



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:

Zion Garden Park Agricultural Assistance Program - CDSN is working with community partners to accomplish a community demonstration garden project designed to provide urban agriculture technical assistance. This project will address natural resource conservation at the community level and enable community members to successfully grow produce. The project will expose citizens to effective techniques they can use to accomplish backyard conservation, establish healthy soils, plant crops, compost, integrate pest management, grow organically, and properly irrigate. It will also address soil quality, critical water management, stormwater pollution prevention, landfill diversion, renewable energy, food waste, and wildlife habitats. In addition, the program will offer a series of workshops and live chef demonstrations to education and engage the community about urban gardening and nutrition.

This is being performed in a low-income, low-access, food desert with the highest food insecurity rate in Southern Nevada. This program is being funded by the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) with additional support from the following core partners: University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, Zion United Methodist Church, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, Terra Firma Organics, State Renewable Energy, Green Chips, and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Sustainable Partnership Program - We are updating and streamlining this program, which certifies and actively promotes the sustainability efforts of business and organization partners. The process has been made simpler and less expensive for participants to encourage partners of all sizes to initiate or expand their sustainability efforts. Our goal is to greatly expand the membership and thereby increase the overall benefits to the community. The program was launched on September 13th, 2016 with community partners including but not limited to Green Chips, Southwest Gas, Republic Services, and RTC.

Annual Stormwater Pollution Prevention Poster Contest - In partnership with the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection, we've added 400 new participants to this outstanding cooperative effort to educate students about the dangers and impacts of pollution.

Christmas Tree Recycling Program - Each year Southern Nevada comes together to recycle used trees into useful mulch. Last season you helped us keep thousands of trees out of the local landfill.

Annual E-Waste Recycling Event - CDSN is proud to be a community partner with 8NewsNow to encourage and assist southern Nevadan residents to recycle their electronics and a variety of other household materials safely and in ways that help reduce pollution and environmental damage.

Southern Nevada Strong - CDSN is transitioning its work on this critically important regional planning program supported by HUD. CDSN is beginning to leverage its informed perspective and sustainability expertise to support and assist the RTCSN to implement the approved plan.

