

# Annual Report Draft

## Vya Conservation District

**Fiscal Year 2021-2022**  
**September 14, 2022**

**Instructions: Please leave all text in place and submit your answers below each bullet point. If the bullet point is not something the Conservation District board can answer or is not relevant to your Conservation District, please note that with NA. Please remember to SIGN and DATE.**

**NOTE: you may attach pictures, PDFs, or any additional information the board would like submitted to the SCC at the end of the document. You may use the excel or word version.**

### **Conservation District Information:**

- Please identify the Vya Conservation District board members, their positions, and seated terms.
  - Tony Stobiecki – District Chairman Term ends December 31, 2022.
  - Diane Hagelthorn Stobiecki – Board Member/Secretary; Alternate Representative to District 5 County Commissioner. Term ends January 1, 2024.
  - Steve Smith – Board Member. Term ends December 31, 2024
  - Pati Smith - Board Member, Treasurer Term ends December 31, 2022.
  - Jerry Gillogley – Board Member Term ends December 31, 2022.
  - Martisha Romesha Gillogley – Board Member. Term ends December 31, 2024.
- Briefly describe your Conservation Districts mission:
  - The Vya Conservation District (VCD) fosters and supports natural resource conservation through leadership, education, technical and financial assistance to implement and insure sustainable use of Northwestern Nevada’s natural resources.
- Describe the Conservation Districts major achievements for the FY.
  - Maintained full Board membership;
  - Financially supported Modoc Ag Expo in Cedarville, CA in March, 2022, with a table display and handouts to offer cost-share conservation projects. Sponsored guest speaker Kevin Swift of Swift Water Design explaining his process-based restoration, using beaver mimicry and management, to improve watershed functions, meadow and ground level moisture.

### **Goals:**

- Briefly describe your Conservation Districts goals:
  - To assist landowners with conservation projects through our Cost Share program
  - To improve District conservation practices
  - To offer educational scholarships to eligible students
  - To apply for pertinent grant opportunities

- To provide NRCS project oversight when requested.
- What goals did your Conservation District accomplish this year?
  - Provided \$2500 in funding to BLM for weed abatement
  - Approval of conservation-related Cost Share applications
  - Financial support to Modoc District Fair and Modoc Heritage Foundation Ag Expo
  - Scholarship awarded to one high school graduate
- What goals did the CD struggle to accomplish and why?
  - Unable to gain VCD membership from Gerlach/Empire areas due to their lack of interest
  - Unable to provide annual tour due to COVID restrictions
  - Difficulty finding individuals to apply for Cost Share and grant opportunities (many local residents may not have funds for cost share programs).

#### **Meetings:**

- Please list all meetings dates for the Conservation District of the last fiscal year:
  - September 8, 2021
  - February 17, 2022
  - May 11, 2022
- Identify needs, if any, to help your meetings be more effective, efficient and collaborative.
  - During COVID lockdowns, we used a short-term rental location in Vya, NV, to hold meetings which were attended by VCD Board members and attended virtually by other attendees. This worked well for all as there is no public place in our District closer than 90 miles to hold our meetings. This reduced travel time for Board members and fuel costs.
- List meeting material needs if any:
  - None at this time
- List meeting guest speakers or guest presentations which helped the Conservation District meet its goals and mission statement.
  - BLM, NRCS, Partners for F&W, F&W, US Forest Service, regularly attend our VCD meetings.
  - Swift Water Design was a guest speaker sponsored by VCD at the Modoc Ag Expo
- Describe any training needs related to holding public meetings.
  - No training needs.

#### **Outreach and Education:**

- What outreach methods did the Conservation District use in the fiscal year?
  - Scholarship applications made available at the Ag Expo; scholarship advertisement for three weeks placed in Modoc Record newspaper
  - Invites regularly sent to Gerlach/Empire residents to attend VCD meetings and become members
  - Maintained and updated VCD website
- Were the outreach methods successful? Why or why not?
  - Two new residents within our conservation district who are becoming involved in the VCD programs
- What education opportunities did the Conservation District participate in?

- o Ag Expo in Cedarville, CA
  - o Awarded educational scholarship to one high school senior applicant
- What is needed for the Conservation District to provide more outreach and education?
  - o More eligible residents and students to take advantage of available programs
  - o Resumption of funding from Washoe County/District 5 Commissioner

**Natural Resources:**

- What natural resource concerns did the Conservation District address?
  - o Weed abatement (in collaboration with Washoe County Road Maintenance, BLM and local residents). The end result desired is minimizing/eradicating noxious weeds in the area.
- What natural resources concerns were brought forward but not addressed? And why were they not addressed by the Conservation District?
  - o Moving cattle guard on Dugway (to keep cattle from channeling into an area with no water). Paperwork signed with BLM but matter not yet resolved. VCD agrees to assist in maintaining the cattle guard once relocated.
- What natural resource concerns does the Conservation District need addressing or need more information on?
  - o Assistance with grants and grant writing; weed abatement; improving dry farming habitat for sage grouse
- What natural resource concerns did the Conservation Districts Local Work Group with NRCS identify as the top priority?
  - o Not applicable. We do not have a Local Work Group in our CD.
- What technical assistance did the Conservation District or staff provide for NRCS?
  - o No projects were designated by NRCS that needed the VCD's assistance.

**Projects:**

- List any projects and give a brief description of the project and the Conservation Districts' role.
  - o No cost-share projects this fiscal year

**Grants:**

- What new grant/s were awarded to the CD? Describe the grant work and goals, the amount awarded and any partners on the grant.
  - o NA
- What grant/s were closed out this fiscal year? Describe the grant work and goals accomplished.
  - o NA
- What was the final amount of grant money spent and amount matched by the CD?
  - o NA
- What grant/s are ongoing, and describe the work done this year? What is the current amount spent under the grant and the amount of match provided by the CD?
  - o NA
- What overall grant needs were identified by the Conservation District?
  - o More grant opportunities and contractors to assist
  - o Grant application template dissemination

**Partners:**

- What Partners did the Conservation District work within the FY?
  - NRCS, BLM, U.S. Department of Forestry, Partners for F&W
- What Partners would the Conservation District like to collaborate with in the future?
  - Same as above, including NDOW

**Needs:**

- Identify some of the needs that came up for the CD in the fiscal year and please identify them as on the following: 1. Ongoing need 2. Specific to FY 3. Addressed in FY 4: Other (explain)
  - (1, 2) Lack of financial assistance to VCD by Washoe County this fiscal year
  - (4) Difficulty recruiting replacement supervisors with more State requirements placed on pro-bono supervisory board
  - See answers to previous questions addressing needs
- What strategy is the CD taking to address those needs identified?
  - Continue to assess and address needs of VCD community

**Please add any information, photos, questions and or concerns identified as part of the fiscal year close-out process.**

**Signed by:**

*Diane Hagelthorn-Stobiecki*

**Date: September 23, 2022**

## Vya Conservation District Summary of Receipts

Year ending June 30, 2022			
<b>Summary of Receipts</b>			
State funds			\$4,068.27
County funds			
City funds			
Other Government funds (specify)			
Interest--CD, Savings, Checking			\$39.31
Other sources of Income			
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>			<b>\$4,107.58</b>

## Vya Conservation District Summary of Expenditures

Year ending June 30, 2022			
<b>Summary of Expenditures</b>			
Stewardship: BLM Weed Abatement		\$2,500.00	
Education: Higher Education Scholarships		\$142.50	
Outreach: Modoc Ag Expo, Fair Support		\$375.00	
Dues: NvACD		\$600.00	
Internet: Website fees		\$84.00	
Misc: Appreciation for road grading services		\$200.00	
Contracted Services		\$1,568.75	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$5,470.25</b>	

<b>Vya Conservation District Financial Summary</b>				
<b>Year ending June 30, 2022</b>				
<b>1. BEGINNING OF YEAR FUND BALANCE</b>				
Equals Funds Reported from end of previous fiscal year				
A.	List all bank accounts:			
	Checking Account			\$11,852.50
	Savings			\$65,439.33
B.	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE</b>			<b>\$77,291.83</b>
<b>2. END OF YEAR FUND BALANCE</b>				
List all bank accounts:				
A.	Checking account			\$10,450.52
	Savings Account			\$65,478.64
B.	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE</b>			<b>\$75,929.16</b>
<b>3. SUMMARY</b>				
A.	Beginning of year fund balance (1B above)			\$77,291.83
B.	Plus total receipts (from Receipt Summary)			\$4,107.58
C.	Less Expenditures (from Expense Summary)			\$5,470.25
D.	Must equal end-of-year balance (2B above)			<b>75,929.16</b>

<b>Vya Conservation District Use of State Money</b>			
Year ending June 30, 2022			
<b>Use of State Appropriated Money</b>			
Amount of State Appropriated Money			\$4,068.27
<b>Money Spent</b>			
Staff Funds			\$966.77
Education			\$142.50
Outreach			\$375.00
Internet expenses			\$84.00
BLM Weed eradication			\$2,500.00
Total			4,068.27
<b><i>Patricia Smith</i></b>			
Treasurer		Date	<b>9/23/22</b>
<b>VYA Conservation District</b>			



