

Memorandum Of Understanding For Collaboration

Between

Nevada Division of Environmental Protection

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service

Nevada Association of Conservation Districts

Nevada State Conservation Commission

Nevada Division of Conservation Districts

Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Pacific Southwest Region

The purpose and intent of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to foster and strengthen agency collaboration and cooperation to advance the protection and stewardship of Nevada's watersheds and the economic sustainability of its working lands.

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP), USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Nevada Association of Conservation Districts (NvACD), Nevada State Conservation Commission (SCC), Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada (ITC), and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9 (EPA) (collectively, "the partners") share a common interest to protect water quality and to prevent, reduce and control nonpoint source pollution in watersheds. This MOU commits these local, state, tribal, and federal units of government to join efforts to address shared priorities for the protection and stewardship of the State's watersheds.

The partners will work cooperatively with each other and with other individuals and organizations to implement resource conservation measures and best management practices and to promote partnerships for managing and improving the State's natural resources.

The partners recognize the value and benefits of environmental stewardship that enhances regulatory compliance and that regulatory programs should not discourage environmental stewardship.

The partners agree to cooperate and coordinate on the follow actions:

1. Develop and implement a three-year integrated strategy consistent with the spirit of the MOU that includes specific activities and funding mechanisms to accomplish the purpose and intent of the MOU.
2. Agree to attend and participate in quarterly meetings to discuss the status of the three-year strategy, funding opportunities, share information, and report on important watershed activities.
3. Review the effectiveness and efficiency of implementing this MOU after one year.

Conditions to this MOU:

1. Nothing in this MOU shall be construed as obligating any of the parties to agreement by contract or otherwise create a financial commitment. Nothing in this MOU shall alter or effect any existing tribal agreements or treaties.
2. All matters that may require administrative action or approval of one of the signatories of this agreement shall be handled through their established administrative procedures.
3. This agreement will be effective when signed by all parties and will be continued in effect for an indefinite period of time. It may be modified or terminated by the mutual consent of the parties, or may be terminated by any party by giving 60 days notice in writing to the other parties.
4. The provisions of the agreement will be implemented within the limits of the available resources.

MOU ... to advance the protection and stewardship of Nevada's watersheds and the economic sustainability of its working lands.

Signatories:

Date:

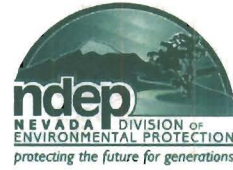
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