

**CARSON TRUCKEE WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
ANNUAL SCHEDULE & CRITERIA FOR FUNDING of WEED ABATEMENT PROJECTS**

PROCESS:

Prior to the Board of Directors of the Carson-Truckee Water Conservancy District considering an application for funding any weed abatement Project, the applicant must complete the application in sufficient detail to demonstrate to the Board that the Project meets ALL criteria for project funding.

The Board shall not fund any studies, delineation efforts, mapping, testing or other Projects that do not lead to the direct removal or eradication of invasive species or directly perpetuate the absence of invasive species within the District's jurisdictional area.

The District reserves the right to establish a project review group to assist the review and evaluation of project applications. The District Board reserves the right to deny funding for any and/or all applications for weed abatement funding.

Project specifics shall be provided which include but are not limited to: locations and areas to be treated, species to be removed or eradicated, methods of removal or eradication, revegetation approach if any and future maintenance plans for species removal areas. In addition a comprehensive schedule or timeline for the Project shall be submitted including any approvals or permits required for the Project work to proceed. The proponents shall provide a detailed accounting of all funding sources as well as a budget showing expected expenses by category. Successful project applicants shall submit a final report to the District within 30 days of project completion which shall detail the project accomplishments and shall provide a presentation to the District upon request.

CRITERIA:

- 1) The District has the legal authority to fund the Project.
- 2) The District finds the Project to be environmentally and technically sound.
- 3) The District finds the source of matching funds to be sufficient and funds are available within the required timeframe.
- 4) The District finds the timeline and completion date for the Project acceptable including the schedule for obtaining all necessary permits and approvals.
- 5) The Project's purpose and benefits demonstrate at least one of the following:
 - a. Benefits to Regional Water Resource within the District's jurisdictional area;
 - b. Improvements to water quality related to beneficial use of the waters;
 - c. Mitigates further stream bank erosion;
 - d. Mitigates further flooding and possible property damage;
 - e. Improves the administration, management or maintenance of the river and stream systems;
 - f. Assists water users and/or the general public in understanding water issues;
 - g. Provides similar projects, or is performed by the same proponent as projects that have demonstrated successful results;
 - h. Allows waters to be conserved for beneficial use of the waters;
 - i. Enhances the preservation or operation of the waterways;
 - j. Provides improvements to floodwaters or floodways.

RELEASE OF FUNDS:

- 1) Payment of the matching funds by the District will be subject to the District receiving verification or validating that

the Project has been completed pursuant to the details of Project as requested and approved by the District. This condition applies unless the specific conditions of the District's Project approval dictated release of funds at some other designated juncture. Release of funds shall be subject to the applicant's provision of all required licenses, certifications and permits for the project.

- 2) In the event that the matching funds have not been expended in their entirety, the District reserves the right to withhold a portion or all of the District funds up to an amount equal to the committed percentage of the total project funds that the District agreed to grant to the Project. This condition applies unless the specific conditions of the District's Project approval dictated an alternative methodology for the release of funds under such circumstances.
- 3) In the event the amount of funds request for matching funds is less than \$10,000, the District may waive the foregoing paragraphs 1 and 2 under "Release of Funds".
- 4) The District may consider the carry-over of unspent funds between funding years for District approved projects; carry-over of funds beyond the specified project completion date shall require formal consideration and action by the Board.