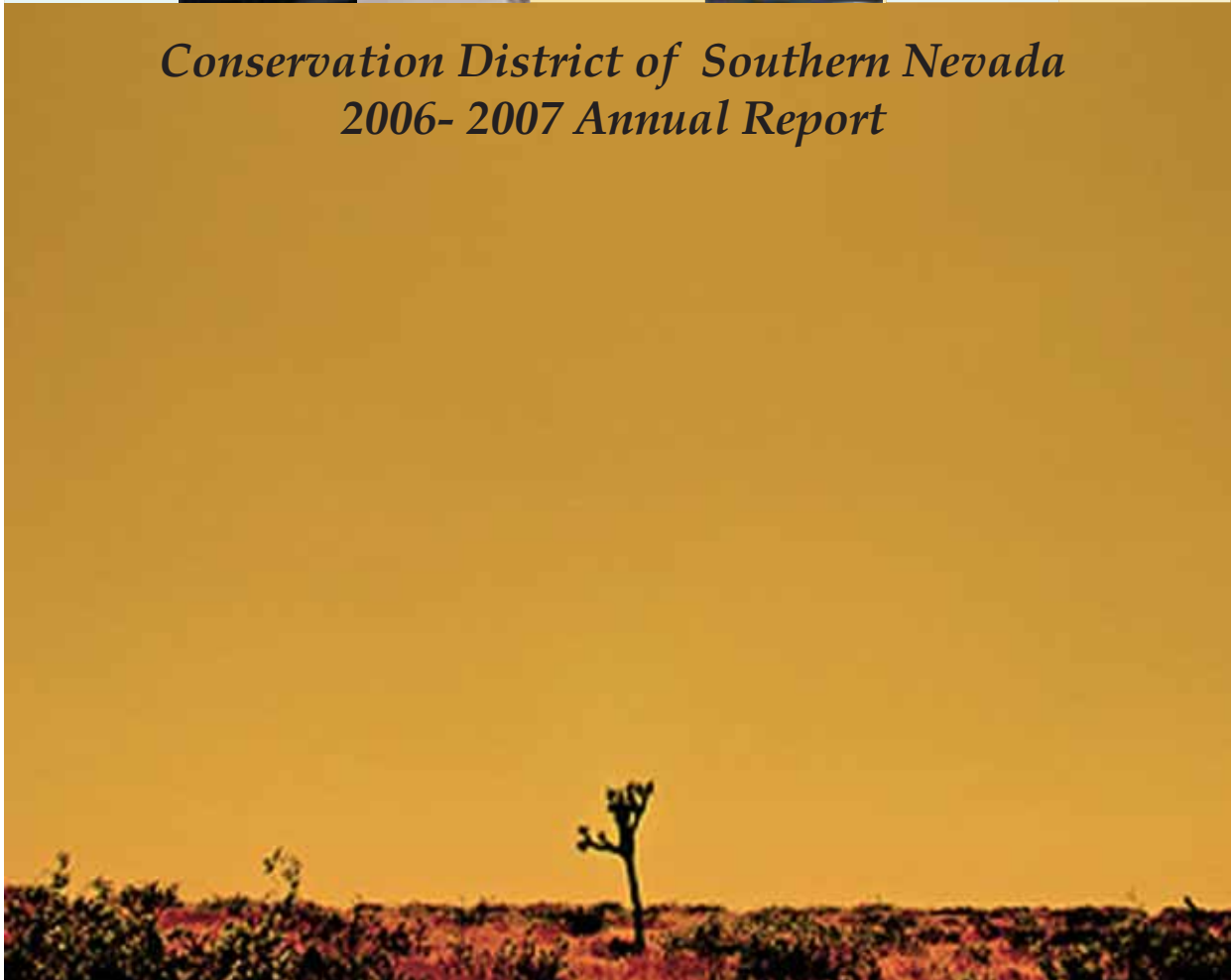


*Conservation District of Southern Nevada  
2006- 2007 Annual Report*





**T**he Conservation District of Southern Nevada (CDSN) is a subdivision of State government dedicated to natural resource conservation in Clark County, Nevada. Our mission is to provide leadership in identifying and meeting the resource conservation needs for citizens of both rural and urban areas within Clark County by providing technical services, education, information, planning assistance and coordination of services. All programs of the CDSN are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis.

The CDSN is administered by a Board of seven volunteer Supervisors; five elected, one appointed to represent the Incorporated Cities of Clark County, and one appointed to represent Clark County.

For more information, visit the Conservation District of Southern Nevada website at

[www.cdsn.org](http://www.cdsn.org)

#### ***Board of Supervisors***

Jodi Bechtel, Chair, Clark County Rep.  
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Mark Silverstein, Clark County Alt.  
Elizabeth Hewitt, Supervisor  
Elise McAllister, Supervisor  
Jon Wardlaw, Supervisor

#### ***2006 - 2007 Staff***

Wilisha Daniels, District Coordinator  
Jennifer Szwejbka, Conservation Technician  
Kim Vilt, Grant Administrator

## **2006 - 2007 GOALS & OBJECTIVES**

### **OBJECTIVE 1: Provide for district administrative and operational activities**

GOAL A: Pursue funding from federal, state, and local governments.

GOAL B: Ensure the District is fulfilling the requirements of NRS 548 through its programs and practices.

GOAL C: Employ staff and designate committees to provide services needed to achieve CDSN mission.

GOAL D: Market Conservation District efforts through public outreach.

### **OBJECTIVE 2: Promote environmental education programs**

GOAL: Participate in community environmental education programs.

### **OBJECTIVE 3: Assist in the development and implementation of conservation plans and programs**

GOAL A: Assist community partners in developing, managing, and promoting environmental plans, programs, and demonstration projects.

GOAL B: Support the NRCS and other federal agencies in their efforts to assist landowners with conservation needs and meeting federal provisions.

### **OBJECTIVE 4: Build, promote, and facilitate partnerships among stakeholders**

GOAL: Maintain and enhance public and private partnerships and assist with the environmental efforts of grassroots organizations, local businesses, and the general public.



## 2006- 2007 CONSERVATION PROJECTS

The award winning Student-to-Student Air Quality Program continues to educate school children throughout Clark County. The partnership between CDSN, Clark County Department of Air Quality and Environmental Management (DAQEM) and Silverado High School has been tremendously successful over the past three years.

The Conservation District became a member of the newly formed Southern Nevada Woody Biomass Collaboration Committee. The group of private businesses and public entities is working to connect woody biomass producers with potential users to recycle and/or repurpose woody biomass from local wildlands and the Clark County urban environment, including community forestry and construction/demolition. CDSN staff works with the Committee on grant and project coordination.

CDSN was awarded a grant from the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection to reprise its successful stormdrain marking program throughout the County. Working with the Las Vegas Stormwater Quality Management Committee CDSN will mark thousands of stormdrains and promote water quality protection throughout Clark County and its incorporated cities.

The District is working on two water conservation projects funded by the Bureau of Reclamation. Both projects focus on conserving water through proper landscape irrigation. The first project is testing water savings associated with subsurface turf irrigation and studying possible applications in the Clark County School District. The second project involves developing a drip irrigation selection and installation guide for homeowners. The guide will be available in Fall of 2007.

### Spotlight on Urban Conservation

As Clark County's population reaches the 2 million mark, the need for residential recycling opportunities is critical. The Conservation District is involved with a number of projects aimed at moving Clark County toward its goal of recycling 25% of waste headed to the landfill. As a member of the

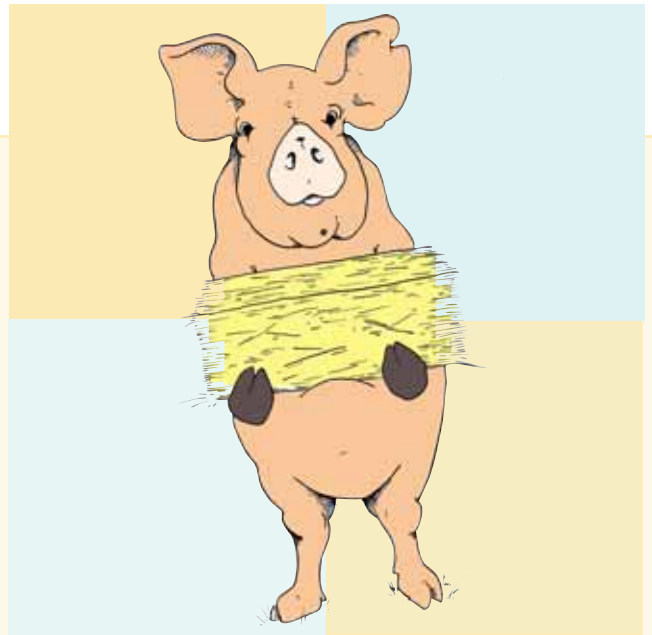


Christmas Tree Recycling Committee, CDSN helps administer project funds and promotes use of recycling drop-off sites. As a result of the Committee's 2006 efforts, 10,000 trees were diverted from the landfill, and turned into 89 tons of landscape mulch for local parks. Working with the Clark County Recycling Advisory Committee, CDSN is helping to develop a pilot program to streamline residential recycling. The program should go into effect in select areas throughout Las Vegas in Fall 2007. The District also continues its work to promote backyard composting through classes at the Acacia Demonstration Gardens and demonstrations at outreach events.

## Spotlight on Rural Conservation

CDSN's initial work at the Moapa Valley High School Agricultural Farm has turned into a larger partnership with the whole community, drawing on local resources, experts and volunteers. Known locally as "Pirate's Cove", the Farm is the last instance of a school-owned working agricultural program in the state. Students and teachers have made tremendous progress on the Farm's strawbale classroom, a project initiated by the Conservation District with a grant from the Environmental Protection Agency. Straw bales now fill the once empty frame, and doors and windows grace the building's facade. A local homebuilder has committed to stuccoing and painting the classroom

in the Fall of 2007. As construction draws to a close, CDSN is looking ahead to the surrounding demonstration gardens, funded by a grant from the Clark County Department of Air Quality and Environmental Management. CDSN staff, supervisors and partners from the High Desert RC&D and UNR Cooperative Extension have designed a walkable garden that highlights the natural history and heritage of the Moapa Valley. The community has taken on an important supporting role for the project to ensure its longterm success. "Friends of Pirate's Cove" is a volunteer group of parents and neighbors who oversee outreach events and educational opportunities associated with the project. With partnerships like this, CDSN is eager to continue work on the Farm and is already considering composting and solar energy projects, as well as looking for ways to implement the student and staff's goal of an on-site farmer's market.



The Conservation District continues to work with the Clark County Wetlands Park, locating grants for on-site projects and administering mitigation funds for the Las Vegas Wash. The successful seven-year partnership with the County has helped restore hundreds of acres of wetland habitat along the Las Vegas Wash. Recent projects include mesquite bosque enhancements on a four-acre site along Duck Creek, where over 1,000 trees were planted. The Wash is a vital link in the County's watershed, filtering and cleaning urban runoff and stormwater on its way to Lake Mead, as well as providing habitat for Endangered Species such as the Southwestern Willow Flycatcher.

The District remains committed to enhancing conservation education in Clark County's schools. Using the National Association of Conservation District's annual Conservation Poster Contest as its theme, CDSN and the County sponsored a poster contest in the elementary schools. Twelve posters were selected for inclusion in the 2006 Conservation Calendar distributed throughout the school district.

CDSN attended a number of community outreach events this year, including the Clark County Fair, Aliante's Ice Cream Social and the Summerlin Earth Fair. Such events allow staff and supervisors to interact with the public and share educational information including the annual Conservation Calendar and poster contest.

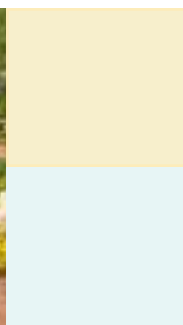
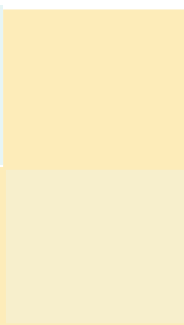
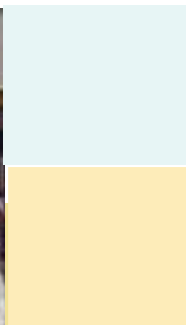
## 2006 - 2007 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

### INCOME

<b>a. Wells Fargo Checking Account</b>	
Christmas Tree Recycling Program	\$6,000.00
City of Henderson	\$10,000.00
City of North Las Vegas	\$10,000.00
Clark County (CC) Community Grant	\$64,688.51
CC Dept. of Air Quality & Environmental Mgmt.	
Air Quality Program	\$61,620.49
Moapa Community Gardens	\$2,488.16
CC Wetlands Park	\$13,385.19
Compost Bin Retail Program	\$165.00
Environmental Protection Agency	\$14,330.57
Interest Receipts from Wells Fargo Checking Account	\$39.83
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation	\$6,250.00
NV Division of Environmental Protection	\$3,725.40
NV Community Foundation	\$7,500.00
Rebates/Refunds	\$645.00
State of Nevada	\$5,000.00
State of Nevada - CWMA Project	\$10,000.00
USDA- Valley of Fire Tamarisk Removal	\$10,000.00
Volunteer Program Donations	\$125.00
Wells Fargo Account Credit/Reimbursement	\$9,557.62
<b>Total Checking Account</b>	<b>\$205,836.15</b>
<b>b. Dean Witter Account Interest Receipts</b>	<b>\$9,259.85</b>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$215,096.00</b>

### EXPENDITURES

<b>a. Wells Fargo Checking Account</b>	
Air Quality Outreach Promotions	\$6,872.73
Bank Fees	\$10.00
Christmas Tree Recycling Project	\$2,450.24
CC Wetlands Park	\$40,412.68
Conferences	\$4,279.68
Demonstration Gardens	\$2,379.41
E-mail & Website	\$502.80
Employee Expenses	\$140,220.21
Equipment Maintenance & Purchase	\$752.00
Membership Fees (NACD)	\$775.00
Membership Fees (NvACD)	\$600.00
Membership Fees (RC&D)	\$200.00
Membership Fees (Sam's Club)	\$35.00
Office Supplies	\$1,510.70
Postage	\$572.99
Printing and Promotions	\$4,865.70
Rang Camp Sponsorship	\$1,350.00
Straw Bale Building Project	\$6,810.54
Storage	\$1,627.60
Telephone	\$983.77
Training	\$450.00
Travel/Mileage	\$3,651.04
<b>Total Checking Account</b>	<b>\$221,282.29</b>
<b>b. Dean Witter Account Transfers</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$231,282.29</b>



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