

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
STATE CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~[omitted material]~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §§1 and 2, NRS 548.160 and 548.178.

A REGULATION relating to conservation; revising the requirements for a conservation district to be in good standing; requiring the equal distribution of all available grants of money provided by legislative appropriation to conservation districts; authorizing the distribution of grants of money provided by other sources under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Section 1. NAC 548.110 is hereby amended to read as follows:

548.110 To be in good standing, a conservation district must:

1. Hold regularly scheduled meetings of the governing board of the district.
2. Hold meetings at least three times each year, one of which must be an annual meeting.
3. Properly give notice of each meeting, prepare an agenda and issue it in conformance with the requirements of chapter 241 of NRS.
4. File the agenda for and the minutes taken at each meeting *required by subsection 2* with the Division within 30 *working* days after the meeting.
5. Hold an election of ~~[officers before the 10th]~~ *supervisors on one of the first 10 days* of November ~~[of]~~ *in* each even-numbered year ~~[,]~~ and submit the results of the election to the Commission before ~~[the 30th of the month.]~~ *November 30 of that year.*
6. Develop an annual work plan and budget and submit them to the Commission by the first of June of each year.

7. Develop an annual report and financial report and submit them to the Commission by ~~the 30th of~~ September **30** of each year for the immediately preceding fiscal year.

Sec. 2. NAC 548.120 is hereby amended to read as follows:

548.120 1. The Division shall report to the Commission at the first meeting of the Commission of each new fiscal year the conservation districts that are in good standing as of July 1 of that year. *A district that is not in good standing is not eligible to receive a grant of money.*

2. The Commission will review the annual budget of each district in good standing to determine whether it complies with the intent of this chapter and chapter 548 of NRS. If the budget complies with the intent of those chapters, the Commission will designate the district as eligible for a grant of money.

3. The Commission will *equally* distribute ~~any available grants of money equally~~ among the districts that have been designated as eligible for a grant of money pursuant to subsection 2 ~~4. A district that is not in good standing is not eligible to receive a grant of money.~~

~~4. Any~~ *all available grants of money provided by legislative appropriation pursuant to paragraph (a) of subsection 1 of NRS 548.178 for the Commission's program of basic operating grants to conservation districts. A grant of money received by a conservation district is for the fiscal year ~~in~~ or years for which it was granted. Any money which has not been committed for expenditure ~~by~~ before July 1 of the ~~next~~ fiscal year after the fiscal year or years for which the money was granted* must be deducted from any grant awarded for that fiscal year.

4. The Commission may, pursuant to paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of NRS 548.178, distribute grants of money provided by sources other than legislative appropriation in such

amounts and subject to such conditions as the Commission determines appropriate to any conservation district which the Commission determines qualifies for a grant.