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August/September 2024 Newsletter

NvACD/ NWMA Annual Meeting Agenda and Registration information !

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*Nevada Weed Management Association
&
Nevada Association of Conservation Districts*



Conference / Trade Show Agenda

Nov 19th and 20th

*Grand Sierra Resort & Casino
2500 E 2nd St., Reno, NV 89595*

Pesticide CEUs Approved / Pending from states:
Nevada, California, Oregon, Utah, Arizona, Plus: CCA & SRM units.


Conference Registration: \$250 (Covers Banquet & Bus Tour)

To Register: <https://nacdnnet.app.neoncrm.com/np/clients/nacdnet/eventRegistration.jsp?event=2420&>


To Sponsor or Purchase Vendor Booth: [NvACD & NWMA Annual Meeting Sponsorship and Vendor Booth Registration Tickets, Tue, Nov 19, 2024 at 7:00 AM | Eventbrite](#)

For Information, please call: Kevin Piper (805) 441-9437 / Sean Gephart (775) 815-8079

Annual Poster Contest Announcement for Nevada CDs



Annual Poster Contest Announced in Nevada!




Dates and Important Info:

- Local CD poster winners due to NvACD by October 31, 2024
- State winners will be selected prior to the Annual NvACD Meeting in November and sent to NACD by December 1st.
- Posters will be judged via digital format via scanned PDF copies or JPEG photos and emailed to NvACD.
- Electronic submissions should capture the original poster without editing, images clear, well-lit and framed.
- If unable to send posters via email, original posters and entry forms will be accepted by USPS to NvACD.
- Submitted posters must include a signed *Local Entry Form* (see below) in order to be considered for the national contest

The Nevada Association of Conservation Districts (NvACD), in cooperation with the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD), is pleased to announce the theme for the 2024 Annual Poster Contest! Please visit this website for downloadable materials referred to below:
[NvACD 2024 Poster Contest](#)

All Nevada Students, K-12, are welcome to submit their original artwork to their local participating Conservation District (CD). Local participating CDs will select winners at the local level then send winning posters from each age category to NvACD. A Nevada judging panel will select state winners to move on to the national level competition held by NACD.

For more information about the Conservation Districts in Nevada, please visit our website [NvACD](#)

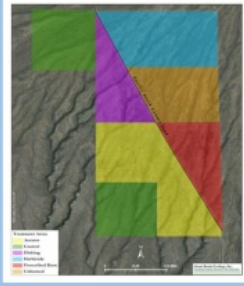


Please click on the links below to view required forms and contest rules:
[2024 Poster Contest Rules](#)
[Local Entry Form](#)
[Local-to-State Form](#)

Please send posters with entry forms by email in PDF or JPEG format, or paper posters by mail, to Adriane Tibbitts, NvACD Treasurer by October 31st (treasurer@nvacd.org).

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NvACD needs your CD project information!
We would like to develop new posters for your CD, but need you to send us photos with captions. We will display these posters at the Annual Meeting, and also at the 2025 Legislative session. An example of the one of the posters is below.



The Starr Valley Conservation District and Northeastern Nevada Stewardship Group partnered on the Sagebrush Habitat Management Demonstration Project which was implemented in 2002. This project demonstrates the application of various vegetation treatments which can be used to rejuvenate sagebrush-bunchgrass rangelands from a shrub dominated state, while establishing a new age class of sagebrush and increasing herbaceous composition within the plant community. The treatments included aeration, disking, herbicide application and prescribed burning. Each of the treatments was intended to reduce the dense shrub canopy to create desired habitat for sage-grouse and other wildlife species.



Photo looking towards Stormy Mountain showing vegetation during the second growing season with livestock-use



Each treatment has been evaluated on a yearly basis by Conservation Specialist Gerry Miller since its inception and there has been a report written in 2006 and 2011 and a summary written in 2016. Not all treatments and results are provided here but are available upon request.

NRCS Program – High Tunnel (hoophouse)



Lotspeich Family Farms, family owned and operated, provides fresh vegetables to the Elko and Wells Farmers Market, as well as supporting the community Farmers Market trend.



Elko County provides \$5,000 to Starr Valley CD yearly for the purpose of weed abatement along County Roads. The CD then contracts with a certified applicator to treat and map each area.

Fall applications are open to grow free native seeds

Applications are due by 5 p.m. Sept. 12

(SPARKS, Nev.) – The Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) is offering free native seeds to producers in Nevada through its Foundation Seed Program. This program helps producers diversify crops, address local plant restoration needs, and conserve water by providing opportunities to expand crop production and access new markets.

“This program addresses a critical need for native plant species in Nevada,” said Meghan Brown, Division of Plant Health and Compliance administrator for the NDA. “By offering free native seeds, we aim to increase the availability of native plants that are essential for land restoration and rehabilitation efforts in Nevada.”

In return for providing free seeds, the program asks that a portion of the applicant’s yield be returned at no cost to create a sustainable foundation program. The applicant is then free to use or sell the remainder of their yield.

Those interested must apply by Sept. 12, 2024. Applications will be reviewed and ranked, and seeds will be awarded free of charge. For more details regarding the program, to receive an application or learn more about the NDA Foundation Seed Program, please visit agri.nv.gov/Administration/Grant_Opportunities or contact program staff at seed@agri.nv.gov.

About the Nevada Department of Agriculture

*The **Nevada Department of Agriculture** (NDA) mission is to preserve, protect and promote Nevada’s agriculture. The department has 225 dedicated employees providing services in its five divisions, Administrative Services, Animal Industry, Measurement Standards, Food and Nutrition, and Plant Health and Compliance. The department’s \$288 million budget facilitates regulatory and administrative work in agriculture and food manufacturing industries, protecting public and environmental health and worker safety, and providing food distribution and oversight for the United States Department of Agriculture’s school and community nutrition programs.*

Press Release covers BLM’s announcement of its plan to create a Federal Advisory Committee and provides links to the guidance documents that have been issued towards the bottom of the page.

Click here: [BLM -public-lands-rule](#)

Native Habitat Garden Design in Schools



Native Habitat Garden Design in Public (School) Spaces with Jesse Chang

Wednesday, September 18th, 6 PM–8 PM

ONLINE

Students are returning to school and educators are looking for ways to connect them to nature!

Projects that bring native habitat into schools can be challenging when stakeholders and administration's input, expectations and limitations go way beyond a simple client/designer relationship. What works for the complex ecology of a school garden? Come dialogue with Jesse Chang as he shares design principles and practices learned over the course of 12 years and 15 school garden spaces in the San Gabriel Valley. He will highlight several of the gardens from conception to installation and ongoing stewardship post planting.

Click here to register: [Native habitat garden in schools](#)

How do CDs identify Resource Concerns ?

Conservation Districts are responsible for identifying and addressing the local natural resource concerns that occur within their boundaries. This information is used by NRCS to direct funding in Nevada. If your CD needs help with this process, contact NvACD, NRCS, or your Nevada Conservation District Program Conservation Specialist for help !

What is a “Resource Concern?”

NRCS staff are experts trained at evaluating natural resources on the land - soil, water, air, plants and animals (SWAPA +HE) and determining if any of those resources could use a little improvement.

Resource Concern lists can be found in the NRCS Nevada Field Office Technical Guide

<https://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/#/state/NV/documents/section=3&folder=37456>

There are 6 main categories resource concerns are placed within:

- Soil,
- Water,
- Air,
- Plants,
- Animals and
- Energy



NEVADA FARM BUREAU®

WHITE PINE COUNTY FARM BUREAU

Field Day

September 11th at 11am

Come learn how farmers in Eureka County and Diamond Valley are trying to maintain historic yields, while adjusting to a 30% curtailment of water!

We will be touring Diamond Valley Hay Company, we'll plan to meet at the field, 1 mile South of 1050 Gold St, Eureka NV.

Lunch will be provided following the tour.

Questions ? White Pine County President
Tom Baker (775) 761-6247



THANK-YOU TO
DIAMOND VALLEY HAY
FOR HOSTING THIS YEARS
FIELD DAY

SUPPORT NEVADA AGRICULTURE
BY JOINING FARM BUREAU
TODAY!
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Nevada Division of Forestry has Grants and crews for project work !

check out this link for grants-<https://forestry.nv.gov/services>

check out this link for Conservation Camps for project work<https://forestry.nv.gov/conservation-camps-program>

Funding Opportunities (Grants)

Urban and Community Forestry Grants

Conservation Education and Outreach Grants

Hazardous Fuel Reduction Grants

Community Forest and Open Space Grants

Wildfire Hazard Mitigation Education Grants

Conservation Easement Acquisitions Grants

Forest Health Improvement Grants

Landscape Scale Restoration Grants

Endangered Species Conservation Grants

Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Grants

Federal Excess Property (FEPP) Firefighting Equipment Funding

Hand Crews for Hire (Conservation Camps)

Hazardous Fuel Reduction and Timber Stand Improvement

Defensible Space Implementation

Stream and River Restoration

Weed Spraying and Herbicide Application

Prescribed Burning and Wildland Fire Fighting

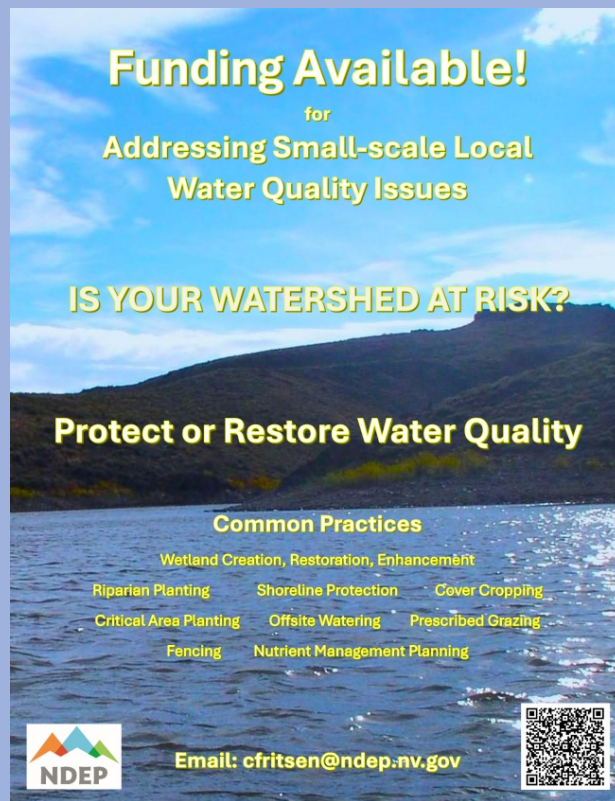
Hand Seeding and Post-fire Rehabilitation

**Urban Agriculture online courses for growers and planners
FREE !**

<https://smallfarmcourses.com/p/urban-ag>

**Farmer-driven innovations in agriculture that
improve profitability, stewardship and quality
of life.**

SARE website grant link



NDEP has grant funding available and are soliciting two to three-page proposals for small-scale watershed management plans.

Nevada receives funds each year from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to improve water quality in the state by addressing nonpoint source pollutant issues (i.e., diffuse sources of pollution and not from a point source).

The amount that is available to award to subrecipients is variable but ranges between \$700,000 to \$900,000 per year.

Funding for on-the-ground projects (like streambank stabilization, wetland protection, stream restoration, etc.) **requires an accepted watershed plan** documenting that the use of the funds will lead to protection or improvements in water quality.

Often the co-benefits of on-the-ground projects are valued by stakeholders just as highly as the water quality results (e.g., habitat for fish and wildlife, carbon sequestration, wildfire resiliency, etc.).

*The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, the designated state agency managing this EPA funding, **is seeking to fund proponents to create watershed plans** leading to more on-the-ground projects across the state.*

Please share this announcement and attached documents widely.

Proposal submission details are available here (<https://ndep.nv.gov/water/rivers-streams-lakes/nonpoint-source-pollution-management-program/watershed-based-plans>).

Conservation Districts Spotlight !

Lincoln County Conservation District







Lincoln County CD Supervisor Maggie Orr at a public information event.



Lincoln County Conservation District Habitat Restoration Activities

Pahranagat Valley Russian Olive Eradication Project- Lincoln County CD

has obtained a \$250,000 Landscape Scale Restoration Grant from the Nevada Division of Forestry to remove approximately 5,000 invasive Russian olive trees that infest the riparian meadows of this valley. Removal will begin mid-September. They have educated over 57 landowners on this invasive species.

Several grants were received from the Nevada Department of Wildlife Habitat Conservation Fund, enabling them to assist many landowners by treating noxious weeds with herbicide at no cost to them.

With a \$17,000 grant from the Nevada Department of Wildlife, they have worked with a landowner to plant seed on 100 acres to improve habitat for sage grouse and provide feed for wildlife and cattle. This project was such a great success, we obtained another \$28,000 grant from the State Conservation Commission to improve another 180 acres to benefit sage grouse.

The Lincoln County Conservation District Partners

- **Landowners !**

- Bureau of Land Management,
- Nevada Division of Forestry
- US Fish and Wildlife Service Partners Program
- National Association of Conservation Districts
- Nevada Department of Wildlife
- Nevada Association of Conservation Districts
- Nevada Division of State Parks
- Tri-County Weed Control
- Pahrnagat Valley Wildlife Refuge
- US Fish and Wildlife Service
- City of Caliente
- Lincoln County
- Upper Meadow Valley Cooperative Weed Management Areas
- Pahrnagat Valley Cooperative Weed Management Areas
- Quail Forever
- University of Nevada Cooperative Extension
- Eastern Nevada Landscape Coalition
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Department of Conservation Natural Resources Conservation Districts Program

Education and Outreach

- LCCD sponsor youth to attend Youth Range Camp where they learn about Nevada's desert and mountain rangelands and diverse ecosystems, while experiencing them firsthand.
- They educate community members at local events about the negative effects of the invasive Russian olive tree and the funding available to producers to address their natural resource concerns through NRCS Projects.
- Contacted all of the allotment permittees in Lincoln County to educate them on this funding opportunity.

Join the new Nevada Food Systems Contributor Database

In many rooms, meetings, conversations, and other spaces food systems and agriculture folks keep saying that it would be helpful to know who everyone is, where they are at, and what they are working on. In order to address this need, we have initiated an effort to create a database of food systems contributors around the state. Help us by completing the form and sharing with folks that you are connected with!

<https://forms.gle/o2Yg9gm9nfN1UJqPA>

Partner Links



Nevada Farm Bureau Grassroots

Newsletter for August 16, 2024



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This Issue:

- Public Comment Period Open For Major Solar Project Slated For Esmeralda County
- Oregon Farm Bureau Seeking Assistance For Massive Wildfires
- Interim Natural Resources Committees To Meet In Carson City – Aug. 23
- Nevada Division of Industrial Relations Plans Heat Regulation Session – Aug. 29
- Churchill County Farm Bureau Invites To Their Annual Summer Picnic

[Nevada Farm Bureau Website](#)

Click here to view the [Nevada Farm Bureau website](#)



Natural Resources Conservation Service
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



Seeking Feedback from EQIP Customers



EQIP Customer Survey Deadline is 9/10/24

Have you participated in our Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) in the last three years? If so, we want to hear from you!

To continually improve our flagship conservation program, we're asking our EQIP customers to participate in a survey. (Note that if you've already completed the survey, please do not submit a second response.) It's open right now through September 10, 2024.

[EQIP Survey link](#)



Visit the Nevada Department of Agriculture webpage !

National Association of Conservation Districts

Click on the link: [NACDNET](#)

NvACD needs your ongoing support !

Link to our donation page

[NvACD Associate Membership donation page](#)

Become a Nevada Association of Conservation Districts Associate Member!

By becoming an Associate Member, you help support the 28 conservation districts in Nevada. Through your contribution, you will help NvACD to better support the Nevada CDs with: CD supervisor training, Statewide networking and advocacy, grant opportunity communications, informative annual meetings, CD Day at the Nevada Legislature, Resource Needs Assessments, legislative tracking and advocacy, insurance, coordination with the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD), and educational scholarships.

Donation Levels

Level	Amount	Appreciation Gifts
Conservation Gift	\$5 – \$49	NvACD Sticker and Note Pad
Land Protector	\$50 – \$99	Above + Logo on Website
Land Guardian	\$100 – \$249	Above + Annual Meeting Pass
Land Steward	\$250 – \$499	Above + Notebook/Journal
Conservation Advocate	\$500 – \$1,499	Above + Engraved Plaque/Annual Meeting Recognition
Lifetime NvACD Associate	\$1,500+	Lapel Pin and Appreciation Gifts listed above

Contributions can be made through our donation link on our [donation page](#).

You may also mail a check to:

NvACD
c/o Adriane Tibbitts, Treasurer
P.O. Box 571
Eureka, NV 89316

*or call Adriane at (208) 241-4307 to contribute over the phone.

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