

**SOUTHERN NYE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT
ANNUAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009**

The Southern Nye County Conservation District (SNCCD) serves the southern half of Nye County, from the Sarcobatus Flat south to the California border. The majority of land within the district boundary is federally controlled by the Bureau of Land Management, the Department of Energy, and the National Park Service. The private agricultural lands are all irrigated from deep wells. The major workload within the district boundary is located in Beatty, Amargosa and Pahrump Valley.

Supervisors:

Donna Lamm, Chairman
LaRene Younghans, Financial Officer
John Pawlak, Vice Chairman
Tami Tripp-Massie, Supervisor
James Thomson, Supervisor

Portfolio:

Water, Sewer and Flood Project
Weed Projects
Media Promotion
Weed Projects in Pahrump Valley
Wind Break Alternatives to Tamarisk in
Amargosa Valley

- Coordinated numerous field trips to Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, transporting 525 3rd, 4th & 5th graders from the Nye County School District to the Refuge.
- Worked with representatives from AMNWR and the Amargosa Conservancy to obtain funding and volunteers for future field trips.
- Participated in numerous TV shows on Channel 41 in Pahrump discussing local water issues.
- As a commissioner on the Nevada State Conservation Commission, attended quarterly meetings.
- Member of the Pahrump area Wellhead Protection Team.
- As a board member of the Amargosa Conservancy, participated in the creation of a bi-state, four-county advisory board regarding sensitive issues in this region, which included groundwater and other natural resources.
- Worked with the water committee of the Amargosa Conservancy to initiate a water monitoring program on four springs in the Amargosa River area.
- Attended SNCCD Board meetings.
- Supervised the SNCCD administrative work flow.
- Continued with the Cooperative Weed Management Association for Southern Nye County.
- Attended two Amargosa Toad Working Group meetings in Las Vegas, Nevada. Participated in the preparation of a progress report for the Conservation Agreement.
- Attended the monthly Beatty Habitat Committee meetings in Beatty, Nevada.
- Attended SNCCD Board meetings.
- Worked with Michael Vermeys, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), on the Assistance Agreement for the SNCCD.
- Received a grant from Resources Conservation & Development (RC&D) for \$1,135.00 and used the funding to remove Tamarisk in Oasis Valley.

- Took before and after pictures at the various locations where Tamarisk had been removed.
- Continued to work with the Beatty General Improvement District using their crew to cut and treat Tamarisk while working in the riverbed to clear a water channel for the mosquito abatement project.
- Purchased Garlon 4 with the Beatty Town Advisory grant for the Tamarisk removal project.
- Worked with Brad Hunt, Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT supervisor, on two NDOT rights-of-way projects.
- Inventoried three properties for re-growth for a total of 25 acres in Oasis Valley.
- Continued to keep the community of Beatty informed on the Tamarisk removal project as specified in the Conservation Agreement signed by the Nye County Commissioners and various other agencies.
- Coordinated Tamarisk removal projects at several locations in Oasis Valley, which involved coordinating work with landowners, surveying areas for regrowth, coordinating with the contractor assigned to do the work, and inspecting jobs both before and after work was completed.
- Applied for and received a grant from Nevada Department of Agriculture for \$5000.00.
- Continued promoting the SNNCD through TV Channel 41 offering educational information regarding the need for noxious weed and Tamarisk removal.
- Continued participation in local annual events promoting the SNCCD using posters, flyers, informational handouts.
- Created and maintained a display, which contained informational materials at the Pahrump Library.
- Continued working closely with the Cooperative Extension to help educate the public regarding the need for Tamarisk and noxious weed removal.
- Started the process of organizing and implementing Tamarisk and invasive weed removal in the Pahrump area. Approximately 10 acres have been cleared.
- In the process of researching different methods of Tamarisk removal for the purpose of utilizing funding as much as possible.
- Attended SNCCD Board meetings.
- Attended RC&D monthly meetings as a SNCCD representative.
- Continued working with the BLM concerning eradication of Tamarisk in Amargosa Valley.
- Continued working with farmers and Assemblyman concerning water uses in Amargosa Valley.
- Working with the general public regarding Tamarisk and its environmental impact, offering ideas for replacement with different noninvasive spp.
- Continued the effort to help Ponderosa Dairy find controls for weeds in their farming operations.
- Attended SNCCD Board meetings.
- Continued the effort to provide the SNCCD with news and current information on general farming operations and concerns.