



## Local Resource Concerns and Priorities

### Conservation District of Southern Nevada

The Local Work Group provides a forum for partners, farm, ranch, and forestry representatives as well as conservation groups to discuss natural resource problems that should be prioritized by NRCS. The group assists in guiding NRCS where to use Farm Bill funds for technical and financial assistance in the future. The Local Working Group identifies priority resource concerns and as appropriate, high-priority areas that need assistance. The local priorities for our region were:

#### **3 points each:**

1. **Insufficient irrigation water**
2. **Soil degradation/ Soil erosion – Soil quality**
3. **Degraded plant conditions – weeds and fine fuels**
4. **Insufficient water for livestock**
5. **Energy efficiency**

#### **LWG concerns worth 3points each**

1. **Will the application address impacts by outdoor recreation/ATVs and roads – planting, fencing protection or protection of springs and sensitive habitats?**
2. **Will the application create water saving by transiting to a more drought tolerant or low water demand crop?**
3. **Does the application include planting for wildlife, hedgerow, shelter belt or similar? -- Specifically looking at tree plantings to reduce the impact in heat mapped areas, and increasing greenspaces.**
4. **Is the applicate growing food in a mapped food desert?**
5. **Will the application help urban growers address barriers to urban growth and sales? (HUMAN element of SWAPA+HE)**
6. **Will the application be addressing surface and ground water depletion?**