

Nevada Conservation Parcel Fee Levy

NRS 548.4051 “Parcel” defined. As used in [NRS 548.4051](#) to [548.4056](#), inclusive, “parcel” has the meaning ascribed to it in [NRS 361A.065](#).

(Added to NRS by [2015, 1982](#))

NRS 548.4052 Annual fee on parcels in district: Imposition; collection and deposit; use.

1. Subject to the provisions of [NRS 548.4053](#) and [548.4054](#), and only after receiving the approval of a majority of the registered voters of the conservation district voting on the question at a primary, general or special election held pursuant to [NRS 548.4053](#) or at an election conducted by mail pursuant to [NRS 548.4054](#):

(a) If a conservation district includes land lying in only one county, the board of county commissioners of the county shall impose, on behalf of the conservation district, an annual fee of not more than \$25 on each parcel in the conservation district; and

(b) If a conservation district includes land lying in more than one county, the boards of county commissioners of the respective counties shall impose, on behalf of the conservation district, an annual fee of not more than \$25 on each parcel in the conservation district.

2. A fee imposed pursuant to subsection 1 must be collected as are other fees and taxes imposed by the board of county commissioners are collected. A board of county commissioners that imposes the fee shall establish a separate fund in the county treasury for the receipt and expenditure of and accounting for the proceeds of the fee.

3. Money collected pursuant to this section may be used only for the purposes of this chapter.

(Added to NRS by [2015, 1982](#))

NRS 548.4053 Annual fee on parcels in district: Submission of question to voters upon receipt of petition; notice of election; contents of ballot; approval by voters.

1. A board of county commissioners shall submit to the voters a question of whether to impose a fee described in [NRS 548.4052](#) upon receipt of a petition requesting the election and prescribing the amount of the proposed fee. The petition must be signed by a majority of the supervisors of the conservation district or not less than 10 percent of the registered voters of the conservation district. The board of county commissioners shall direct the county clerk of the county or the county clerk’s designee to conduct an election on the question.

2. If a conservation district includes land lying in more than one county, the petition described in subsection 1 must be submitted to the board of county commissioners of each such county and each respective board of county commissioners shall submit the question to the registered voters of the conservation district who live in the county. Each respective board of county commissioners shall direct the county clerk of the county or the county clerk’s designee to conduct an election on

the question. The county clerks of the respective counties shall confer and delegate to the county clerk, or the county clerk's designee, of the county having the greatest number of qualified electors of the conservation district the duty of carrying out the provisions of this section and shall reimburse that county on a pro rata basis for their respective counties' shares of the expenses of conducting the election.

3. Notice of an election or elections on the question of whether to impose a fee described in [NRS 548.4052](#) must be:

(a) Published at least once each week for 4 weeks before the date of the election in a newspaper of general circulation in the county or counties in which the election or elections are to be held; and

(b) Posted continuously on the Internet website of the county or counties beginning not less than 30 days before the date of the election.

4. At the election, the ballot must contain the words "Shall a fee of not more than \$_____ per parcel be approved for the conservation district?" or words equivalent thereto.

5. If a majority of the registered voters of the conservation district voting on the question approve the imposition of the fee, the fee must be imposed beginning on July 1 of the year next following the election or elections.

(Added to NRS by [2015, 1982](#))

NRS 548.4054 Annual fee on parcels in district: Election by mail in lieu of primary special or general election; date of election; mailing and marking ballots; appointment of electors to count votes; approval by voters.

1. In lieu of conducting the election required by [NRS 548.4052](#) at a primary, general or special election pursuant to [NRS 548.4053](#), the board or boards of county commissioners, as applicable, may direct that the election be conducted by mail in accordance with this section. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the provisions of [NRS 548.4053](#) govern an election conducted pursuant to this section.

2. If the election is conducted by mail:

(a) The board or boards of county commissioners, as applicable, shall establish the date by which marked mailing ballots must be mailed by voters to the county clerk or the county clerk's designee pursuant to paragraph (c). That date is the date of the election for the purposes of subsection 3 of [NRS 548.4053](#).

(b) On or after the first date of publication or posting, whichever occurs first, of the notice required by subsection 3 of [NRS 548.4053](#), but not later than 5 business days after that date, the county clerk or the county clerk's designee shall cause to be mailed to each registered voter in the conservation district:

(1) An official mailing ballot;

(2) A return envelope; and

(3) Instructions regarding the manner of marking and returning the ballot. The instructions must set forth the date established pursuant to paragraph (a) by which the ballot must be mailed by the voter to the county clerk or the county clerk's designee.

(c) Upon receipt of a mailing ballot, the registered voter must, in accordance with the instructions, mark and fold the ballot, deposit and seal the ballot in the return envelope, affix his or her signature on the back of the envelope and mail the envelope to the county clerk or the county clerk's designee. The ballot shall be deemed timely mailed if the envelope is postmarked not later than 3 business days after the date established pursuant to paragraph (a) by which the ballot must be mailed.

(d) At the close of polling, the county clerk or the county clerk's designee shall appoint three electors who are not supervisors of the conservation district to act, without pay, as judges and tellers to open the envelopes and count the votes.

3. If a majority of the electors of the conservation district voting on the question at an election conducted pursuant to this section approve the imposition of the fee, the fee must be imposed beginning on July 1 of the year next following the election.

(Added to NRS by [2015, 1983](#))

NRS 548.4055 Annual fee on parcels in district: Procedures for increase, decrease or elimination. A fee imposed pursuant to [NRS 548.4052](#) and [548.4053](#) or [548.4054](#), as applicable, may not be increased, decreased or eliminated except according to the same procedures prescribed in [NRS 548.4052](#) and [548.4053](#) or [548.4054](#), as applicable, for imposing the fee.

(Added to NRS by [2015, 1984](#))

NRS 548.4056 Appropriation of money to provide programs for renewable natural resources. A board of county commissioners may appropriate money from the county general fund to a conservation district for the purpose of providing programs for renewable natural resources regardless of whether a fee is imposed pursuant to [NRS 548.4052](#) and [548.4053](#) or [548.4054](#), as applicable.

(Added to NRS by [2015, 1984](#))