

Proposed Annual Work Plan

Washoe-Storey Conservation District

FY27 (July 1 2026 - June 30 2027)

5/31/2026

Instructions: Please leave all text in place and submit your answers below each bullet point. If the bullet point is not something the Conservation District board can answer or is not relevant to your Conservation District, please note that with NA. Please remember to SIGN and DATE.

NOTE: you may attach pictures, PDFs, or any additional information the board would like submitted to the SCC at the end of the document. Please ensure this information is accompanied by the CD Proposed Budget.

Submit to convprogram@dcnr.nv.gov, you may also cc maten@dcnr.nv.gov

Conservation District Information:

- Please identify the Conservation District Supervisors, their officer positions, and seated terms.

Name	Seat (Supervisor/ Chair/ Appointed)	Term
Lyndsey Langsdale	Chair	Jan. 1, 2025 - Dec. 31, 2028
Jim Shaffer	Treasurer	Jan. 1, 2023 - Dec. 31, 2026
Kathy Canfield	Storey County Appointee	2025 - 2026
Jeanne Herman	Washoe County Appointee	2025 - 2026
Elena Larsen	Supervisor	Apr. 7, 2025 - Dec. 31, 2026
Darcy Phillips	Supervisor	Apr. 7, 2025 - Dec. 31, 2026

- Briefly describe your Conservation District’s mission:

The Washoe-Storey Conservation District (WSCD) creates an understanding of the interrelationships between people and our environment through educating our community and building opportunities and partnerships to foster conservation and restoration efforts on all lands. This allows the Conservation District to aid urban growth in an environmentally responsible manner, identify environmental needs, and facilitate aid.

Goals:

- Briefly describe your Conservation District's goals for this upcoming year:

We plan to continue hosting our monthly meetings at the Department of Agriculture Office. We will continue to work to fill the one (1) remaining open board position to better steer the Conservation District in its priorities for projects and funding. Present goals include continuing removal of noxious weed species and focusing on early detection and rapid response species, support native plant community restoration efforts, and partner with local organizations to facilitate sustainable agriculture and grazing. Other continuing projects include reviewing development plans for new construction in Washoe County, offering sage grouse fence markers for sale, and expanding educational opportunities and tabling efforts to engage and reach the community. Some new opportunities include continued work on the Tom Cooke trail to address the early detection noxious weed jointed goatgrass and educate members of the public on invasive species, continue drone herbicide application at Canepa Ranch, work on fencing and possible vegetation restoration of a natural spring on private property in Palomino Valley as part of potential future conservation lands, and develop educational and outreach materials to assist with expanding recognition and scope reach.

Meetings:

- Does your CD meet regularly? If so please put your meeting schedule in. (*ex: every first Thursday of the month*)
 - Our meetings are typically held on the 2nd Monday of each month, both in-person at the Department of Agriculture building as well as virtually. Meeting dates are always posted on nevadaconservation.com.
- Identify needs, if any, to help your meetings be more effective, efficient and collaborative.
 - We will continue to meet in-person in Sparks at the Department of Agriculture building which provides great resources and staffing for both in-person and virtual meetings.
- Describe any training needs related to holding public meetings.
 - Staff and interested board members plan to review the open meeting laws training that Lyon County recently held and posted to Youtube as a reminder of holding public meetings.

Outreach and Education:

- What outreach opportunities is the Conservation District planning to participate in?

- The Conservation District is planning future potential events including tabling with the Nevada Association of Conservation Districts at the state fair in June 11-14, 2026, outreach at National Night Outs in August at towns hosting this year, hosting a location for the Truckee River Cleanup with Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful in September 2026, and participating in other tabling opportunities with partners and community events as they arise.
- What education opportunities is the Conservation District planning to participate in or offer to the public?
 - The Conservation District is planning to participate in neighborhood or community workshops as opportunities come up, such as in invasive species education or defensible space awareness. The Conservation District is currently looking for funding to create educational materials and an information panel at the Tom Cooke trail regarding reducing the spread of jointed goatgrass and other noxious weeds. The Conservation District also plans to donate funds to higher education scholarship programs through the Nevada Association of Conservation Districts and Range Camp with the Society for Range Management.

Natural Resources:

- What natural resource concerns will the Conservation District continue to address?
 - The Conservation District plans to address water quality, noxious weeds, sage grouse conservation, reseeding recommendations, habitat restoration, and food security through urban agriculture and grazing education.
- What natural resource concerns continue to be a priority for the board?
 - The Conservation District continues to prioritize weed abatement through noxious weed identification, education, and removal, defensible space, and open space restoration and education.

Projects:

- List any projects planned and give a brief description of the project.
 - Project I is to continue hosting volunteer programs and install education materials for goatgrass removal at Tom Cooke Trail. Goatgrass is an early detection and rapid response species that requires specific attention and has not been seen often in Washoe County yet. Washoe-Storey Conservation District recently applied for a Nevada Division of Forestry grant to provide funds to install boot brushes at trailheads to prevent grass seed spread, create and print educational pamphlets, and design and install an interpretive panel about

goatgrass and the early detection and rapid response program through the Nevada Department of Agriculture.

- Project II is supporting a private landowner in Palomino Valley to restore their land after a wildfire and transfer it into a conservation easement or land trust. This includes fencing a natural spring against cattle impacts in tandem with NRCS as well as potentially restoring banks and flow through low-tech mechanisms. This project would also include potential removal of mustard debris accumulation, cheatgrass and thistle management, and other methods to support the existing native plant communities. The Conservation District submitted to get partial funding for this project through NDOW.
- Project III is drone application of herbicides at Canepa Ranch in partnership with USFS, NDA, and Washoe County. The Conservation District received funding through NDOW for a first round of herbicide application in 2025, with the hope to monitor and re-apply areas as needed. The areas of application included a field near a staging area in a Verdi neighborhood as well as alongside trails. The Conservation District submitted to get continued funding for this project through NDOW.
- Project IV is partnering with Reno Food Systems to support their lease of 15 acres from Washoe County to install a regenerative grazing demonstration project. This includes assisting in applying for a \$10,000 planning grant with the National Association of Conservation Districts and future potential grants as this project gets off the ground. This aligns with Washoe-Storey Conservation District's goals to support local sustainable agriculture and grazing.
- Project V is to bolster tabling materials and educational equipment to increase presence and tabling efforts in the community, with future events at Patagonia Outlet, National Night Out, Earth Day, and environmental events sponsored by other agencies and nonprofits.
- Project VI is to continue hosting river clean-up volunteer events, ideally with partners such as Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful.
- None of these projects are currently on a grant timeline as none of the above-mentioned grants have been awarded yet but there are plans to apply for grants to help fund this work.

Grants:

- What new grant/s will the CD be considering and applying for?
 - The Conservation District recently applied for a grant through NDF and two through NDOW. While we are constantly looking for grants that may be a good match for existing projects, if the grants are awarded, these projects would

maximize the Conservation District's operating capacity. If these grants are not awarded to the Conservation District, we will be looking towards other avenues to fund these specific projects.

Partners:

- What Partners will the Conservation District plan to work with in the next fiscal year?
 - Possible partners for the Conservation District in the next year include both partners the District has previously worked with as well as possible new partners. Existing partnerships include: Nevada Department of Forestry, Nevada Department of Agriculture, Nevada Department of Wildlife, Washoe County, Washoe County Community Development, Storey County, Rainbow Bend Homeowners Association, Reno Food Systems, Nevada Native Seed Partnership, Nevada Association of Conservation Districts, Dayton Conservation District, Nevada Department of Transportation, and Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful. Possible future partners include: River Justice, Urban Roots, Soulful Seeds, Washoe County School District, City of Reno, and private agricultural growers.

Signed by:

Date:

WASHOE-STOREY CONSERVATION DISTRICT PROPOSED SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2026

RECEIPT SOURCE	AMOUNT
CD INCOME:	
State Funds	\$5,000.00
Additional State Funds	\$0.00
County Funds	\$10,000.00
City Funds	\$0.00
Other Government Funds (specify)	\$0.00
Administrative Income (specify)	\$0.00
Interest – CD, Savings and Checking	
CD INCOME TOTALS	\$15,000.00
Alternate INCOME	
Sage Grouse Fence Marker sales	\$1,000.00
Rental Income (equipment, etc.)	\$0.00
Contributions/Donations	\$0.00
Other Sources of Income Reimbursement	
Alternate INCOME TOTAL	\$1,000.00
Grant INCOME	\$14,000.00
Outreach and Education Grant	\$4,000.00
Reno Food System's Regenerative Grazing Demonstration Project NACD Grant	\$10,000.00
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TOTAL INCOME	\$30,000.00

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WASHOE-STOREY CONSERVATION DISTRICT PROPOSED SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2025

<u>EXPENDITURE Category</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
CD COSTS:	
Staff	\$1,900.00
Training	\$1,000.00
Telephone	\$0.00
Postage	\$0.00
Copying Expense	\$200.00
Office Supplies	\$1,500.00
Education-Higher Ed Scholarships & Range Camp	\$500.00
Outreach-	\$2,800.00
Equipment Purchase-Hardware/Software	\$1,525.00
Equipment Expenses (maintenance, repair,	\$0.00
Dues – NvACD	\$600.00
Dues – NACD	\$775.00
Internet-website	\$200.00
Insurance Expenses	\$2,500.00
Donations-	\$0.00
Miscellaneous-	\$1,500.00
CD Cost TOTAL	\$15,000.00
TRAVEL Expenditures:	
Mileage	\$1,000.00
	\$0.00
TRAVEL Expenditures TOTAL	\$1,000.00
Grant Expenditures:	\$14,000.00
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