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# Soil Conservation District

Performance Report July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

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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 2021-2022 Revenue

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County Funding	\$	15,000.00
State Funding	\$	34,593.25
USDA NRCS Funds (Farm Bill)	\$	893,000.00
Landowner Match (Farm Bill)	\$	893,000.00
319 Grant Conservation Projects	\$	286,000.00
319 Grant Landowner Match	\$	30,000.00
CSCD No-Till Drill	\$	12,133.98
Newsletter Ads	\$	1,600.00
District Business Volunteer Hours	\$	2,500.00
Admin. Assist. for NRCS	\$	3,999.02
NRCS CTA Grant Funds	<u>\$_</u>	16,50000
Total	\$	2,188,326.25

# **Recent FY 2022 Projects**

The Canyon Soil Conservation
District (SCD) worked with the Natural
Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
through the Environmental Quality
Incentives Program (EQIP). In Canyon
County the total financial assistance
obligated was \$893,000 in 19 contracts
covering a total of 556 acres. These projects
included: pivot/sprinkler irrigation systems,
drip irrigation systems, Irrigation Water
Management (IWM), and Pasture
improvement practices.

In FY 2022 Conservation Technical Assistance (CTA) was provided to <u>42</u> different producers on <u>2,980</u> acres. This included <u>950</u> acres of No-Till Drill site visits, engineering designs, analysis, and recommendations for irrigation systems. Recommendations for improved gravity systems, sprinklers, drip, and POD systems.

The 319 Program 2022 funded <u>7</u> projects in amount of <u>\$286,000.00</u> on <u>855</u> acres.

Beginning in May of 2022 Canyon SCD was able to participate Water Quality Program for Agriculture (WQPA). There was a total of <u>9</u> application proposals with <u>1,580</u> acres of BMP (flood to sprinklers, new head gate & drip line tape.) In August there was <u>2</u> chosen from Canyon SCD. <u>One project</u> was funded for <u>\$214,276.00</u> and <u>another project</u> for <u>\$69,736.00</u>. These projects must be installed prior to June 1, 2023.

In June 2021, Dan Lister Planner of Record Canyon-County Development Services began sending out Notifications to Canyon Pursuant to the local use Planning Act. Dan requested Canyon SCD to comment on zoning requests. Rich Sims has taken on this task. Rich does the research, makes maps and comments on the requests. Lori then puts information together in a packet, sends to Dan. Canyon SCD has sent back 62 comments.

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# **Educational Programs**

EDUCATIONAL/INFORMATIONAL OUTREACH

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

\*\*Canyon SCD/Landowners/No-Till Drill planted a total of 1,100 acres of cover crops to improve on Soil Health. The Great Plains model 1206NT is 12 feet wide & has traveled from New Plymouth, Marsing & Vale, also Canyon and Ada Counties.

\*\*CSCD/NRCS are partnering together with a CTA Agreement for Canyon Soil Conservation Technician, to help landowners with BMP's and Soil Health Improvements and Education/Information. \*\*Canyon SCD/319 Project Tour Of Best Management Practices 8/25/ 2021 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

\*\*Treasure Valley High Desert Local Work Group Meeting was held on 9/2/21 with 33 attendees at the Homedale Event Building/ZOOM.

\*\*Canyon SCD participated at the CC Fair with 100+ entering booth for fans, pencils, flower seeds candy & information/education brochures.

\*\* Sponsored the District Poster Contest students from Notus Elementary (5<sup>th</sup> Grade-Ms. Hernandez – 33 posters & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade-Ms. Golden - 37 posters) & Caldwell Adventist Elementary (5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Graders- Miss Miller – 9 posters).

\*\* The Canyon SCD newsletter is emailed to 62 subscribers.

\*\*Canyon SCD/Caldwell USDA Service Center donated 262 lbs. of produce from The Peoples Garden to Salvation Army & Metro in Caldwell.

\*\*In September the Caldwell Field Office Staff toured a Canyon Landowners Hop Harvest & Process Shed.

# **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.

Board of Supervisors and Staff
Mike Swartz, Chairman
Bob McKellip, Vice-Chair
Dave Dixon, Secretary/Treasurer
Rex Runkle, Supervisor/Member
Mike Somerville, Supervisor/Member
Lori Kent, Admin. Assistant
Stan Haye, Soil Conservation Tech
Rich Sims, Associate Supervisor



# **IDAHO SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

# **PERFORMANCE REPORT CERTIFICATION**

DISTRICT: Canyon	Soil	Conservation
District		

**FOR YEAR:** 

FY2022

DUE:

December 20. 2022

## **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.

Michel SWANTZ

Printed Name

12-15-2022 Date

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**DATE OF CONFIRMATION:**