# Canyon Performance Report July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014

#### Soil Conservation District





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 2014 Revenue

County Funding	\$10,000.00
State Funding	23,771.70
USDA NRCS Funds (Farm Bill)	637,701.00
Landowner Match (Farm Bill)	238,511.00
319 Grant Conservation Projects	223,917.82
319 Grant Landowner Match	152,593.30
319 Monitoring & Technical Assistance	610.00
Newsletter Ads	1,760.00
District Business Volunteer Hours	7,365.44
NRCS CTA Grant Funds	37,000.00
NRCS Farm Bill Admin. Assist.	7,500.00
Total	1.340.730.26

#### **Recent 2014 Projects**

The Canyon SCD worked with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). Under the Division III cropland general EQIP there was 1 contract in the amount of \$77,725.00, on 137 acres. Under the state socially disadvantaged irrigated cropland there were 3 contracts in the amount of \$44,242.00, on 62 acres. Through EQIP organic there was 1 Soil Health project in the amount of \$1,549.00, on 22.1 acres. This year Canyon County received the opportunity for EQIP National Water Quality Incentive funding with 8 contracts in the amount of \$514,145.00, on 476.2 acres. The projects include: pivot/sprinkler irrigation systems, drip irrigation systems, Irrigation Water Management (IWM), Nutrient Management, Integrated Pest Management (IPM), and Soil Health Practices and other improvements.

In FY 2014 Conservation Technical Assistance (CTA) was provided to 28 different producers on 270 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 4 completed payment applications in amount of \$ 60,888.34 on 95 acres. There was 1 conservation plan completed on 18 acres for a sprinkler system. Also, there was monitoring work done with a Canal Company in Parma to install a large sediment basin and/or a large pipeline.



319 Tour Best Management **Practices** Irrigation Water Management

### **Educational Programs**



No-Till Drill cosponsors Ada & Canyon Soil Districts

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

- Volunteered with Ada SWCD at the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Conservation Days at Peaceful Valley Farms with 250 students.
- Co-hosted the 319 tour/lunch for Water Quality Improvements with a total of 50 attendees.
- Sponsored the District Poster Contest for 47 students.
- Participated at the Irrigation Conference with an educational display with 160 participants.
- Participated at the Western Idaho Ag Expo with education booth with ppt & display for 100 participates at the 2 day event.
- Participated in the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Agriculture Symposium with 50 symposium participants.
- In July, the Canyon SCD had an education booth and display at the County Fair with 200 participants for the 4 day event.
- The Canyon SCD newsletter goes out quarterly to over 650 subscribers.
- Pictures, article & information to public of NO-TILL DRILL planting.



Irrigation Conference Growers Panel

#### **Future Projects**

Canyon SCD will continue to seek future projects for Agricultural 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 the 319 funding already submitted for consideration. Center pivot sprinklers, wheel lines sprinklers, annual drip systems, and permanent drip systems have been requested. 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 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**

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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.

# IDAHO SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

#### PERFORMANCE REPORT CERTIFICATION

DISTRICT: Canyon Soil Conservation
District

FOR YEAR:

July 1, 2013-June 30, 2014

DUE:

December 20, 2014

#### **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

Robert McKell

Printed Name

12/11/14

Date

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July 2013 Capacity Building Funds for Canyon SCD

The Canyon SCD was able to use the Capacity Building Funds in the amount of \$875.00 for outreach and education to inform landowners, students and the public of the importance of Best Management

Practices for our soil and water conservation and natural resources.

PPT's were put together for the Western Idaho Ag Show, Canyon

County Budget Meeting, Canyon County Fair, Canyon SCD Tour, and several other events.