



# MEET NEVADA'S 28 CONSERVATION DISTRICTS!

FY 2016 – Nevada Conservation Districts leverage \$112,000 from the annual legislative grant to CDs into \$2,927,172, including in-kind contributions and partner matches:

## **EVERY \$1 BECAME \$30 BY CDs WORKING TO IMPROVE AND CONSERVE NEVADA!**

In Addition, FY 2016, State Conservation Commission offers \$80,000 Sage-Grouse Habitat Grant (\$40,000 from Legislature + \$40,000 from USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service)  
12 applications requested \$205,111 of SCC funds; they also brought \$234,937 match, equaling \$440,049 in total project dollar opportunity.

### **Get in on Nevada's best kept secret!**

Nevada's Conservation Districts (CD's) are governmental entities, much like school boards, directed by locally elected volunteer residents and founded, along with 3,000 CD's nationally, in 1937 on the philosophy that conservation decisions should be made at the local level with a focus on voluntary, incentive-based actions. In Nevada, where the federal government administers and manages more than 85% of the land, CD's serve a vital role to connect private and public interests. NRS Chapter 548 gives CD's specific authorities that allow them to be the best mechanism to plan and administer work done to answer local conservation needs.

The Legislative District you represent is found within one or more of Nevada's 28 Conservation Districts. (map on reverse). The State Conservation Commission (SCC) is appointed by the Governor to guide and regulate the CD's, assisted by the DCNR Conservation District Program headed by Tim Rubald. The Nevada Association of Conservation Districts (NvACD) serves as a statewide voice for conservation districts; as a non-governmental entity, NvACD can lobby, unlike the Conservation District Program in DCNR or the SCC, and can speak for all CD Supervisors to bring attention to issues. It also provides forums to train and educate supervisors and recognize outstanding district individuals and programs. More information is available at <http://dcur.nv.gov/conservation-district-program> and <http://nvacd.org>.

### **CD Name: Mason Valley Conservation District**

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**Activities & Projects:** The Mason Valley Conservation District provides noxious weed inventory, mapping, and control along the Walker River Corridor on all lands regardless of ownership with funds from the Forest Service Resource Advisory Committee, the Nevada Department of Agriculture, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Bureau of Reclamation. We have worked with National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and Walker Basin Conservancy to restore retired farmlands they have purchased to a native vegetation. In 2015/2016 the Mason Valley Conservation District with funding from the State of Nevada, Lyon County, the City of Yerington, and the Walker River Irrigation District removed 355,000 tons of accumulated sediment from the main channel of the Walker River which has greatly reduced the flood hazard potential in

that portion of the watershed. The Conservation District, with grant funding from the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, completes a riverbank restoration project on the Walker River approximately every other year to help curtail erosion, and further reduce the amount of sediment introduced into the river. Working with the Partners for Wildlife program of the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the Mason Valley Conservation District has removed pinyon and juniper to improve critical Bi-State Sage Grouse habitat in the Nine Mile Ranch area of Mineral County. Through a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, the District has employed youth, training them in the job skills required for noxious weed control, Sage Grouse habitat improvement, retired farmland restoration, and streambank restoration.