

RESOLUTION – Authorizing the Grant of Public Monies to a Government Entity

WHEREAS, NRS 244.1505 provides that a Board of County Commissioners may expend money for any purpose which will provide a substantial benefit to the inhabitants of the County and that a board may make a grant of money to a nonprofit organization created for religious, charitable or educational purposes or to a governmental entity to be expended for a selected purpose; and

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners of Washoe County upon the recommendation of Commissioner Jeanne Herman for District 5, has determined that \$1,500 will be granted to Vya Conservation District to support their mission; and

WHEREAS, The Vya Conservation District's mission is to foster and support natural resource conservation through leadership, education, technical, and financial assistance to implement and ensure sustainable use of Northwestern Nevada's natural resources;

WHEREAS, The Vya Conservation District (VCD) looks forward to continued partnerships with its federal partners including, but not limited to, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the Forest Service (FS), and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service's (USFWS) Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program. These constructive partnerships have allowed for contiguous management and eradication of invasive and non-native weeds influencing valuable rangelands and agricultural lands within the Vya District. Effective control of invasive plants has increased quality Sage-grouse habitat throughout critical areas by allowing native plants to flourish and open landscapes providing the diverse array of seasonal habitat-types needed by Sage Grouse to remain intact. Vya Conservation District has also been able to leverage Partner and State funds to extend cost-sharing opportunities for private landowners and increase efforts addressing weed management issues across all land-ownership boundaries in a meaningful way; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Board of Commissioners of Washoe County that:

1. The Board finds that in making this grant, a substantial benefit will be provided to the inhabitants for the County by supporting the mission of the Vya Conservation District.
2. The Board hereby grants to the Vya Conservation District, a grant for fiscal year 2018-2019 in the amount of \$1,500.
3. Funds shall not be used for the purchase of tickets to special events.

ADOPTED this 16th day of April, 2019.

Vaughn Hartung, Chair
Washoe County Commission

ATTEST:

County Clerk