

**SAN FRANCISCO SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
ANNUAL WORK PLAN**

**FISCAL YEAR:
July 1, 2019
Through
June 30, 2020**

Board of Supervisors

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RESOURCES

The San Francisco Soil and Water Conservation District was organized April 14, 1942. It covers 2,161,715 acres in southern Catron County.

Elevations range from below 5,000 feet to over 10,000 feet. The District consists of rugged mountains, plateaus and plains, mountain streams, pine and fir, pinyon and juniper, mountain meadows and grama grass, of rabbitbrush and cactus. It is a land of small-irrigated farms and sizable ranches, timber and small communities. There are approximately 314,227 acres of private and state lands lying within the district boundary, 106,010 acres of Bureau of Land Management lands and 1,734,983 acres of National Forest. The district is approximately 85% federal land intermingled with private and state lands.

The climate varies considerably between localities within the district because of extremes in elevation and topography. Average annual precipitation ranges from about 9 inches in the drier localities to 30 inches or more in the high mountains. About half of the annual average precipitation falls from July through September.

Soils are extremely variable and complex. They range from deep loamy soils in the two major river valleys and on the alluvial slopes to shallow and rocky in the foothills and mountains.

The present economy of the district is based on agriculture, and although the logging industry has played an important role in the past, logging sales have diminished in recent years. Based on orders from the Secretary of the Agriculture to the F/S, we will monitor for increased timber sales activities. The livestock industry has also suffered declines in revenue generation. With funding gained through RCPP we are looking for increases in new cattle pair numbers based on improved water sources and fenced pastures.

PLANNED ACTIONS:

The proposed Wild and Scenic Rivers Act implementation within our county by both NM U.S. Senators will be a continuing action item. Special interest groups are working with U.S. senators attempting to eliminate irrigation, water retention and generate soil erosion within our district. Allowing our districts natural water resources to be used by other states.

1. Rangeland

- A.** Promote the application of planned grazing systems, brush management and improved rangeland management to prevent or control erosion and maintain or improve forage production on rangelands.
- B.** Recruit EQIP projects.
- C.** Assume a high profile in response to United State Forest Service's requests on NEPA documents and provide meaningful input to develop alternatives.

2. Water Conservation

- A.** Improve the delivery and application efficiency of water used in agriculture.
- B.** Pursue Salt Cedar Eradication project with Glenwood USFS.
- C.** Partnering with San Francisco River Association for watershed improvement and educational outreach.
- D.** Pursue Erosion Control projects on the Tularosa River.

3. Information and Education

- A.** Continue to improve and strengthen the information program within the district. Promote conservation education within the local schools.
- B.** Continue to promote and network for participation in NM Range Camp, NM Water Camp, NM Forestry Camp, New Mexico Envirathon and Soil Stewardship Camp.
- C.** Continue participation in Ranch Days in Alma.
- D.** Have a presence at Catron County Fair.

4. Cooperation With Other Organizations

- A.** Continue working with the Jornada RC&D and the Southwest New Mexico Council of Governments on developing projects and possible funding for the projects within the district.
- B.** Cooperate with Catron County in the updating of Catron County Water Plan.
- C.** Cooperate with Public meeting process for 18,000-acre ft of CAP water.
- D.** Development and execution of agreement between NRCS, FS and SFSWCD for conducting snow surveying and ground truth verification at the state line, Frisco

- Divide, Silver Creek Divide, Mogollon Baldy and Hummingbird snow tell sites.
- E. Cooperate with Catron County Fair Board for water conservation and erosion control and native plant restoration and education.
5. **Water Development**
 - A. Coordinate with Reserve, Quemado-Luna and Glenwood Ranger Districts to implement water shed treatments.
 6. **Noxious Weeds**
 - A. Follow up implementation of a Noxious Weed Management Program within the District.
 - B. Establish a better working arrangement with USFS to identify and treat invasive noxious weeds.
 7. **Water Quality**
 - A. Continue water quality monitoring.

CALENDAR

- JULY** Report to NMDA the name, address, telephone number of all board members and indicate officers of the board. (i.e. chairman, vice chairman, secretary, treasurer etc.)
 Submit travel claims
 4th Quarter Budget Report due to NMDA for the past fiscal year.
 Report to: NMDA. Send financial report for the past fiscal year including:
 1) cash assets at beginning of year, 2) total receivables by source, 3) total expenditures by budget item, 4) cash assets at end of year.
 Consider Project Proposals
 Present Proposals
- AUGUST** Submit travel claims
 Consider Project Proposals
 Present Proposals
 Send any additional resolutions to NMACD
 File for Supervisor Elections
- SEPTEMBER** Submit travel claims
 Consider Project Proposals
 Present Proposals
- OCTOBER** 1st Quarterly budget report due to NMDA
 Submit travel claims
 Participate in NMACD Annual Meeting
 Seek Capital Outlay Funds
 Consider Project Proposals
 Present Proposals

NOVEMBER Report to Commission recommendations for appointed supervisors
 Submit travel claims
 Seek Capital Outlay Funds
 Supervisor Elections
 Consider Project Proposals
 Present Proposals

DECEMBER Notification to the State Auditor on Audit Status
 Submit Travel Claims
 Open Meetings Act resolution for the following calendar year
 Seek Capital Outlay Funds
 Consider Project Proposals
 Present Proposals

JANUARY Reorganization of Board
 Conduct Mid-Year Budget Review
 2nd Quarter budget report due to NMDA
 Submit travel claims
 Review Memorandum of Agreement with NRCS/USDA and the District
 Publish Public Meeting Notice
 Consider Project Proposals
 Present Proposals

FEBRUARY Nomination for NMACD Annual Awards
 Submit travel claims
 Review and select materials for Soil Stewardship
 Review Annual Work Plan for following year
 Consider Project Proposals
 Present Proposals

MARCH Submit travel claims
 Secure Auditing Firm
 Prepare budget request/county commissioners
 NMACD awards to Region Chair
 Consider Project Proposals
 Present Proposals

APRIL Prepare preliminary budget
 NACD Conservation Education Award entries due to the state judging committee
 Prepare SWCD Accomplishments for presentation at Region meeting
 Attend Region III Annual Meeting

Submit travel claims
3rd Quarter budget report due to NMDA
Make Fair Booth Reservations
Finalize nominations for NMACD Annual Awards
Finalize Annual Work Plan for following year
Participate in Ranch Days
Consider Resolutions to submit to Regional Chair
Consider Project Proposals
Present Proposals

MAY Yearly Contractor Evaluation
Finalize Annual Report
Submit travel claims
Consider Project Proposals
Present Proposals

JUNE Report to Commission recommendations for appointed supervisors.
Annual report of activities for the past fiscal year due to the NMDA and
NRCS. Annual report may be sent to legislators and local officials.
Final budget for coming fiscal year due to the NMDA and SW
Commission along with a copy of Budget Resolution
Submit travel claims
Consider Project Proposals
Present Proposals
Fiscal Year ends June 30th
Complete Point System Submission