

Conservation Districts History in the United States

Early 1930's- Depression rocked the county
Dust Bowl- unparalleled ecologic and agricultural
disaster that drove many people from their homes



In 1933, FDR summoned Hugh Hammond Bennet, a soil scientist, to the White house see what could be done Benntt told FDR that 100 million acres had lost its topsoil, nearly half had bed destroyed and could never be farmed again FDR gave Bennett \$5 million in relief funds to start the Soil Erosion Service, a temporary agency intended to provide relief In 1935, Bennett testefied before Congress to prsuade them to fund a permanent agency to manage the land. He wanted there to be local control. Congress unanimously passed legislation making soil & water conservation a national policy and priority.

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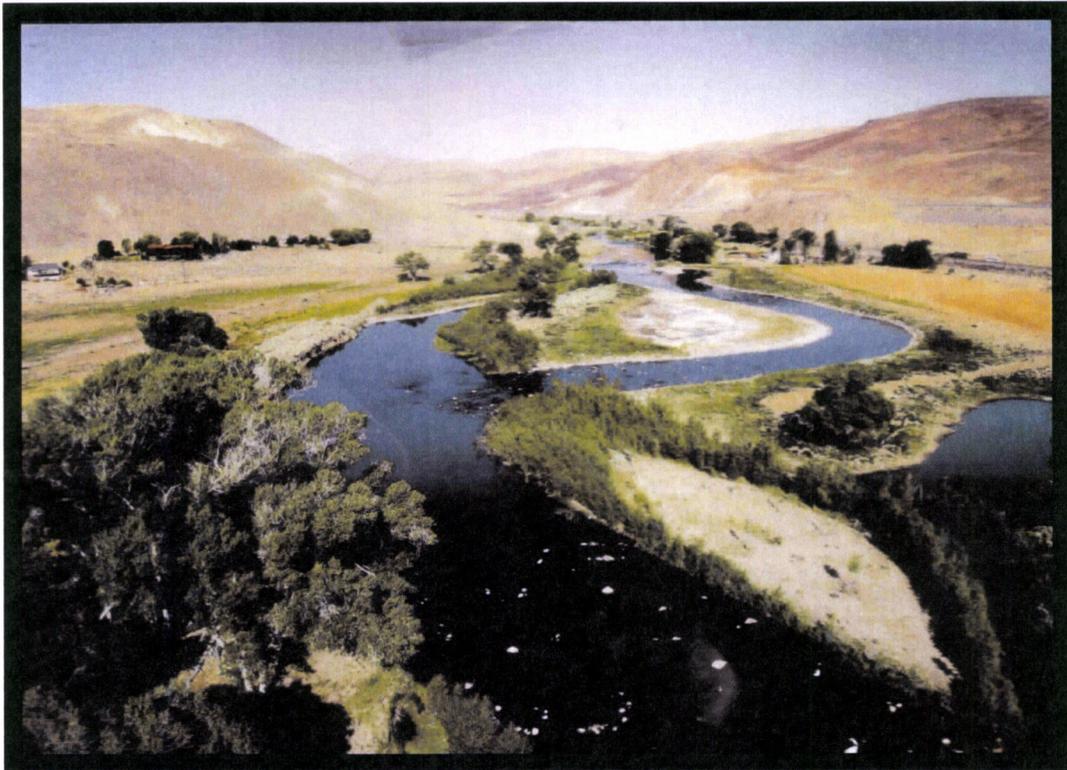
BRET TYLER ~CHAIRMAN: was born and raised in Reno, Nevada, and is also an active member in his community. Bret is a founder and former board member of the Lockwood Community Corporation and is currently Chairman of the Storey County Planning Commission. In 2006 he was elected to the Canyon General Improvement District. He is the facilitator of The Community Garden in Lockwood.

Tory Friedman -SUPERVISOR: Native Nevadan
Owner of Bionomic Solutions LLC
Large scale Nevada Agriculture Producer

SPENCER SCOTT ~ SUPERVISOR: Commercial Farmer; and Building Commercial & residential structures have occupied a great deal of my life. Commercial farming in North Central Washington State, of organic nuts, soft fruit , and organic vegetables and their interstate marketing ; and growing of 8 varieties of conventional pears commercially packed and nationally sold, while taking advanced studies in entomology, and maintaining, continuing education credits for a registered pesticide applicator's license has occupied several interesting years. Farming has always had drawing influence being around our family farms.

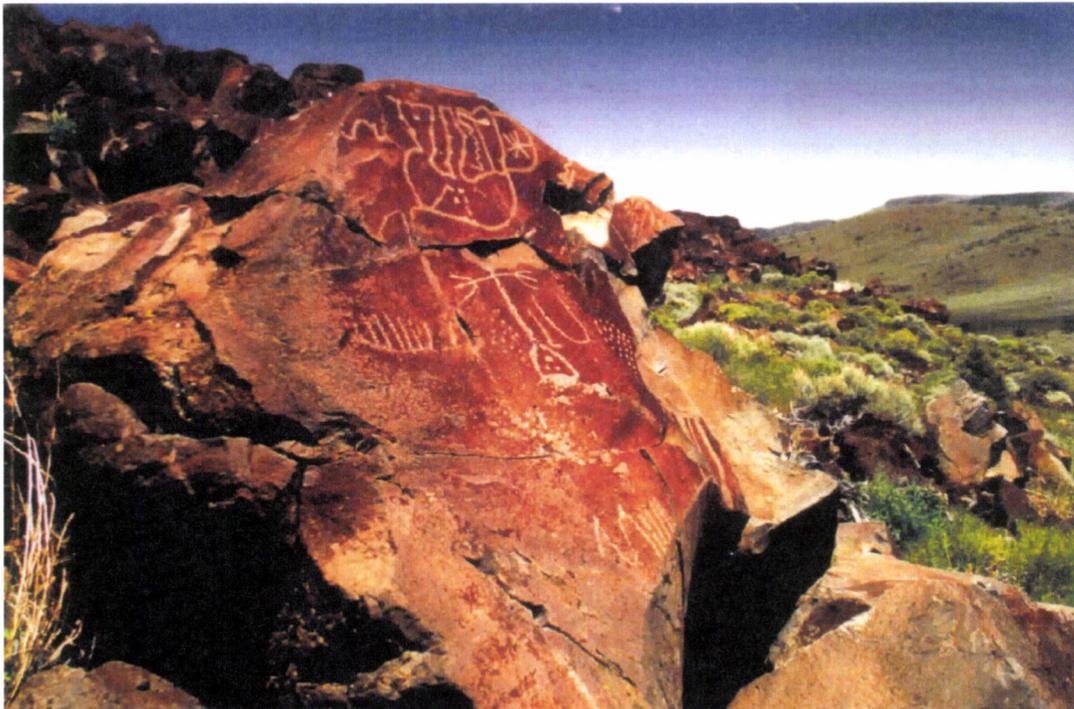
VISION

The Washoe-Storey Conservation District works with the public, government agencies, community organizations, and other stakeholders to foster environmental stewardship and management of natural resources, to educate the community on environmental issues, and to restore and enhance our natural resources.



MISSION

The Washoe-Storey Conservation District creates understanding of the interrelationships between people and our environment through educating our citizens and building opportunities and partnerships so as to foster conservation and restoration efforts on all lands and to aid urban growth in an environmentally responsible manner.





- What dose WSCD Do for individuals and business?

Grants
Plan Reviews
Education
Projects

DISTRICT GOALS

1. Maintain a healthy, viable conservation district organization.
2. Restore, and enhance natural resources.
3. Implement conservation practices emphasizing water quantity and quality, fish and wildlife habitat, stream and wetland restoration, Sage Grouse habitat restoration, rangeland management, and flood control and others.
4. Identify, map and control noxious weeds.
5. Encourage and assist with environmentally responsible urban land use.
6. Assist in the development of recreation opportunities.
7. Emphasize fire fuel reduction in urban-rural interface lands.
8. Work with elected officials and others in the private sector to attain our goals.

Organization Statements : Washoe-Storey Conservation District - Nevada USA

"Working with likeminded partners to lead and synergize, educate, collaborate, communicate and reduce redundancy of effort in the conservation of our natural resources for the promotion of the greater good of the District and the preservation of our heritage and lifestyle."

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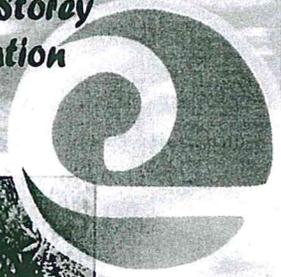
- **Tree planting in ephemeral streams**
- **Working with partners to introduce native species**
- **Noxious weed mapping and eradication**
- **Revegetation- of natural native Nevada species, partner with Nevada Department of Forestry**
- **Design for corridors- deer, horses, birds**

The attached document was submitted to the
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