

# Canyon

## Soil Conservation District

Performance Report July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017



Canyon County Idaho

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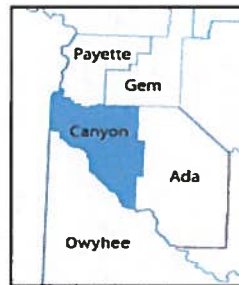
Canyon SCD Board Meetings: First Thursday  
AFTER the first Tuesday

### Top 3-5 Priorities

1. Water Quality
2. Urban Development
3. District Operations
4. District Outreach

### FY 2016 Revenue

County Funding	\$ 10,000.00
State Funding	\$ 23,398.19
USDA NRCS Funds (Farm Bill)	\$1,190,605.00
Landowner Match (Farm Bill)	\$666,924.50
319 Grant Conservation Projects	\$361,773.69
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Newsletter Ads	\$ 2,020.00
District Business Volunteer Hours	\$ 12,110.00
NRCS CTA Grant Funds	<u>\$ 30,000.00</u>
Total	\$2,483,935.60



### Recent 2017 Projects

The Canyon Soil Conservation District (SCD) worked with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). Under the Division III cropland general EQIP there were thirteen contracts totaling \$700,000.00, on 700 acres. There was one irrigated cropland contract in the amount of \$36,270.00 that qualified as a State Socially Disadvantaged producer. Through EQIP organic there was four Soil Health projects in the amount of \$110,000.00, on 150 acres. This year Canyon County received the opportunity for EQIP National Water Quality Incentive funding with eight contracts in the amount of \$344,335.00, on 500 acres. The projects included: pivot/sprinkler irrigation systems, drip irrigation systems, Irrigation Water Management (IWM), Nutrient Management, Integrated Pest Management (IPM), Soil Health Practices, and other improvements.

In FY 2017 Conservation Technical Assistance (CTA) was provided to twenty different producers on 196 acres. This assistance consisted of site visits, conservation planning, engineering designs, and analysis and recommendations for irrigation systems, and planting. There were various irrigation systems including recommendations for improved gravity systems, sprinklers, and drip systems.

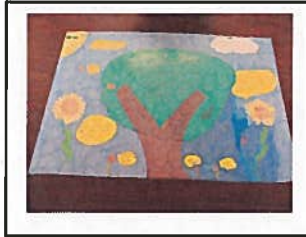
Through the 319 Program there were four total projects in amount of \$361,773.69 on 290 acres.

Canyon SCD, Associate Supervisor, wrote a \$50,000 grant for Farmers Co-Operative Ditch Company to upgrade their headgates.



Cover  
Crops  
For  
Cattle  
Forage.

## Educational Programs



LEFT –Home School Winner



RIGHT –Notus Posters Winners

The Canyon SCD Outreach educates the landowners, public, and students in conservation awareness.

- \*\* In July, the Canyon SCD had an education booth and display at the County Fair with 135 participants for the four-day event.
- \*\* Canyon & Owyhee Conservation District Tour was held 9/22/17 featuring Water Quality Monitoring, Soil Health, Cover Crops for Forage, & No-till Planting and Economics with 28 attendees.
- \*\* Sponsored the District Poster Contest for 15 students.
- \*\* Sponsored the Natural Resources Camp scholarship for one student at the week-long event.
- \*\* Sponsored the District Speech Contest for two students.
- \*\* Participated at the Western Idaho Ag Expo with an educational booth consisting of a Power Point Presentation & display for 75 attendees at the two-day event.
- \*\* Participated in the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Soil Health Symposium with 35 participants, along with the Canyon SCD Soil Health Display.
- \*\* The Canyon SCD newsletter goes out quarterly to 600 subscribers.
- \*\* Canyon SCD Soil Health Display was borrowed by NRCS for the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Women in Agriculture Conference with 40 attendees.
- \*\* Canyon office staff participated in 4 of the 5 Ada 5<sup>th</sup> grade field days with over 900 students.
- \*\* Canyon SCD/Caldwell USDA Service Center donated 423 lbs. of produce from their garden to Metro Community Services.

## Future Projects

Canyon SCD will continue to seek future projects for Agricultural Best Management Practices (BMP's) for Water Quality Improvements and the possibility of additional 319 funding. In the absence of 319 funding, there may be some irrigation evaluations to be done and used for demonstration. There are numerous projects for 319 funding if available. Center pivot sprinklers, wheel line sprinklers, annual drip systems, and permanent drip systems have been requested and there is a continued interest in products utilizing this funding.

Continued efforts will be made with the assistance of a Conservation Technical Assistance Program. The Canyon SCD Resource Enhancement Project is designed to accelerate natural resource treatment and improvements. This project will address high priority natural resource issues documented by Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) plans and Watershed Planning documents.

Canyon SCD will continue partnering with agencies, and plan and seek funding to address resource concerns.

Canyon SCD will continue to promote natural resource conservation through outreach & education programs for youths and adults.

### Canyon SCD \$800.00 Capacity Building Funds

The Canyon SCD was able to use the Capacity Building Funds in the amount of \$800.00 for outreach and education to inform landowners, students and the public of the importance of Best Management Practices (BMP's) for our soil and water conservation and natural resources. Power Point Presentations were put together for the Western Idaho Ag Show, Canyon County Budget Meeting, Canyon County Fair, Canyon SCD Tours, Soil Health Symposium, and several other events. Canyon SCD will continue to outreach and education to inform the landowners, students and the public to teach and conserve all natural resources and importance of (BMP's).

### Board of Supervisors and Staff

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**PERFORMANCE  
REPORT  
CERTIFICATION**

**DISTRICT:**  
Canyon Soil Conservation District

**FOR YEAR: FY 2017**  
(July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017)

**DUE :**  
**December 20, 2017**

**CERTIFICATION**

On behalf of my local Board of Supervisors, I hereby certify that the attached Performance Report is true and accurate, and further submit said Report for the above named District and fiscal year.

A copy of this Performance Report shall be kept at the District office and is available for public inspection.

*Mike Somerville*

Board Supervisor Signature

*Mike Somerville*

Printed Name

*12/12/17*

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