



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://dcnr.nv.gov/conservation-district-program> and <http://nvacd.org>.

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Activities & Projects: NTCD successfully implemented the \$1.1 million dollar Burke Creek Highway 50 Crossing and Realignment Project during the summer of 2016 in partnership with the US Forest Service, Nevada Division of State Lands, Douglas County, and the Nevada Department of Transportation. NTCD served as the overall project manager, principal engineer, and resident engineer and completed complex tasks such as federal permitting as part of a team. The project restored a riparian area, daylighted a creek from beneath a parking lot, and improved drainage and stormwater treatment along Highway 50.

NTCD also implemented phase 2 of the Cave Rock Stormwater System Retrofit improving stormwater treatment of runoff before water from the steep Cave Rock Estates neighborhood reaches Lake Tahoe.

NTCD continued assisting Nevada-Tahoe counties and the Nevada DOT with meeting the requirements of the Tahoe TMDL through modeling, data collection, and reporting. NTCD is considered a vital member of these jurisdictions' teams.

NTCD also implemented Phase 1 of the Zephyr Cove Water Quality Improvement Project and completed the design for Phase 2. When complete, this project will keep sediment-laden highway runoff out of Lake Tahoe and reduce the amount of beach erosion that threatens structures in the Zephyr Cove community.

Finally, NTCD continued its role as a conservation leader in the Lake Tahoe Community assisting with issues like protecting the rare Tahoe Yellow Cress, treating areas for noxious weeds, providing technical assistance to landowners, and continuing to move other conservation projects closer to implementation. NTCD even received a "Best in Basin" award from the Tahoe Regional Planning agency for the Rosewood Creek Area A Restoration Project completed in 2015.

