

# **NDOW FY16-17 BUDGET REQUEST**

## **BUDGET CONCEPTS**

1. **Urban Bear Management & Education** – Enhance bear education and provide additional resources for urban bear management, particularly in the Tahoe basin. This was pursued in FY14-15 with a request for General Fund, but was cut by the Budget Office. As a general public issue, General Fund allocations would be appropriate for this initiative.
2. **Licensing Process Streamlining** – Develop phone apps and enhance online sales. Replace license agents with kiosks. Improve efficiency, enhance sales, and generate fiscal savings.
3. **NDOW Scientific Database** – Provides funding to create an IT and science infrastructure within NDOW to digitize NDOW historic data and create a database for ongoing updates via the web and analysis of NDOW science based data – big game surveys, collar data, habitat surveys, hunter surveys, and other geospatial data – into a unified, queryable database. Costs would include IT equipment, professional contract services, and staffing and can be funded with existing NDOW funds. TIR would be required.
4. **NDOW Headquarters Consolidation** – Fulfills need to bring together all NDOW headquarters staff to one location. One option is to seek funding for a minimum of \$400,000 in facilities improvements to UNR CABNR building at 1000 Valley. Another option is to lease private office space in Reno for all of NDOW headquarters personnel and repurpose 1100 Valley Road as solely the Western Region office and utilize the space for additional meeting rooms, reallocate western region personal and provide overflow space for seasonals and personnel visiting from other regions.
5. **Spanish Outreach & Marketing** – Translate existing materials/signage, developing marketing outreach to Spanish speaking community.
6. **Mining Program** – expand mining fee beyond gold mines (can be done through NAC). Ensure cost recovery for NDOW mining related project review. Provide continuing funding for mining industry supported wildlife projects. Potential to provide on-going funding for SEC. BDR needed to clarify use of fees, make clear to whom it applies
7. **Elk Damage Program** – Provide Commission authority to raise elk damage fees from \$5 up to \$10 to ensure sustainability of the program in the future
8. **Restricted Funds Enhancements** – technical change to fully fund potential expenditures of restricted funds such as Habitat Conservation Fees, Duck Stamp, Upland Game Stamp.
9. **Capital Improvement Projects** – Las Vegas Multi-Agency Building, Ely Office Expansion, Reno Headquarters/Western Region building
10. **Question 1 Reauthorization** – Both authority to sell remaining \$3 million in bonds under current law and a new law to authorize more bond sales in the future. Some possible uses – CIPs, Cave Lake and other dam repairs, lands acquisitions, easements, and habitat projects. Requires BDR.