

Annual Report
Washoe Storey Conservation District
Fiscal Year 2022
Date Signed for Submission to the SCC

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 Conservation District board members, their positions, and seated terms.**
 - Chairman Bret Tyler, (2020- Dec. 31, 2024)
 - Treasurer Jim Shaffer 2019 - 2022
 - Storey County Appointee Kathy Canfield 2021-2022
 - Washoe County Appointee Jeanne Herman,
 - Board Member Sean Gephart - 2020- March 2, 2024
- **Briefly describe your Conservation Districts mission:**
- The Washoe-Storey Conservation District (WSCD) creates an understanding of the interrelationships between people and our environment through educating our citizens and building opportunities and partnerships to foster conservation and restoration efforts on all lands and to aid urban growth in an environmentally responsible manner, identify environmental needs and facilitate aid.
- **Describe the Conservation Districts major achieves for the FY.**
 - We Vacated NRCS Office & began hosting In-Person & Online Hybrid Meetings at Reno Downtown Library. WSCD was awarded a Grant from Storey County & found a team to remove whitetop and poison hemlock from the Truckee River Corridor near Rainbow Bend in Lockwood NV. We continued reviewing development plans for all new construction in Washoe County and began designing an informational booklet featuring botanical and landscape artwork to bring attention to invasive vs. native plant species.

Goals:

- **Briefly describe your Conservation Districts goals:**
- 1. Maintain a healthy, viable conservation district organization.
- 2. Restore, and enhance natural resources.

- Implement conservation practices emphasizing water quantity and quality, fish and wildlife habitat, stream and wetland restoration, Sage Grouse habitat restoration, rangeland management, and flood control.
- Identify, map, and control noxious weeds.
- Encourage and assist with environmentally responsible urban land use.
- Assist in the development of recreation opportunities.
- Emphasize fire fuel reduction in urban-rural interface lands.
- Work with elected officials and others in the private sector to attain our goals.
- To connect local residents with support to eradicate invasive species along the Truckee River in Washoe and Storey County and maintain native species on public and private land, as well as presenting important information to residents
- **What goals did your Conservation District accomplish this year?** We resumed consistent in-person meetings at the Reno Downtown Library, secured a grant and found volunteers to begin a weed-removal project in Lockwood. We attended a couple of outreach events & provided thousands of fence markers to NDOW to protect sage grouse habitat.
- **What goals did the CD struggle to accomplish and why?** We were not able to begin working in the field removing weeds along the riverbank during the spring because we did not receive the grant until late September. We have been moving slowly towards creating a final draft informational booklet about native and invasive species of plants in Northern Nevada.

Meetings:

- **Please list all meetings dates for the Conservation Districts of the last fiscal year:**

2021: June 14, June 21, July 12, August 9, September 13, October 25, December 8,

2022: January 10, February 7, March 14, April 11, May 9, June 13 (cancelled), July 11, August 8, September 26

- **Identify needs, if any, to help your meetings be more effective, efficient, and collaborative:** Since we have continued to conduct hybrid meetings online, technical difficulties have become a more consistent challenge to effective communication and collaboration. It has been beneficial for us to resume public in-person meetings in person at the Downtown Library in Reno.
- **List meeting material needs if any.** Minutes & Agendas can be found at NEVADACONSERVATION.COM
- **List meeting guest speakers or guest presentations which helped the Conservation District meet its goals and mission statement.** Guests from our most recent meeting included Bob and Lisa Holleman & Honey Menefee working towards attaining a grant for a local weed removal project.
- **Describe any training needs related to holding public meetings.** Continuing quarterly employee Training for online meetings and other CD related business would be very beneficial to the Conservation Districts' progress. I also attended a grant writing seminar to benefit WSCD grant applications.

Outreach and Education:

- **What outreach methods did the Conservation District use in the fiscal year?** We attended and setting up a booth at a local Night Out event at Perri Park in Lockwood, NV where we were able to speak directly to residents and a variety of local community groups about the weed removal project along the river in their area.

Sean attended the Nevada Landscape Conference and is working on the Nevada Weed Management Conference at the Nugget on October 18 & 19.

- **Were the outreach methods successful? Why or Why not?**- The event was successful were because we distributed informational booklets to local residents about invasive plant species in their area found volunteers for the Lockwood Weed Removal Project and communicated with local community groups about our efforts. We are able to learn from others while also sharing our own insight.
- **What education opportunities did the Conservation District participate in?** N/A
- **What is needed for the Conservation District to provide more outreach and education?** We plan to spend more time on creating and publishing an educational booklet which correlates with our Lockwood weed removal project. We want to provide applicable, accurate and up-to-date information written by local experts and board consultants.

Natural Resources:

- **What natural resource concerns did the Conservation District address?** We've been addressing Invasive Species of plants (perennial pepperweed, purple loose strife, and poison hemlock) in Lockwood. Jim Shaffer reviews all development plans for Washoe County, in doing so he makes suggestions for landscape design such as zeroscaping and turf, increasing water infiltration and reducing wasted water, earth tone colors in new structures and fencing, and maintaining connection to open space and trails. His comments on urban development aim to work with nature.
- **What natural resources concerns were brought forward but not addressed? And why were they not addressed by the Conservation District?** Water resources were discussed regarding new Lithium mining, but nearby mines at Thacker Pass are outside of our jurisdiction.
- **What natural resource concerns does the Conservation District need addressing or need more information on?**
- **What natural resource concerns did the Conservation Districts Local Work Group with NRCS identify as the top priority?**
- Invasive Weeds Management, Fuels/ Fire, Water Quantity and Quality
- **What technical assistance did the Conservation District or staff provide for NRCS?**

Projects:

- **List any projects and give a brief description of the project and the Conservation Districts' role.**
 - Lockwood Weed Removal Project – WSCD has invested in this project by applying for Grants. We will be the ones acquiring supplies, gathering volunteers and hiring professionals to remove weeds along the river, transporting waste, and continuing to keep an eye on the treated area.

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.** We received a grant for \$8,000 to remove invasive species along the riverbank in Lockwood, NV.
- **What grant/s were closed out this fiscal year? Describe the grant work and goals accomplished.** N/A
- **What was the final amount of grant money spent and amount matched by the CD?** N/A
- **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?** We applied for a grant through Storey County to eradicate invasive whitetop and poison hemlock along the Truckee River Corridor near Rainbow Bend in Lockwood NV. We just received confirmation that we were awarded the grant in September and will begin working on riverside clean-up projects immediately.
- **What overall grant needs were identified by the Conservation District?**
 - Staffing training and grant would be helpful to increase staff hours and productivity.

Partners:

- **What Partners did the Conservation District work within the FY?** NDOW, NRCS, Storey County
- **What Partners would the Conservation District like to collaborate with in the future?**
 - Native Tribes, Urban Farms, Local Cleanup Projects like KTMB

Needs:

- **Identify some of the needs that came up for the CD in the fiscal year and please identify them as on the following** Ongoing need - Technical Difficulties since we began hosting digital meetings, maintaining any computer problems becomes priority when that is our main form of communication. During this fiscal year, we reached out to our local library in order to resume face to face meetings. Holding our meetings in a public place rather than behind closed doors also contributes to an understanding that the public is welcome and invited to attend.
- **What strategy is the CD taking to address those needs identified?** In addition to doing more in-person outreach, we have made some repairs to our laptop and have discussed possible replacement as well as purchasing an external harddrive for district materials.

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

Signed by: Bret Tyler, Chairman

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Bret Tyler', written on a light blue background. The signature is cursive and flows from left to right, starting with a large loop for the letter 'B'.

Date: 9-26-20

**Washoe Storey
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022

<u>RECEIPT SOURCE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
State Funds	\$4,000.00
Additional State Funds	\$ 68.27
County Funds	\$ 0
City Funds	\$ 0
Other Government Funds (specify)	\$ 0
Administrative Income (specify)	\$ 0
Interest – CD, Savings and Checking	
TOTAL	\$4,068.27
Grants	
Grant #1	
Grant #2	
Grant #3	
Grant #4	
TOTAL	\$ 0
Donations	\$ 0
Other Sources of Income- Reimbursement, Fence Marker Sales	
TOTAL INCOME	\$4,068.27

- Additional Income from \$1,000 removed annually from our savings (mitigation) account, and the remaining dollars were earned from sales of Sage Grouse fence markers during the previous fiscal year.

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021

BEGINNING OF YEAR FUND BALANCE:	
List all bank accounts:	
Checking Account.....	\$3,844.85
Savings Account.....	\$17,104.85
Total funds carried forward.....	\$20,949.7
END OF YEAR RECEIPTS:	
Total from receipts page	\$4,068.27
Total funds available.....	\$0
END OF YEAR EXPENDITURES:	
Total from expenditures page	\$5,859.21
Any Pending expenditures	\$0
Total expenditures:	\$5,859.21
SUMMARY:	
Total of Receipts	\$4,068.27
Total of Expenditures	\$4,068.27
TOTAL:	\$0

Authorized Signature



Date: 9-26-2022