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**Carson River Watershed Forum –
Carson Water Subconservancy District
Grant Funding Panel**

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What Does NRCS Do?

- **Voluntary**
- **Financial and technical resources**
- **Inventory and evaluate Resource Concerns**
- **Provide alternatives**
- **Development of a Conservation Plan**

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Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

- Most popular and most frequently utilized conservation program.
- Provides financial assistance to eligible land users to install conservation practices on their farms and ranches.
- Must be a landowner or operator
- Can do cooperative contracts between 2 or more participants to solve problems that cross boundaries



The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)



- The IRA directs NRCS to use the additional funds specifically for **climate change mitigation**.
- Mitigation activities ***reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve carbon storage.***
- **The IRA does not create any new programs** – it gives NRCS additional funds to **expand its existing climate efforts** and satisfy unmet demand
- We are currently accepting FY23 applications until **April 28th**



Source Water Protection (SWP)



- The 2018 Farm Bill added a provision providing for the protection of source water through targeted conservation practices.
- Encourages protection of drinking water sources by identifying local priority areas in each state and providing incentives for practices related to water quality and quantity
- Practice examples:
 - Structures for Water Control
 - Nutrient Management
 - Watering Facilities



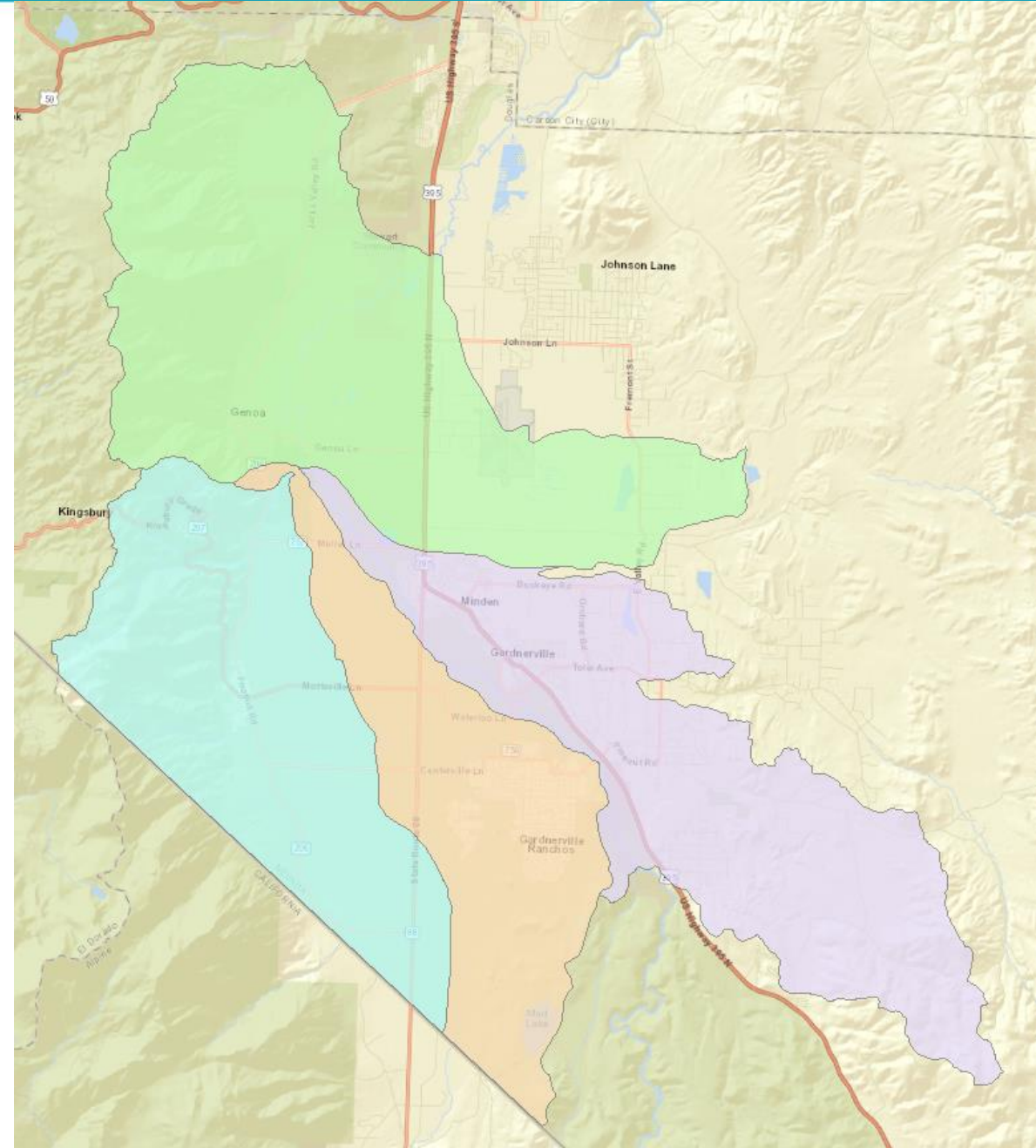
National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI)

Provides targeted funding in small watersheds to address impaired water bodies through voluntary conservation.

Watersheds:

- Brockliss Slough
- Lower West Fork Carson River
- Town of Gardnerville-East Fork
- Town of Genoa-Carson River

Funding available for FY 2024 & 2025





Fence



Prescribed Grazing



Livestock Watering Facilities





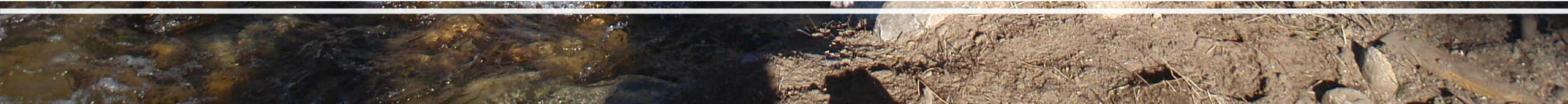
Streambank Stabilization



03/07/2019



Grade Stabilization





Water Return “Drop” Structure

12/07/

12/07/2020





Tree & Shrub Plantings





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THANK YOU!

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