Conservation District

Fiscal Year 2021

USE OF STATE APPROPRIATED MONEY

State Appropriated Money: \$ **4,000.00**

Expenditures:

Noxious Weed Contract Spraying \$ 5,000.00

Dues NvACD \$ 600.00

Dues ECACD clerical fund \$ 1,000.00

Bank Fees \$30.00

Money Spent: \$ **6,630.00**

Equipment List	Values
24 ft, flatbed trailer	\$6,000.00
Lawson Aerator	\$15,000.00
Backpack sprayers (5)	\$100.00
Trailer mounted sprayer (250 gallon)	\$500.00

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STARR VALLEY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
ANNUAL PLAN OF WORK
Fiscal Year 2022
(Approved)

The following constitutes the Starr Valley Conservation District Annual Plan of Work for the Fiscal Year 2022 (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022).

Mission Statement

To take available technical, financial, and educational resources, whatever their source, and focus or coordinate them so that they meet the needs of the local land user for conservation of soil, water and related resources.

Planning and Service

Provide for involvement of other agencies, organizations and individuals in the annual planning and implementation of district operations and program.

- A. Identify and prioritize Resource Concerns within the District in order to coordinate with the NRCS in resource planning and program implementation.
- B. Provide support for the current Farm Bill Programs.
- C. Continue coordination with all agencies on water quality problems when identified within the District.
- D. Provide technical assistance to land users on planning and implementation of conservation practices.
- E. Assist NRCS on outreach programs to insure that all land users are aware of available assistance.
- F. Work with Wells Rural Electric Company to create Ag Energy Efficiency Opportunities within the district.
- G. Work on the issues of a Sage Grouse Management Plan with collaborating agencies and groups.

Noxious Weed Control Program

- A. Continue and monitor a biological control project along the Ruby Mountains and East Humboldt Range in coordination with the Lamoille & Jiggs Conservation Districts
- B. Participate in the Humboldt Watershed Cooperative Weed Management Area.
- C. Coordinate with the Union Pacific Railroad on right of ways in a Noxious Weed Control Program.
- D. Work in cooperation with the Clover Valley Conservation District on a Noxious Weed Control Program in the Bishop Creek Canyon and surrounding areas.

Equipment Program

- A. Manage the district equipment program for benefit of cooperators in implementing conservation practices.

Information and Education Program

- A. Sponsor area participants to the annual Range Camp, if there are applicants.
- B. Provide assistance to schools within the District on conservation education as requested.
- C. Hold an annual meeting to inform all cooperators on District activities.
- D. Cooperate with the Wells FFA chapter on various projects and support when needed.
- E. Cooperate with landowners to improve the Humboldt River Watershed with proper functioning condition.
- F. Work with the State Conservation Commission on monitoring sagebrush demonstration plots in cooperation with the local sage-grouse local area working group.

Management and Administration

- A. Pay dues in support of the Elko County Association of Conservation Districts (ECACD), the Nevada Association of Conservation Districts (NvACD), and the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD).
- B. Hold regular meetings to which all coordinating agencies and area cooperators are invited.
- C. Submit all reports and financial statements to the Nevada Division of Conservation Districts by the due date.
- D. Review Memorandums of Agreements with coordinating agencies each year.
- E. Provide representation at NvACD and other meetings to keep supervisors informed on activities affecting the district and provide input for decision making on locally led conservation.
- F. Contact elected representatives as needed to provide support and funding for resource management concerns.
- G. Hold Supervisor elections in even-numbered years.
- H. Implement coordination with federal, state and local governments and/or agencies.

Starr Valley Conservation District:

Leslie Lotspeich - Chairman
Jonathan Dahl
Blake Spratling
Travis Myers
Ian Spratling

***The Annual Plan of Work for FY 2022 has been approved by
Starr Valley Conservation District on 18 May 2021.***

PROPOSED BUDGET
STARR VALLY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
ESTIMATE OF RECEIPTS

Fiscal year 2022 (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022)

(Approved)

Receipt Source	Amount
State Funds	3,500.00
County Funds – Elko County Weed Cooperative Agreement	8,000.00
City Funds	0.00
Other Government Funds (specify)	0.00
Administrative Income (specify)	0.00
Interest – CD, Savings and Checking	0.00
Grants for projects (specify)	0.00
Rental Income: Equipment	0.00
Contributions	0.00
Building/Property Rental Fees	0.00
Other Sources of Income:	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	11,500.00

PROPOSED BUDGET
STARR VALLEY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
ESTIMATE OF EXPENDITURES

Fiscal year 2022

(Approved)

Expenditure	Amount
Employee Support: wages, office supplies, postage (to ECACD)	1,000.00
Education & Information Expenses	200.00
Starr Valley Annual Dinner	250.00
Equipment Purchase	0.00
Equipment Expenses: maintenance, repair, operation	655.00
Dues: NvACD	600.00
Dues: NACD	250.00
Travel – Supervisors (per diem, mileage to meetings, registration)	500.00
Bond and Insurance Expenses	0.00
Project Costs:	
Grant #1 – Elko County Weed Cooperative Agreement – Right-of-Way application	8000.00
Grant #2	
Grant #3	
Other expenses: Herbicide for on-farm weed treatment	1,000.00
Misc. Donations: HWCWMA, NvACD meeting, etc.	300.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	12,755.00

The Proposed Budget for the 2022 fiscal year has been approved by Starr Valley Conservation District on 18 May 2021.