

Annual Report 2017 – 2018

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Conservation District
of Southern Nevada
Serving Clark County

Mission

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To promote resource conservation, preservation, and sustainability through education, facilitation, and public and private partnerships to benefit the citizens of Clark County, Nevada.

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The Conservation District of Southern Nevada (CDSN) is a non-regulatory agency organized in 1974 as a subdivision of State government. CDSN is administered by a seven-member, volunteer, Board of Supervisors. Five supervisors are elected at large, one is appointed to represent the Incorporated Cities of Clark County, and one is appointed by the Board of County Commissioners to represent Clark County. CDSN is **grant funded and donor supported!** For every dollar donated to CDSN approximately \$10 in benefits are provided back to the Community.

Board of Supervisors

Chris Magee, Chair, Incorporated Cities
 Shane Ammerman, Vice-Chair, Clark County Representative
 Rachel Lewison, Treasurer, District E
 Eric King, District D
 Mark Damron, District A
 Bryan Cabble, District B
 District C – Vacant

Term

2017 - 2019
 2017 - 2019
 2014 - 2018
 2014 - 2018
 2016 - 2020
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 2014 - 2018

Board Supervisor Alternates

Jared Tasko, Clark County Alternate
 Vacant, Incorporated Cities Alternate

2017 - 2019
 2017 - 2019

Bookkeeping Services

MilKat LLC



University of Nevada
 Cooperative Extension
 Clark County

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A history of community success!

- Key participant in the Southern Nevada Strong Regional Planning Program
- Leading efforts to coordinate Community Gardening in the Las Vegas Valley
- Provided over **100,000 publications** to residents
- **Reached 24,330 students** through the Stormwater Pollution Poster Contest
- Removed over **100 acres of weeds** at the Valley of Fire State Park
- Distributed **3,700 drought tolerant plants** through plant sales
- Installed **14,600 Storm Drain Plaques**
- Conducted outreach programs to local business and industry groups
- Provided assistance to the following additional projects and programs:



CDSN Booth at GreenFest



10th Annual Stormwater Pollution Poster Contest – Partners: CCSD, LVVWD, NDEP



Clark County Wetlands Park Funding & Education Partner: Clark County

Zion Garden Park Agricultural Assistance Program



Zion Garden Park Agricultural Assistance Program



Storm Drain Marketing Campaign
Partners: all municipalities, SNWA, NDEP



Straw Bale Structure & Demonstration Garden
– Partners: CCSD, DAQEM, Mesquite / Overton



Acacia Demonstration Garden
Partners: City of Henderson



Drip Irrigation Educational Guide for residents – Partner: BOR

Our performance during 2017 – 2018 continues the tradition... Work Plan Summary & Accomplishments

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Products, Services & Programs

- Market Conservation District efforts to the public and business community.
 - Board members increased interactions with stakeholders and participated in a variety of community events including: Green Chip's (now Impact NV), Convene for Green, SNRPC Sustainability Work Group, Southern Nevada Strong (SNS), University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, and UNLV.
 - Working with RTCSN and other organizations to help implement the SNS approved plan.
 - CDSN Facebook page
 - Christmas Tree Recycling, [Pitch Chuck](#)-A-Pumpkin contest, and Sustainability Partnership Program (now formally partnered with Impact NV) continue to grow.
- Take leadership role in advancing sustainability initiatives and programs in Southern Nevada.
 - The Zion Garden Park Agricultural Assistance is a grant-funded opportunity that is providing a much-needed service to the community helping to address food deserts.
 - Zion Garden Park project has garnered multiple awards, [such as...](#)
 - The partnership established with Impact NV for the Sustainability Partnership Program launched on September 13th, 2016 to continue making the program more accessible, inclusive and affordable. Now in joint promotion stages.
- Maintain and build partnerships that foster District priorities.
 - Add full-time position to Cooperative Extension with 75% + duties dedicated to CDSN projects.
 - Work directly with Clark County Commissioners to enhance and develop new sustainability programs.
 - Starting Regional Needs Assessment, which will bring together local groups and agencies and general public to identify resource concerns and possible solutions.
 - Consult Clark County Commissioners to build programs that would meet intent of SB 476.

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Funding

- Pursue funding from a variety of sources such as: foundations, endowments, grants, plant sales, etc. for sustainability issues, programs, and administrative operations.
 - In response to the passage of Nevada SB 476, we are continuing to discuss ways for the ballot initiative to authorize consistent funding for sustainability programs in Southern Nevada.
 - Assistance Program in a low-income, low-access food desert.
 - Working to fund additional community gardening projects & resources.
 - Meetings held and continuing with Impact NV and other local non-profit organizations to develop cooperative agreements for joint projects.
 - Develop MOU with UNCE for community garden grant program and other shared initiatives.

Operations & Administration

- Meet the requirements of all applicable local, state, and federal laws and regulations.
- Employ staff to provide services needed to achieve the District's mission.
 - Bookkeeping Service retained.
 - Accounts reviewed, practices updated, and reporting standardized.
- Board of Supervisors provide leadership and coordination for District activities.
 - Board member duties divided among members.
 - Working groups continuing to coordinate outreach and ensure product delivery.

Conservation District of Southern Nevada
Revenue & Expenditure Statement 2017-2018
 Fiscal Year July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018

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	Jul '17 - Jun 18
Income	
State of Nevada-Annual Grant	4,542.86
Interest Income	3.12
Total Income	4,545.98
Gross Profit	4,545.98
Expense	
PROJECT & EVENT EXPENSES	
Pumpkin Event	991.51
Project Zion Garden Park	2,936.00
Total PROJECT & EVENT EXPENSES	3,927.51
GENERAL & ADMINISTRATIVE	
Accounting & Bookkeeping Svcs	255.00
Dues & Subscriptions	600.00
Office Supplies	115.94
Payroll Processing & Fees	293.78
Travel	397.23
"Reserve"	(1,043.48)
Total GENERAL & ADMINISTRATIVE	618.47
Total Expense	4,545.98
Net Income	0.00

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 Balance Sheet Fiscal Year End 2018

	June 30, 18
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings Checking/Savings	
Paypal Account	1000.00
Wells Fargo Ckg-4964	31,812.28
Total Checking/Savings Checking/Savings	32,812.28
Total Current Current Assets	32,812.28
TOTAL ASSETS	32,812.28
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
liabilities	
Current Current liabilities	
Other Current liabilities	
IN-TRUST FUNDS	
Christmas Tree Recycling Christmas Tree Recycling	4,566.85
Solarbration Funds Solarbration Funds	6,410.91
Total IN-TRUST FUNDS	10,977.76
Total Other Current Current liabilities	10,977.76
Total Current liabilities	10,977.76
Total liabilities	10,977.76
Equity	
Retained Earnings	21,834.52
Total Equity	21,834.52
TOTAL LIABILITIES LIABILITIES & EQUITY	32,812.28

See Accountant's Compilation Report-Chavez&Koch, CPA's, Ltd.

Our plans for the future...

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Zion Garden Park Agricultural Assistance Program

CDSN is worked with community partners to complete a community demonstration garden project designed to provide urban agriculture technical assistance. This project addresses natural resource conservation at the community level and enable community members to successfully grow produce. The project will expose citizens to effective techniques that they can use to accomplish backyard conservation, establish healthy soils, plant crops, compost, integrate pest management, grow organically, and properly irrigate. It will also address soil quality, critical water management, ~~stormwater~~ storm water pollution prevention, landfill diversion, renewable energy, food waste, and wildlife habitats. This is being performed in a low-income, low-access food desert with the highest food insecurity rate in Southern Nevada. This program has been funded by the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) with additional support from the following core partners: University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, Zion United Methodist Church, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, Terra Firma Organics, State Renewable Energy, Green Chips ([ImpactNV](#)), and the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Sustainability Partnership Program—We have updated this program, which certifies and actively promotes the sustainability efforts of business and organization partners. The process has been made simpler and less expensive for participants to encourage partners of all sizes to initiate or expand their sustainability efforts. Our goal is to expand the membership and thereby increase overall benefits to the community. The Program was launched on September 13th, 2016 with community partners including but not limited to [Green Chips \(Impact NV\)](#), Southwest Gas, Republic Services, and [RTCSN](#).

Southern Nevada Strong—CDSN has transitioned its work on this critically important regional planning program supported by HUD. CDSN is continuing to leverage its informed perspective and sustainability expertise to support and assist the RTCSN to implement the approved plan.





Christmas Tree Recycling Program— Each year Southern Nevada along with various community partners come together to recycle used trees into useful mulch. Last season citizens helped keep thousands of trees out of the local landfill! This effort, led by UNLV Recycling and The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP), gets better each year.

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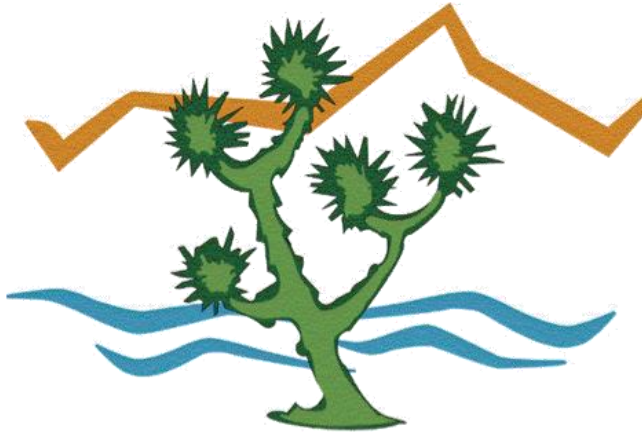
Pitch-A-Pumpkin – CDSN is an integral part of The Southern Nevada Christmas Tree Recycling Committee. The committee encourages the community to be mindful about recycling holiday organics. The Committee has solely focused on recycling Christmas Trees since the 1990's, and in 2016 decided to add recycling pumpkins to the program. The event happens during the first weekend after Halloween and involves launching pumpkins with trebuchets approximately 100 feet into a container donated by Republic Services in the Silverton Hotel and Casino parking lot. Afterwards, the container is hauled to a local composter, Terra Firma Organics, to be composted into soil that is used throughout the Las Vegas Valley. In 2017, the committee was able to save 32 tons of pumpkins from entering the landfill and hopes to increase that amount.

huck-A-Pumpkin Recycling Contest – A contest to promote pumpkin recycling for mulch/composting. Contestants catapult pumpkins for distance and prizes. The contest is also used to promote Christmas tree recycling.

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