

#### **Carson River Watershed**

- Encompasses apx.
  3,966 square miles
- Carson River 184 miles long
- Current population estimation 125,000
- Predicted to reach over 457,000 by 2050

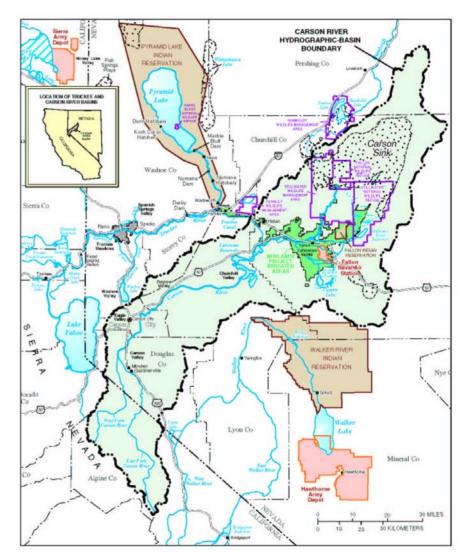


Figure 1. USGS hydrologic features map of the Carson River watershed and surroundings.



#### **CWSD History**

1959 CWSD Established by the Court

Purpose: Negotiate payback of debt on the Watasheamu Dam between the ranchers and Federal Government

1980's Fed. Gov't abandoned the Dam

1989 State changed the role of CWSD

1997 Flood Event

1998 Carson River Conference

- Integrated Watershed Planning



#### **CWSD History Continued**

- 1959 Douglas and Lyon Counties joined
- 1989 Carson City became a member
- 1999 Churchill County became a member
- 2001 Alpine County became a member



### Structure of CWSD



- 13 Board Members
- 5 Counties
- 2 States (CA & NV)
- Funding (2004/05)
  Budget \$1.4M)
  - Property Tax (\$0.3/\$100)
  - Grants (State, Fed., & others)

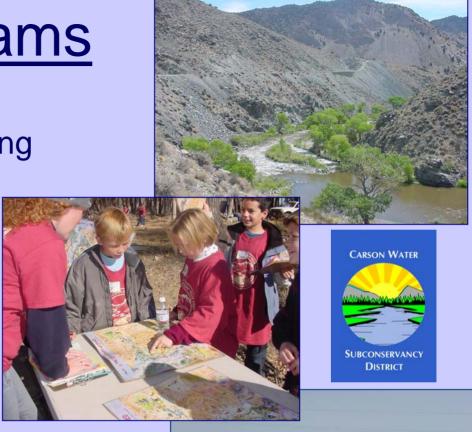
## **Current Water Situation**

- River is fully appropriated
  - 95 % of the river water is used for Ag
- Groundwater basins over appropriated
- Balancing water needs between Ag, environmental & domestic use
- No large upstream storage
- Water quality problems

## **Current Programs**

Regional Watershed Planning

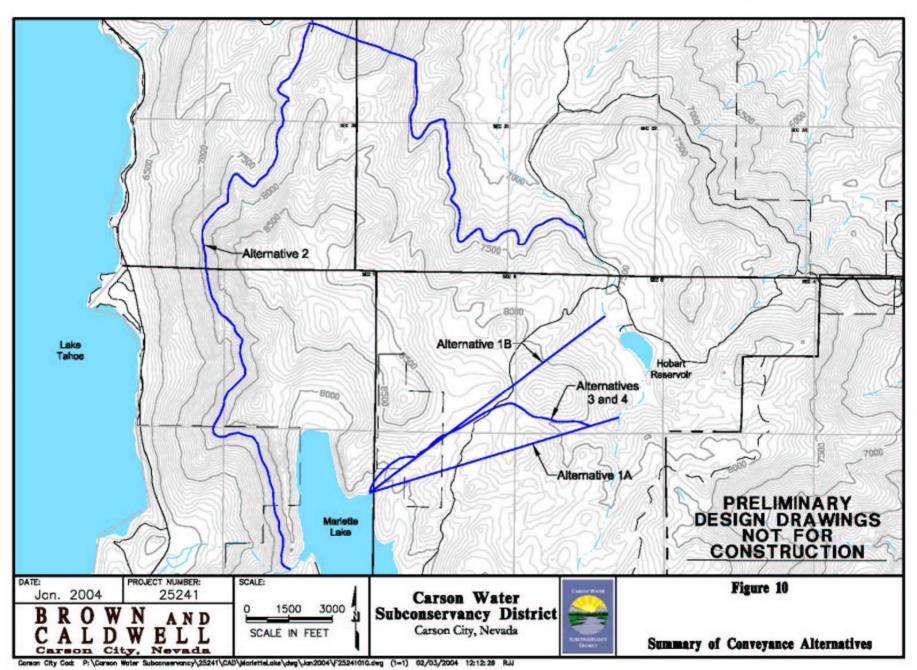
- Regional Water Resource Planning
- 208 Planning Agency for Carson River
- Community Outreach and Education
- AB 380 Water Buy-out Program
- River restoration & water quality
- Noxious Weed Abatement







#### **Marlette Lake Water Alternatives**





## **Future Projects**

River Restoration

Water Quality Studies

- Regional Water Demands
- Wastewater Issues
- Floodplain Protection
- Habitat Enhancement



## 2004 Carson River Conference

"Protecting Our Lifeline in the Desert Through Community Development and Floodplain Protection"

Economic Growth & Development without sacrificing floodplain function

Ensure **Public Safety** upstream and downstream

Protect Private Property Rights & conserve natural resources

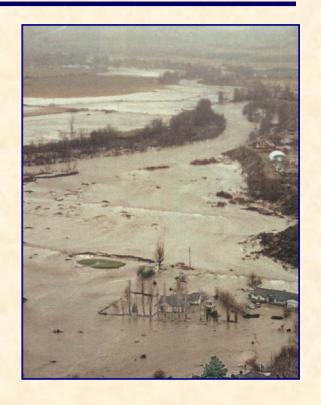
Improve Wildlife Habitat & Water Quality

Date: October 15, 2004

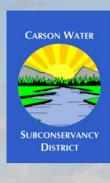
Time: 8:30 (registration) to 4:30p.m.

Location: State Capitol Building, State

**Assembly Room** 



Brochures and registration information will be September 3 at www.cwsd.org



# Questions and Thank You!

