

## **Tonopah Conservation District Annual Report September 30, 2022**

The Tonopah Conservation District (“TCD”) continues to coordinate with and support Bureau of Land Management (“BLM”), USFS, FSA, USDA, NDOW, NRCS, DCNR and other agencies to disseminate program information and development to producers via personal contact, field support, email and meetings. The TCD together with the Northern Nye Cooperative Weed Management Area (NNCWMA) supports and helps coordinate weed abatement projects on both public and private lands, with treatments administered by Tri-County Weed Control and funded by the BLM, with a cost share provided by TCD as budget permits.

Current staffing of the TCD is comprised of:

Lorinda Wichman, Chairman  
Buddy Perchetti, Supervisor  
Richard Reason, Supervisor  
Jerry Elliston, Supervisor  
Bruce Jabbour, Supervisor  
Jennifer Perry, Administrative Coordinator

Each of the above listed members and staff also reside as members of the NNCWMA.

From the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 the TCD/NNCWMA Board of Supervisors conducted three (3) meetings. One scheduled meeting was cancelled due to lack of a quorum. All meetings were properly posted, advertised, minutes recorded and transcribed in accordance with open meeting laws. All required financial reports were completed and offered to NRCS, DCNR and the BLM as required by the State and BLM Weed Grant program.

Guest attendees participating at or in meetings throughout the year included: Lauren Williams (DCNR), Lance Brown (USFS), Misha Allen (UNR Extension), Brandon Crosby (BLM), Daltry Balmer (BLM), Sean Gephart (NDF), Sam Jeffrey (JDF), Duane Dory (NDF), Jeremy Blackburn (Grange), Dakota Blackburn (Grange), and Robert Burdick (BLM).

The TCD had one vacancy on the Board of Supervisors in 2021 and 2022 due to the resignation of Tom Seley as of June 5, 2021. After several attempts to advertise and fill this vacancy, this seat remains unfilled. The term of Mr. Seley’s seat expires December 31, 2022.

In December 2019 the Nye County Board of County Commissioners voted to provide additional funding to the TCD, which has helped our 2022-2023 annual budget look better than it ever has. These funds will allow TCD to apply for and receive more competitive grants, which may require matching funds. Plans are underway for use of the funds in accordance with the Proposed Annual Budget submitted in June 2022.

In July 2020, BLM awarded TCD an additional \$25,000 grant modification for weed treatment, inventory, monitoring and site rehabilitation in the Nevada Battle Mountain District. Combined with the January 2021 modification of \$25,000, as well as the additional \$50,000 modification awarded July 2021. Tri-County Weed Control was tasked with the project and completed the project within the grant timeline of July 31, 2022.

The TCD is also collaborating with USFS and NDF on the planning and implementation of the Belmont Wildland Fire Reduction Project. Outcomes of this project will provide for improved wildland fire defense within the Town of Belmont by reducing available vegetation for burning and reducing wildland fire intensity and severity on private lands. A RAC grant for \$50,000 was awarded, and TCD approved \$10,000 of their budget to contribute to the project. This project is slated to start in the summer of 2022, with full project completion by December 31, 2024.

TCD encourages opportunities to assist landowners with weed control and other conservation issues. In June 2021, TCD partnered with Tri-County Weed Control to assist four (4) property owners in the Belmont area by providing much appreciated weed control measures on their property. With additional funding becoming available in the 2022-2023 fiscal year, TCD intends to increase the outreach to landowners and provide additional services.

The TCD voted to provide sponsorships for up to four (4) Nevada Youth Range Camp participants from Nye County to attend the June 2022 Camp. Two (2) campers completed their applications and submitted them to TCD. This camp is important not only to the youth in Nye County who learn valuable skills while attending, but to the TCD. The TCD supports this camp each year through sponsorships, budget permitting, and is part of its continuing effort to reach the youth through conservation and agriculture.

The Smoky Valley FFA did not submit any requests for financial participation during the 2021-2022 fiscal year. And due to retirement of staff, the program will not continue into 2022-2023. However, TCD has been in contact with leaders of both the 4-H program and the Grange Livestock program, and plan to work closely with both groups to provide financial support and meet our goals of supporting our youth programs.

All operations have been conducted within the district budget and outreach to producers and community is ongoing.

APPROVED this 5th day of August, 2022

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*Lorinda Wichman*

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Lorinda Wichman, Chairman of TCD

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**Year-End Financial Report**  
**Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022**

**SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS**

<u>RECEIPT SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
State Funds	\$ 4,068.27
County Funds	\$ 40,000.00
City Funds	
Other Government Funds	
Administrative Income	
Interest: CD, Savings, Checking	
Grants for Projects: BLM funding Weed Control Grant (Public Land)	\$ 45,353.42
Rental Income: (Equipment, etc.)	
Contributions	
Building/Property Rental Fees	
Other Sources of Income:	
<b>Total Income to 6/30/21</b>	<b>\$ 89,421.69</b> \$ -

<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Employee Salary - Sherry Harrison	\$ 3,502.35
Employee Salary - Jennifer Perry	\$ 1,300.00
Travel	
Mileage	
Building Rent	
Telephone	
Insurance	
Notary Charge	
Banking Charges	
Postage/Post Office Box	\$ 64.00
Office Supplies	
Publications/Newspaper/Advertising/Copying	\$ 455.05
Education/Information Expenses	
Equipment Purchase (Laptop)	\$ 1,118.85
Equipment Expenses	
Youth Range Camp	\$ 500.00
FFA School Farm Donations	
Dues/NVACD	\$ 600.00
Dues/Other	
Project Costs:	
Grant BLM - Tri-County Weed Public Lands	\$ 58,673.42
Other Expenses - TCD 25% Cost Share-Weed Control/Belmont	\$ 135.00
<b>Total Expenses July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022</b>	<b>\$ 66,348.67</b> \$ -

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**FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

1. BEGINNING OF YEAR FUND BALANCE (\*must equal funds reported from end of previous fiscal year)

A. CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANNCE (as of 6/30/21):	\$ 31,522.69
B. CASH ON HAND	\$ -
C. TOTAL FUND BALANCE	\$ 31,522.69
D. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE/GRANTS/INCOME	\$ 89,421.69
E. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE Fiscal Year 2021-2022	\$ (66,348.67)
F. TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$ 54,595.71

2. END OF YEAR FUND BALANCE:

A. CHECKING ACCOUNT BALANNCE:	\$ 54,595.71
B. CASH ON HAND	
C. TOTAL FUND BALANCE	\$ 54,595.71

3. SUMMARY:

A. BEGINNING OF YEAR FUND BALANCE	\$ 31,522.69	
B. PLUS TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 89,421.69	
C. LESS TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ (66,348.67)	
D. END OF YEAR FUND BALANCE	\$ 54,595.71	\$ -

4. ASSETS

A. COMPUTER AND EQUIPMENT	\$ 1,119.00
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**USE OF STATE APPROPRIATED FUNDS**

AMOUNT OF STATE APPROPRIATED FUNDS:	\$	4,068.27
FUNDS SPEND: OPERATING EXPENSES/PAYROLL/SUPPLIES/ETC.	\$	4,068.27
MATCHING FUNDS SPEND: LISTED ABOVE	\$	4,068.27
BALANCE REMAINING:	\$	-

Final to be approved this 5th day of August , 2022

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*Lorinda Wichman*  
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Lorinda Wichman, Chairman

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