

FY24 Annual Report of Activities

Border Soil & Water Conservation District

Mission of the Border Soil & Water Conservation District

- To assist communities, private landowners and organizations in the wise development and conservation of our natural resources and to preserve and protect these resources for future generations.
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Natural Resource Improvements in FY24

- Partnership with High Plains CWMA to distribute herbicides, spray tank rental and awarded spray tank gift certificates.
 - District cost-share awarded for water conservation through livestock tank replacement and fiberglass application.
 - Working with RSWCD to encourage use of Shade Balls to reduce evaporation and ice formation on open water storage and stock tanks.
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Accomplishments in Information and Education:

- Border Supervisors & Employee Events/Meeting attended in person or via video conference: Meetings with Legislators, County Commissions, RC&D, Prairie Partners, NMACD Regional & Annual Meetings, SWCC, NMACDE, SWCD Regional Annual Meeting, Extension Service trainings & workshops, HSP Trainings, BLM & Ute Pipeline update meeting.
 - Hosted Ag Producer's Day in Elida. Attendees had opportunities to talk with agency representatives for help with conservation needs and funding sources.
 - African Rue Field Day helped with plant identification and treatment options.
 - Legacy Fund training with Roosevelt SWCD attended by 2 Supervisors & employee.
 - Employee trainings including: 3 DFA ICIP, 3 RCPP, Ag In The Classroom, Workers Compensation, Chaves SWCD Drone demo for weed treatment.
 - BSWCD now has the management role of High Plains Cooperative Weed Management Area.
 - BSWCD sponsored events: Youth Ranch Management Camp, Youth AgXplorers, County Fair Booth, FFA/4H Judging teams and Envirothon.
 - Continual focus on rule-making and legislation with personal visits and correspondence with our representatives and submitting formal comments to government agencies to voice our guidance and expertise.
 - Participated in SWCD Day at the Legislature, 2 legislative update sessions, Evening Reception & Breakfast with legislators in Santa Fe.
 - "Troublesome Weeds of NM" booklets and Noxious Weed Calendars distributed to district residents to help with weed identification and management.
 - Newsletters mailed.
 - Supervisor & employee actively participate in CoCoRaHS weather gauge reporting.
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Accomplishments installed through the NRCS Programs include:

- EQIP and CSP contracts encouraged to better utilize range land by constructing fencing better suited for deferred grazing as well as brush control. Pipelines, storage and stock tanks have been installed with regard to wildlife safety by using features like tank escape ramps.
 - 4 RCPP contracts for mesquite treatment and mastication in our district.
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Community Collaboration & Coordination:

- We continually participate with our Local Work Group by providing guidance and input to prioritize local natural resource concerns.
 - We annually review the Memorandum of Agreement with our local NRCS.
 - The conservation accomplishments of our producers are recognized through award nominations.
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Local Funding

- Border SWCD receives full funding from the Legislative Appropriations Point System.
- Legacy Fund “Capacity-Building Project” funds were awarded.
- Water Quality & Conservation funds were awarded to the High Plains CWMA to be administered through BSWCD.