

Canyon

Soil Conservation District

Performance Report July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015



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 2015 Revenue

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| County Funding | \$ 10,000.00 |
| State Funding | 24,945.20 |
| USDA NRCS Funds (Farm Bill) | 972,395.26 |
| Landowner Match (Farm Bill) | 486,197.63 |
| 319 Grant Conservation Projects | 71,365.21 |
| 319 Grant Landowner Match | 65,528.48 |
| 319 Technical Assistance completed S443 | 4,500.00 |
| Newsletter Ads | 2,080.00 |
| District Business Volunteer Hours | 10,480.00 |
| NRCS CTA Grant Funds | 38,000.00 |
| NRCS IPM Grant Funds | <u>2,500.00</u> |
| Total | 1,687,991.78 |

Recent 2015 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 five contracts in the amount of \$232,846.00 on 270 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 \$26,067.00, on 300 acres. This year Canyon County received the opportunity for EQIP National Water Quality Incentive funding with ten contracts in the amount of \$549,400.12, on 392 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 2015 Conservation Technical Assistance (CTA) was provided to 40 different producers on 652 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.



319 Tour Best Management Practices -- Sand Media Filters for an Irrigation Drip System

Educational Programs



Canyon SCD V-Chairman, stresses the importance of Building Soil Health

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

- Canyon SCD/319 Project Tour Best Management Practices with Soil Health Emphasis a total of 55 attendees.
- Sponsored the District Poster Contest for 37 students.
- Sponsored the District Speech Contest for one student
- Sponsored the Natural Resources Camp scholarship for one student
- Participated at the Western Idaho Ag Expo with education booth consisting of a Power Point Presentation & display for 125+ attendees at the two day event.
- Participated in the 6th annual Soil Health Symposium with 200 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 200+ participants for the four day event.
- The Canyon SCD newsletter goes out quarterly to over 650 subscribers.
- Canyon SCD Soil Health Display was borrowed by the Boise River Enhancement Network Group. The all-day event was a huge success with 110 participates.
- Canyon SCD Soil Health Display was borrowed by NRCS for the 4th Annual Women in Agriculture Conference.
- Canyon SCD sponsored an Envirothon Team from Homedale who placed 1st at the 2015 Envirothon held in May in Challis.
- In June, Canyon SCD partnered with Ada Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) for the No-Till Organic Cover Crop and Roller Crimper Day. Lori handled over 77 preregistrations for the July 14th event.

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 the 319 funding already submitted for consideration. Center pivot sprinklers, wheel line 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 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

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Lori Kent, Admin. Assistant

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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.

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**PERFORMANCE
REPORT
CERTIFICATION**

DISTRICT: Canyon Soil Conservation
District (SCD)

FOR YEAR:

July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015

DUE :

December 20, 2015

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

Michel Swartz

Printed Name

12/8/15

Date

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DATE OF CONFIRMATION:

2014 District Budget Hearing: Capacity Building Needs

Worksheet for FY 2015 Budget

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PART 2: Capacity Building Priority

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| <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 \$830.00 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. The Canyon SCD's goal for July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016 is to purchase a digital converter for old slides. The district has 3 or 4 boxes of historical information they want to preserve/convert to make room and be able to store on the computer for PPT's. | |
| <i>Capacity Concern Addressed:</i> Inform and educate the landowners, public, and students the importance of BMP's and preserve historical photos. | |
| <i>Other districts involved:</i> | |
| <i>Notes:</i> | |
| <i>TOTAL FUNDS REQUESTED:</i> <i>Not to exceed \$1,000 per district</i> | \$830.00 |