

**LEGISLATIVE REVIEW OF ADOPTED REGULATIONS AS REQUIRED BY
NRS 233B.066**

LCB File: R176-24

The following statement is submitted for adopted amendments to Nevada Administrative Code (“NAC”) Chapter 548.

1. A clear and concise explanation of the need for the adopted regulation.

The regulation adds authority to the State Conservation Commission and Conservation District Program to award grants to eligible conservation districts in good standing for projects that enhance, protect, or conserve renewable natural resources within their boundaries.

2. A description of how public comment was solicited, a summary of public response, and an explanation of how other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.

A public workshop was held in-person and virtually on June 25, 2024, to solicit public comment from interested parties. There were no participants during the public workshop.

A final adoption public hearing was held on January 21, 2025. Members of the public were invited to participate in-person and virtually in accordance with the Open Meeting Law. There was no public comment during the adoption hearing.

Additionally, copies of the proposed regulations, notice of workshop, and notice of intent to act upon regulations were posted to the Commission’s website, the Legislative Counsel Bureau website, and the public notice website. Notices and copies of the proposed regulations were also posted at public libraries, all locations where the Commission has an office, the Legislative Buildings, and the State Office Building in Las Vegas. The Commission also allowed the public to submit written comment, though no written comment was received.

3. The number of persons from the public who:

a. Attended each hearing:

7 people from the public attended the public hearing on January 21, 2025.

b. Testified at each hearing:

No one testified during the public hearing on January 21, 2025.

c. Submitted to the agency written comments:

No one submitted written comment.

4. A list of names and contact information, including telephone number, business address, business telephone number, electronic mail address, and name of entity or

organization represented (if provided to the agency), for each person who testified at each hearing and submitted to the agency written statements.

The following is a list of names and contact information for all public persons who attended, testified or submitted written statements.

a. None

5. A description of how comment was solicited from affected businesses, a summary of their response, and an explanation how other interested persons may obtain a copy of the summary.

The State Conservation Commission and the Nevada Conservation Districts Program determined that there was no impact on small businesses, therefore comments were not solicited from small businesses.

6. If the regulation was adopted without changing any part of the proposed regulation, a summary of the reasons for adopting the regulation without change.

The Commission made changes in two places to the proposed regulation. The changes are not substantial changes to the subject matter and were changed to clarify the Commission's role in approving applications under this proposed language. The changes are noted below:

Change made to Section 4 (2) (b): word changed from "determine" to "advise"

(b) Submit each application to the technical committee, if appointed pursuant to subsection 1, or to another entity with expertise in matters pertaining to renewable natural resources selected by the Commission to review the application and ~~fdeterminef~~ advise whether the project will enhance, protect or conserve natural resources in the conservation district

Change made to Section 4 (2)(c) (1): word change from "pursuant to paragraph b" to "by the Commission"

(1) Have been determined ~~fpursuant to paragraph (b)f~~ by the Commission to enhance, protect or conserve natural resources in the conservation district; and

7. The estimated economic effect of the adopted regulation on the businesses which it is to regulation and on the public. These must be stated separately, and each case must include:

- On business: The proposed regulation does not directly or indirectly impose an adverse effect on businesses. Beneficial direct or indirect business affects may include an increase in revenue for businesses which offer conservation services or products related to the enhancement and or conservation of renewable natural resources.
- On the public: The proposed regulation does not directly or indirectly impose an adverse effect on the public. The regulation benefits the public by creating opportunities for grant funding for local projects.

a. Both immediate and long-term effects.

- On business: The proposed regulation does not impose any long term adverse effects on businesses. Beneficial direct or indirect affects many include increased revenue for businesses which offer conservation services or products related to the enhancement and or conservation of renewable natural resource.
- On the public: The proposed regulation does not impose any long-term adverse effects on the public. The regulation benefits the public by creating grant funding and enhancement and or conservation of renewable natural resources.

8. The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the adopted regulation.

There is no cost to the agency.

9. A description of any regulations of other state or government agencies which the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates and a statement explaining why the duplication or overlapping is necessary. If the regulation overlaps or duplicates a federal regulation, the name of the regulating federal agency.

The proposed regulation does not overlap or duplicate any existing regulation.

10. If the regulation includes provisions which are more stringent than a federal regulation which regulates the same activity, a summary of such provisions.

Not applicable.

11. If the regulation provides a new fee or increases an existing fee, the total annual amount the agency expects to collect and the manner in which the money will be used.

Not applicable.