



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 Districts 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 Districts 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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Some Activities & Projects of Nevada's Conservation Districts:

- Noxious Weeds – thousands of acres of inventory/ control /monitoring each year,
- Carson River – clearing, snagging, bank stabilization, channel capacity, flood damage,
- Sage-grouse – thousands of acres of pinyon-juniper encroachment removal to improve habitat, installing fence markers, meadow rehabilitation, and fuel breaks to slow wild fires,
- Walker River – proactive sediment removal to prevent flooding near Yerington from expected high water flows,
- Stewardship Alliance of Northeast Elko – sponsoring rancher-led groups whose purpose is to get Sage-grouse projects planned and implemented,
- Diamond Valley Groundwater Management Planning Group support,

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- Urban projects - including Zion Choice Neighborhood Community Garden Park in Las Vegas
- Lake Tahoe – Improving storm water treatment to prevent sediment-laden highway runoff entering the Lake,
- Water availability and rangeland condition improved with pinyon-juniper removal,
- Soil and snow surveys support,
- Equipment – loaning or renting to local producers,
- Annual tree sales – providing locally adapted plants,
- Community Buildings – maintenance for important local uses,
- Washoe County planning projects – review and input,
- Facilitation and community-based support identifying solutions for resource conflicts, and
- Education and outreach – on local conservation concerns, organizing the National Conservation Poster contest in schools, and sponsoring students to attend Nevada Youth Range Camp.

