

HIDALGO SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
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ANNUAL REPORT
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The Hidalgo SWCD regular meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 4:00 pm at the USDA District Office, 405 Duncan Hwy, in Lordsburg. Office hours are Monday-Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Hidalgo Soil and Water Conservation District is to protect, restore, enhance, and promote the proper use of soil, water, and other natural resources. This will be achieved by example through development of projects, education to the public, the cooperation of landowners/users, agencies, and other political subdivisions.

Education to the Public



The district and NRCS collaborated to present the Annual Tree Seedling Demonstration to third and fourth graders at the Lordsburg Municipal Schools. The students learned how to plant and take care of a Texas Ash tree seedling before taking one home of their own.



The district attended the Hidalgo County Fair with a public presentation booth that displayed pertinent information on soil and water issues, conservation practices and noxious weeds.

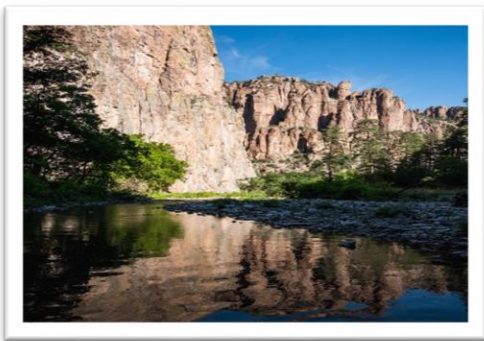


The board presented the Hidalgo County 4H Agronomy Team with three scholarships for winning in both Agronomy and Range, at the Regular Board Meeting on September 19, 2024. The winning 4H team shared a presentation with the board explaining requirements for the competition and their achievements.



The board is a proud sponsor of the 4H Competition held by the Southwest Quay Soil & Water Conservation District.

Voice for Conservation



The district submitted two letters to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife: one in opposition of listed the Swale Paintbrush as an Endangered Species and the second opposing the release of a pair of wolves in the Peloncillo Mountains, on the Arizona side.

The district submitted a letter to U.S. Senator Martin Heinrich and several other federal governmental entities opposing the Diamond A Land Exchange.

District Supervisor, Kansas Massey represented the board at the BLM Jornada Workshop in Las Cruces, NM on February 28, 2024.

The district applied for the Water Quality & Conservation Grant, BLM Noxious Weed Grant and sponsored an NMDA Healthy Soil Project with Emmanuel Lescombes with Lescombes Winery. The board continues to work with co-sponsor, Hidalgo County, on the EWP funding for producers in the district that experienced flood damage during the August 2022 Gila River flooding.

The district attended the following meetings, conferences, and trainings:

- Council of Border Conservation Districts
- SW NM Council of Governments
- Public Land Advisory Committee Meetings
- Water and Agriculture Committee Meetings
- Natural Resources Committee Meetings
- Malapai Borderlands Group
- NMACD/BLM/NRCS Coordination Meetings