

**Articles of Association**  
*of the*  
**Nevada Association of Conservation Districts**

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this Association shall be the Nevada Association of Conservation Districts. The official abbreviation shall be NvACD.

ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this Association shall be as follows:

1. To encourage and secure the active participation and cooperation of the cities, counties, state and federal agencies and other organizations in promoting soil and water conservation within the state.
2. To exchange information relating to the administration and operation of Conservation Districts and to effect cooperation between such districts.
3. To promote the welfare of all existing Conservation Districts and lend encouragement and assistance in the formation of additional Conservation Districts as a means of effectively advancing the program of soil and water conservation in the State.
4. To facilitate mutual loan of tools and equipment between Districts and making joint investigations and studies of value to such Districts.
5. Carrying out of such projects as may be of joint interest and mutual welfare to the Districts participating therein.
6. To provide information to member Districts on legislation needed to facilitate and support the work of Conservation Districts.
7. To participate with National Association of Conservation Districts.
8. To educate the Nevada Legislature of the benefit of Nevada Conservation Districts and their aims and programs.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

1. Each Conservation District in Nevada shall be eligible for membership in this Association and shall by vote of their Board of Supervisors elect a voting delegate to the Annual Meeting of the Nevada Association of Conservation Districts. Any District may become a member of this Association by payment of annual dues and by appointing a delegate to represent such District. One vote shall be allowed to each member-district.

ARTICLE IV: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. The State of Nevada shall be divided into three areas. The Northern Area shall consist of Elko, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, and Pershing Counties. The Western Area shall consist of Carson City, Churchill, Douglas, Lyon, Storey, Mineral, and Washoe Counties. The South-Central Area shall consist of Clark, Esmeralda, Lincoln, Nye, and White Pine Counties.
2. The management of this Association is vested in a Board of Directors, one each from the Northern, Western, and South-Central Areas, elected by the respective delegates of the Area at the annual meeting as above designated. The term of office of these Directors will be one year or until a successor has been elected or appointed and has assumed office. Any vacancy among these directors by resignation or otherwise shall be filled by appointment by the President of a representative from the Area affected. The Board of Directors will consist of one representative from each Area chosen as outlined above and include the President, First Vice President, Second Vice President and Council member of the Association serving as Directors at Large.
3. Directors shall be or have been supervisors of Conservation Districts.
4. The Secretary-Treasurer will automatically be a Director of the Nevada Association of Conservation Districts. He/she need not be a District supervisor. However, if not a District supervisor they will not have a vote.

5. An Executive Committee, empowered to act on behalf of the Association for emergency or short notice decisions, shall consist of the President, First Vice President, and Second Vice President.

#### ARTICLE V: OFFICERS

1. The officers of the Association shall consist of a President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, the three Area Directors, the Council member, and a Secretary-Treasurer.
2. The President, First Vice President, Second Vice President and Council member shall be elected by assembled delegates of the Association at the annual meeting of the Association. They need not be Directors of the Association at the time of their election. At the same meeting, the three Areas will caucus to elect their Director. The Secretary-Treasurer will be appointed by the President.
3. Election Procedures:
  - a. The President will be the election chair.
  - b. The President, First Vice President, Second Vice President and Council Member will be elected in that order and before the area caucus for election of Directors.
  - c. Procedure in the above election:
  - d. Nominations will be accepted by the chair from any qualified district.
  - e. In a contested election, those nominated will be required to leave the place of meeting.
  - f. Those nominated will be requested, one at a time, to speak to those assembled, explaining their views, plans, or qualifications, for a time of not over 10 minutes, then again leave the room.
  - g. A secret ballot election will then be conducted by the election chair and the results announced.
  - h. After the initial election of President, First Vice President and Second Vice President, only the Second Vice President will be elected. The elected position will progress without interruption from Second Vice President to First Vice President to President.
4. The term of office for the President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, and Council Member of the Association will be two years in each position and will not exceed two consecutive terms unless approved by a 2/3 majority vote of the official voting delegates at the annual meeting.
5. The duties of these officers shall be those normally ascribed to such officers.
6. In the event an officer resigns or is unable to act, the President shall appoint a new officer. In the event the President resigns, the First Vice President shall take over the duties of the President.

#### ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS

1. The annual meeting of the Association shall be held each year during the months of October or November, the day and place to be determined by the voting delegates at the previous annual meeting.
2. Special meetings of the Association may be called by vote of the majority of the Board of Directors stating the time, place, and purpose of the meeting. Each member-district will be notified in writing at least ten days in advance of the annual or any special meeting. At the annual or any special meeting of the Association, a majority of member-district representatives present in person will constitute a quorum for transacting business except for changing the Articles of Association or by-laws which will require two-thirds majority of the member-district representatives present in person. All meetings of the membership of the Association shall be open to all district officers and representatives and such other individuals as are declared eligible to attend, including the members of the State Conservation Commission and their duly authorized representatives.
3. The Board of Directors shall hold a regular meeting each year in conjunction with the annual Association meeting in November or December. Special meetings of the Board of Director of the Association may be

called by the President or by the majority of the Board of Directors by giving such Directors ten days written notice thereof.

4. Regular or special meetings of the Board of Directors shall be open to all members of the Association and all Conservation Districts, and a majority of the Board of Directors being present in person shall constitute a quorum for transaction of business.
5. The Nevada Association of Conservation Districts will be represented at the annual meeting of the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) by a Council Member who will be elected at the annual meeting of the Nevada Association of Conservation Districts, and / or an alternate. The alternate to the Council Member will be the President, unless he/she is already elected as the Council Member, in which case the alternate shall be selected by the voting delegates at the Annual Meeting.
6. The Association will hold at least one area meeting in each of its three (3) areas. These meetings will be held prior to the annual meeting. Each area Director will set up the time and place for the meeting in his/her area and will notify each member-district in the area in writing at least ten days in advance. In addition to such other business as may come before the group, each area will develop a list of potential nominees to be considered during the annual Association meeting to include one or more nominees for each of the following offices: Association President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, NACD Council Member, and Area Director-for their respective areas. They will also submit three persons' names for consideration by the Governor for the State Conservation Commission.

#### ARTICLE VII: BY-LAWS

1. By-laws may be adopted and the Articles of Association may be amended by two-thirds vote of all Conservation District representatives present in person at any regular meeting of the Association or at any special meeting called for that purpose.

#### ARTICLE VIII: MEMBERSHIP DUES

1. Membership dues for member-districts shall be determined annually by action of the Board of Directors of the Association. The Secretary-Treasurer will be responsible for all receipts and disbursements.
2. The Secretary-Treasurer shall give an accounting in writing of all funds at the regular Association meetings and at each meeting of the Board of Directors.

#### ARTICLE IX: DISSOLUTION

1. At any time following the organization of the Nevada Association of Conservation Districts, a majority of the member-districts may file a petition with the Association Board of Directors requesting dissolution of the Association. Such petition must include certification by the Secretary of each petitioning district that the signing of the petition has been authorized by action of the Conservation District Board of Supervisors.
2. The Association Board of Directors will present the petition at the next regular or special meeting of the Association. Dissolution must be authorized by two-thirds of the member-districts.
3. If dissolution of the Association is authorized, the Secretary shall dispose of all property of the Association at public auction and will divide the proceeds of such sale and such cash assets of the Association equally among the member-districts.
4. The Secretary will furnish each member-district with an accounting of properties sold and assets divided in connection with dissolution proceedings.

As amended at the annual meeting of the Nevada Association of Conservation Districts, December 6, 7, and 8, 1988, at Elko, NV; as amended at the annual meeting of the Nevada Association of Conservation Districts, November 5, 6, and 7, 1992, at Fallon, NV. And as amended at the annual meeting of the Nevada Association of Conservation Districts, November 6, 2013 in Elko, NV.