

Canyon

Soil Conservation District

Performance Report July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016



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	\$ 24,325.91
USDA NRCS Funds (Farm Bill)	\$888,692.00
Landowner Match (Farm Bill)	\$349,520.00
319 Grant Conservation Projects	\$103,305.00
319 Grant Landowner Match	\$121,575.00
Newsletter Ads	\$ 2,020.00
District Business Volunteer Hours	\$ 13,247.50
NRCS CTA Grant Funds	<u>\$ 24,000.00</u>
Total	\$1,536,685.41



Recent 2016 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 ten contracts in the amount of \$500,029.00, on 421 acres. Under the state socially disadvantaged irrigated cropland there were no contracts. Through EQIP organic there was one Soil Health project in the amount of \$8,200.00, on 39 acres. This year Canyon County received the opportunity for EQIP National Water Quality Incentive funding with six contracts in the amount of \$380,463.00, on 398 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 2016 Conservation Technical Assistance (CTA) was provided to thirty nine different producers on 687 acres. This assistance consisted of site visits, conservation planning, engineering designs, and analysis and recommendations for irrigation systems, planting and planning. There were various irrigation systems including recommendations for improved gravity systems, sprinklers, and drip systems.

Through the 319 Program there were two completed payment applications in amount of \$103,305.00 on 186 acres. Also, there was monitoring work done with a Canal Company in Parma to install a large sediment basin.



This field slope is 5-7% going directly towards river. This cover crop helps to control erosion & sediment runoff.

Educational Programs

Poster Contestant winner & Speech Contestant winner are sisters from Harness Homeschool.



Ivy & Virginia Harness

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

** Canyon SCD tour of projects with Curtis Elke, NRCS State Conservationist was successful. The tour included conversion of surface irrigation to pivot system, proposed sediment basin, permanent drip on hops, cover crop field and drip systems on mint and beets.

** Canyon SCD partnered with Ada Soil & Water Conservation District for the No-Till Organic Cover Crop & Roller Crimper Field Day. Lori handled over 77 preregistrations for the July 14th event.

** Canyon SCD supervisors/landowners participated at the July 23 ISWCC Conservation Tour with over 75 attendees.

** Canyon SCD/319 Project Tour Best Management Practices with Soil Health

** Sponsored the District Poster Contest for 11 students.

** Sponsored the District Speech Contest for one student.

** Sponsored the Natural Resources Camp scholarship for one student at the week-long event.

** Participated at the Western Idaho Ag Expo with an educational booth consisting of a Power Point Presentation & display for 100 attendees at the two day event.

** Participated in the 7th annual Soil Health Symposium with 125 participants, along with the Canyon SCD Soil Health Display.

** In July, the Canyon SCD had an education booth and display at the County Fair with 150 participants for the four day event.

** The Canyon SCD newsletter goes out quarterly to 600 subscribers.

** Canyon SCD Soil Health Display was borrowed by NRCS for the 5th Annual Women in Agriculture Conference.

** Canyon office staff participated in 4 of the 5 Ada 5th grade field days with over 800 students participating in the 4 day event.

** Washington D.C. folks visit the Caldwell Field Office and a proposed sediment basin in the Canyon Soil Conservation District.

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.

Board of Supervisors and Staff

Mike Swartz, Chairman

Mike Somerville, Vice-Chair

Rex Runkle, Secretary/Treasurer

Bob McKellip, Supervisor/Member

David Dixon, Supervisor/Member

Lori Kent, Admin. Assistant

Robin Hadelor, CTA Technical Assistant



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.

2015 District Budget Hearing: Capacity Building Needs Worksheet for FY 2016 Budget

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PART 2: Capacity Building Priority

<i>Project Title:</i>	
<i>Description of Project and Funding Needs:</i> 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.	
<i>Capacity Concern Addressed:</i> For continued outreach and education to inform the landowners, students and the public to teach and conserve all natural resources and importance of (BMP's).	
<i>Other districts involved:</i>	
<i>Notes:</i>	
<i>TOTAL FUNDS REQUESTED:</i> <i>Not to exceed \$1,000 per district</i>	\$800.00

**IDAHO SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**PERFORMANCE
REPORT
CERTIFICATION**

DISTRICT: Canyon Soil Conservation
District (Canyon SCD)

FOR YEAR:

July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016

DUE :

December 20, 2016

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.

Michael Somerville

Board Supervisor Signature

MICHAEL Somerville

Printed Name

12/7/16

Date

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