

Canyon

Soil Conservation District

Performance Report July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020



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/Farmland Preservation
3. District Operations
4. Irrigated Cropland
5. Fish and Wildlife/Riparian Areas
6. Information & Education/Soil Health

FY 2019 Revenue

County Funding	\$ 15,000.00
State Funding	\$ 30,102.60
USDA NRCS Funds (Farm Bill)	\$ 1,117,000.00
Landowner Match (Farm Bill)	\$ 837,750.00
319 Grant Conservation Projects	\$ 130,000.00
319 Grant Landowner Match	\$ 296,000.00
Newsletter Ads	\$ 1,280.00
District Business Volunteer Hours	\$ 4,799.00
Admin. Assist. for NRCS	\$ 1,697.43
NRCS CTA Grant Funds	\$ 21,500.00
Total	\$ 2,455,129.03

Recent 2020 Projects

The Canyon Soil Conservation District (SCD) worked with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). Under the Team 6 EQIP there were 22 contracts totaling \$1,117,000 on 851 acres within the Canyon SCD. There was 1 contract that qualified as a State Socially Disadvantaged producer, and one that qualified as a Beginning Farmer. Through EQIP organic there was 2 contracts. This year Canyon County received the opportunity for EQIP National Water Quality Initiative funding with 7 contracts in the amount of \$570,000, on 489 acres. These projects included: pivot/sprinkler irrigation systems, drip irrigation systems, Irrigation Water Management (IWM), Soil Health Practices, and Pasture improvement practices.

In FY 2020 Conservation Technical Assistance (CTA) was provided to 8 different producers on 1500 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.

The 319 Program 2020 funded 3 projects in amount of \$130,000.00 on 155 acres.

Educational Programs



Canyon SCD (CSCD) Outreach educates the landowners, public, and students in conservation awareness.

** July 25-29, 19th CSCD had an education and outreach booth and display at the County Fair with 358 participants for the four-day event.

** CSCD/319 Project tour was held 8/29/2019 with 22 attendees. FY 2019 tour focused on completed project sites for Best Management Practices.

**Caldwell Service Center donated 240 lbs. to Metro Community Services, 9/23/19.

** Canyon office staff participated in 5th grade Ada SWCD conservation field days with over 200 students & teachers at the 5-day event, 9/29/19.

** Sponsored the District Poster Contest students from Notus Elementary, Caldwell Adventist Elementary and Mill Creek Elementary, 10/4/19.

** January 26-27, 2019, participated at the Western Idaho Ag Expo with an educational display. NRCS & Farm Service Agency partnered a booth next to CSCD. This was a great way to reach out to the public as a one stop shop for 233 attendees at the two-day event.

** Participated in the 11th annual Soil Health Symposium 2/13/20 with 180 participants, along with the CSCD Soil Health Display.

**CSCD participated at the Harvest and Hearth Workshop Farm & Heritage Ad SWCD hosted event on 2/14/20 at the College of Idaho, Caldwell.

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

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 outreach and education to inform the landowners, students and the public to teach and conserve all-natural resources and importance of (BMP's).

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