

Canyon

Soil Conservation District

Performance Report July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021



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 2020-2021 Revenue

County Funding	\$ 15,000.00
State Funding	\$ 28,920.73
USDA NRCS Funds (Farm Bill)	\$ 958,000.00
Landowner Match (Farm Bill)	\$ 479,000.00
319 Grant Conservation Projects	\$ 286,000.00
319 Grant Landowner Match	\$ 1,730,000.00
CSCD No-Till Drill	\$ 10,424.00
Newsletter Ads	\$ 1,440.00
District Business Volunteer Hours	\$ 2,500.00
Admin. Assist. for NRCS	\$ 2,570.13
NRCS CTA Grant Funds	\$ 5,000.00
Total	\$ 3,518,854.86

Recent 2021 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 14 contracts totaling \$358,000 on 730 acres within the Canyon SCD. There were 2 contracts that qualified as a State Socially Disadvantaged producer, and one that qualified as a Beginning Farmer. Through EQIP organic there was 7 contracts. This year Canyon County received the opportunity for EQIP National Water Quality Initiative funding with 8 contracts in the amount of \$600,000, on 620 acres. These projects included: pivot/sprinkler irrigation systems, drip irrigation systems, Irrigation Water Management (IWM), and Pasture improvement practices.

In FY 2021 Conservation Technical Assistance (CTA) was provided to 42 different producers on 2980 acres. This included 950 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 2021 funded 7 projects in amount of \$286,000.00 on 855 acres.

Educational Programs

DUE TO COVID 19 –
LIMITED/CANCELLED
EDUCATIONAL/INFORMATIONAL
OUTREACH

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

**CSCD purchased a No-Till Drill for landowners to rent for planting cover crops to improve on Soil Health.

**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.

** CSCD/319 Project tour was not held due to Covid-19 issues. Kati Carberry, Stan, and Supervisors did meet to tour completed project sites for Best Management Practices.

** Sponsored the District Poster Contest students from Notus Elementary (5th Grade-Mrs. Rodwell & 6th Grade-Ms. Golden) & Caldwell Adventist Elementary (5th & 6th Graders- Miss Miller).

** The Canyon SCD newsletter goes out quarterly to 530 by US Postal Service & emailed to 62 subscribers.

**Canyon SCD/Caldwell USDA Service Center donated 386 lbs. of produce from The Peoples Garden. Others donated 41 lbs. of potatoes and 17 protein drinks to Metro Community Services and Salvation Army (7/12/20 to October 2020).

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

Bob McKellip, Vice-Chair

Dave Dixon, Secretary/Treasurer

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Mike Somerville, Supervisor/Member

Lori Kent, Admin. Assistant

Stan Haye, Soil Conservation Tech



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**PERFORMANCE
REPORT
CERTIFICATION**

DISTRICT: Canyon Soil Conservation
District

FOR YEAR:

FY 2020 - 2021

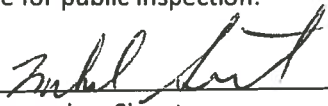
DUE :

December 20, 2021

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

Michael Swartz

Printed Name

12-09-2021

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