

Canyon

Soil Conservation District

Performance Report July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013



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 2013 Revenue

County Funding	\$10,000.00
State Funding	18,761.10
USDA NRCS Funds (Farm Bill)	1,173,367 .00
Landowner Match (Farm Bill)	331,319.00
319 Grant Conservation Projects	117,326.74
319 Grant Landowner Match	99,342.45
319 Monitoring & Technical Assistance	2,020.00
Newsletter Ads	2,000.00
District Business Volunteer Hours	6,820.00
NRCS CTA Grant Funds	54,151.17
NRCS Farm Bill Admin. Assist.	375.24
Total	1,815,482.70

Recent 2013 Projects

The Canyon SCD worked with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). For the general EQIP there were 25 contracts in the amount of \$1,173,367, on 2,344 acres. Through EQIP organic there were 4 projects in the amount of \$66,327, on 102 acres. This year Canyon received the opportunity for EQIP National Water Quality Incentive with 10 contracts in the amount of \$920,175, on 790 acres. The projects include: pivot/sprinkler irrigation systems, drip irrigation systems, waste storage facilities, Irrigation Water Management (IWM), Nutrient Management, Integrated Pest Management (IPM), and Soil Health Practices and improvements to name a few.

In FY 2013 Conservation Technical Assistance (CTA) was provided to 20 different producers on approximately 240 acres. This assistance consisted of site visits, conservation planning, engineering designs, and analysis and recommendations for irrigation systems, planting and planning. Various irrigation systems included recommendations for improved gravity systems, sprinklers, and drip systems.

Through the 319 Program there were four more Conservation Plans completed and irrigation systems installed consisting of a drip system on 56 acres of mint and sugar beets, a wheel line system on alfalfa of 25 acres, pivot/sprinkler system on 31 acres, and an improved surface system (mainline, gated pipe, and sediments basins) on 51 acres. Irrigation water management plans and follow-up on those plans are still on-going with some innovative equipment being employed. The "Montana Washtub Scheduling Method" is being used on the wheel line field and will be used for a demonstration for simple IWM. On the Sugar Beet and Mint fields, there are Watermark Sensors installed to show water use and irrigation scheduling.

Educational Programs



Regional
FFA Soil
Judging
Contest

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

- Participated with the Deer Flat National Wildlife Refuge meetings.
- Interview with Channel 7 news for 319 project.
- Co-hosted the 319 tour/lunch for Water Quality Improvements a total of 24 attendees.
- 319 projects tours for legislators and DEQ.
- Sponsored the District Poster Contest for 19 students.
- Participated in the Regional FFA Soil Judging Contest with over 100 students.
- Participated in the Sustainable Agriculture Workshop with 50 attendees.
- Participated at the Irrigation Conference with an education display with over 150 participants.
- Participated at the Western Idaho Ag Expo with education booth & display with almost 200 participates for the 2 day event.
- Participated in the 4th annual Agriculture Symposium over 100 participants.
- Sent two students to the Natural Resource Camp in Ketchum, sponsoring their registration.
- In July, the Canyon SCD had an education booth and display at the County Fair with over 400 participants for the 4 day event.
- The Canyon SCD newsletter goes out quarterly to over 650 subscribers.



Poster Contestants from Notus Elementary School

Future Projects

Future projects consist of some sediment basins, irrigation water management on six existing projects 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.

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 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 youth and adults.

Board of Supervisors and Staff

Mike Swartz, Chairman

Mike Somerville, Vice-Chair

Rex Runkle, Secretary/Treasurer

Rock Smith, Member

Bob McKellip, Member



Mission: The Canyon Soil Conservation District is committed to providing quality leadership, information, education, technical assistance, and financial assistance for the conservation and wise use of natural resources.

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PERFORMANCE
REPORT
CERTIFICATION

DISTRICT:

Canyon SCD

FOR YEAR:

FY 2013

DUE :

December 20, 2013

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.


Board Supervisor Signature

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Printed Name

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