

CONSERVATION DISTRICT BUSINESS PLAN

Socorro Soil & Water Conservation District

Organization: A governmental subdivision of the state of New Mexico organized under state law Chapter 73, Article 20.

Function: To take available technical, financial and educational resources, whatever their source, and focus or coordinate them so that they meet the needs of the local land manager with conservation of soil, water and related natural resources.

We serve:

The land and people within the Socorro SWCD boundary. We also actively cooperate with neighboring Districts.

Why:

We have the responsibility to initiate and take a pro-active role in education and activities that insure the conservation of the natural resources of our District and to assist landowners in implementing natural resource conservation and development plans.

Mission Statement:

To lead beneficial conservation efforts and wise use of the natural resources of our District.

Critical Natural Resource Issues:

Water conservation and use planning.
Control and prevention of soil erosion.
Urbanization of agricultural lands.
Brush control.
Range management.
Noxious weed control and eradication.
Endangered species concerns.

Critical Geographic areas (attach map):

Socorro Irrigated Valley, Lower Rio Grande, Rangeland, Yellow Dog Canyon

Statements of Intent (Outcome) for the natural resource issues.

(Format—by <date> the <natural resource> will <outcome>)

See goals on attached workplan.

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Priority Actions for the next 12 months:

See priority actions listed on attached annual workplan.

Staffing Needs:

Program Manager
Business and Publicity Assistant
Grant Writer
Water Quality Specialist, Hydrologist, and Hydrogeologist
Environmental Liason
Soil Technician (2)
Noxious Weed Specialist

Annual Budget needs:

Salaries and Benefits: \$500,000.00

Equipment: \$250,000.00

Office Supplies: \$10,000.00

Programs and Cost Share: \$250,000.00

Rent & Utilities: \$10,000.00

Other: \$25,000.00

Total Annual Budget: \$1,035,000.00

Key Individuals to Reach for Program Success:

NMDA	NM Game & Fish	County Commission
BLM	USDA-NRCS & FSA	City Council
FWS	BOR	Public Schools
NM State Forestry	ACE	Farm Bureau
DFA	ISC & SEO	Agricultural leaders
State Auditor's	Legislators	NMED