



# 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>.

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### **Activities & Projects:**

- Since 2013 the Vya Conservation District has financially assisted landowners with conservation projects designed to enhance rangeland health and protect valuable wildlife habitat. Some of the projects we have assisted with include:
  - Assisted with funds to help landowner replace a 100 year-old pipeline
  - Provided funds to help with a project that consisted of using gravity to fill water troughs to allow for more efficient use of water and dispersal of livestock grazing. Wildlife in this area benefitted from the use of troughs with wildlife escape ramps.

- By backfilling and seeding a local spring damaged by a washout, another project extended and repaired a meadow in the Vya area. This project was beneficial to wildlife, including Sage Grouse.
- Provided oversight to projects to enhance riparian areas:
  - A recent project consisted of a WRP easement to enhance wetland function and provided habitat conditions beneficial to wildlife, including species of concern such as Greater Sage Grouse.
- Weed eradication: We contribute funds each year to the BLM Applegate field office for weed spraying in Northern Washoe County.
- Scholarship: Each year the Vya Conservation District awards a scholarship(s) to graduating high school students who are planning to continue their education in an agriculture related course of study.
- We are supporters of the Modoc Heritage Foundation whose goal is to preserve Modoc's western heritage, and promote youth and agriculture education through support of the Modoc District Fairgrounds.
- We are sponsors of the Ag Expo, Farm & Garden Show in Cedarville, CA, which seeks to promote agriculture education throughout Northern Washoe County and Modoc County, CA.
- We participate in the Ag Expo, Farm & Garden Show in Cedarville, CA with a table educating the public about our activities in Northern Washoe county and the assistance we have available to landowners and students.
- We educate and inform landowners and permit holders in our district about legislation that affects them.

