



Socorro Soil & Water Conservation District  
FY 2010 Annual Work Plan

**DISTRICT PRIORITIES:**

- Improve irrigation system efficiency on farmland within Socorro SWCD utilizing Cost Share program.
- Continue management/eradication program for noxious weeds on private land.
- Continue to educate public with emphasis on schools about the importance of soil and water conservation.
- Develop federally authorized Conservation Program.
- Assist local entities with conservation needs.
- Promote proper drainage and treatment of high water table and related problems.
- Improve management on irrigated pastures in District.
- Administer Loan Program.
- Reduce erosion and increase productivity of rangeland within the Socorro SWCD.
- Improve management of irrigated cropland in District.
- Promote Soil and Water Conservation District publicly with media.
- Educate the Public in water rights and declaration processes.
- Continue to work with ISC on Regional and State water plans.
- Actively pursue grants to accomplish conservation programs.
- Lead SWCDs along Lower Rio Grande in Salt cedar management program.
- Seek funds to conduct revegetation work on land that has been treated for Salt cedar infestation.



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**PRIORITY:** Improve Irrigation System Efficiency on farmland within the Socorro SWCD utilizing Cost Share program.

**Goal:** Conserve 1500 acre-feet of irrigation water in District.

**Action:**

1. Administer Cost Share program.
2. Advertise Cost Share program.
3. Develop Conservation Plans with landowners, especially those applying for Cost Share assistance.
4. Develop and manage soil testing program for private landowners. Work with County Extension Agent on this program.
5. Continue promoting drip irrigation Cost Share program.
6. Continue promoting low flow water devices Cost Share program.

**PRIORITY:** Continue management/eradication program for noxious weeds on private land.

**Goal:** Educate the public on noxious weeds. Eradicate small populations and control larger infestations.

**Action:**

1. Continue control/eradication program with local landowners.
2. Expand noxious weed program into Catron County and investigate disturbed sites as requested by the BLM.
3. Educate public with seminars, newspaper articles, and brochures.
4. Pursue funding sources for herbicide and a computerized truck for treatment of noxious weeds.
5. Continue writing management plans with local entities.
6. Coordinate noxious weed treatments with all government entities on their land.
7. Purchase more efficient spray equipment using funds from auction of old equipment.

**PRIORITY:** Continue to educate public with emphasis on schools about the importance of soil and water conservation.

**Goal:** Reach at least 2000 people first hand demonstrating benefits of soil and water conservation.

**Action:**

1. Use outdoor classroom in partnership with Sevilleta NWR for environmental education.
2. Update and advertise website: [www.socorroswcd.com](http://www.socorroswcd.com)
3. Continue to publish quarterly newsletter with soil and water conservation issues and topics.
4. Sponsor youth to Forestry Camp.
5. Provide soil stewardship materials to grade schools for Soil Stewardship Week.
6. Set up display booth at Socorro County Fair.
7. Participate in Sevilleta/La Joya open house.
8. Participate in Bosque Conservation Day.
9. Continue working with the Socorro County Extension Agent to sponsor and promote Kids, Kows, and More.
10. Continue to work with School Administration to develop education program in schools.



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**PRIORITY:** Develop federally authorized conservation program.

Goal: Update criteria for Socorro County Irrigated Valley, Lower Rio Grande Geographic Priority Area, and the Yellow Dog Canyon Geographic Priority Area.

Action:

1. Participate in Local WORK Group Meeting as needed.

**PRIORITY:** Assist local entities with conservation needs.

Goal- Assist County, City, and schools with conservation related projects.

Action:

1. Contact City and other entities as needed and offer applicable technical and planning assistance.
2. Work with Jornada RC&D on such projects.
3. Assist in fuels reduction under Socorro County Fire Plan.
4. Assist Save Our Bosque Task Force with education and public benefit programs.

**PRIORITY:** Promote proper drainage and treatment of high water table and related problems.

Goal: Attain water table depths to maximize crops on all irrigated lands in district.

Action:

1. Meet with MRGCD at least once during year to express district concerns over aquatic weed infestations.
2. Special Emphasis Areas of concern:
  - a. Drainage ditches

**PRIORITY:** Improve management on irrigated pastures in District.

Goal: Encourage landowners to manage irrigated pasture.

Action:

1. Encourage landowners to level fields and re-establish pasture to be more efficient and productive.

**PRIORITY:** Administer Loan Program.

Goal: Enhance District's loan program.

Action:

1. Continue to collect loan repayments from cooperators participating in loan program.

**PRIORITY:** Reduce erosion and increase productivity of rangeland within the Socorro SWCD.

Goal: Treat juniper infested land.

Action:

1. Work with cooperators who apply for Cost Share Program for brush management.



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**PRIORITY:** Lead SWCDs along Rio Grande in Salt cedar eradication program funded by the NM State Legislature.

**Goal:** Continue treatment/removal of Salt cedar and native vegetation restoration with funding from the New Mexico State Legislature.

**Action:**

1. Treat Salt cedar.
2. Continue developing restoration plans with individual landowners.
3. Seek more funding for continued management and for revegetation.
4. Purchase small excavation machine for retreatment and pole planting.

Approved:



Chairman

7-20-09

Date



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Task	Completion Date
<b>July</b>	
◆ Finalize Budget for new fiscal year-submit to DFA, NMDA, & SWCC	
◆ Complete 4th quarter and End of Year reports	
◆ Elect executive board positions	
◆ Complete Annual Report and distribute	
◆ Attend NMACD Summer Meeting	
◆ Place order for materials for County Fair	
◆ Send out Quarterly Newsletter	
◆ Treat Russian knapweed	
<b>August</b>	
◆ Host booth at County Fair	
<b>September</b>	
◆ Aerial treatment of Salt cedar	
◆ Mechanical control of Salt cedar	
◆ Treat Salt cedar (foliar), Russian knapweed	
<b>October</b>	
◆ Complete first quarter Budget Report, LRGSCCP Report, NMACD Report	
◆ Set up and attend Bosque Conservation Day at Socorro Nature Area	
◆ Set up and attend Sevilleta/La Joya Open House	
◆ Monitoring-LRGSCCP	
◆ Send out Quarterly Newsletter	
◆ Treat Russian knapweed	
<b>November</b>	
◆ Attend NMVMA meeting	
◆ Attend NMACD Annual Meeting	
◆ Treat Russian knapweed, Salt cedar (cut stump)	
<b>December</b>	
◆ Treat Salt cedar (cut stump)	

Task	Completion Date
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<b>January</b>	
◆ Complete second quarter Budget Report, LRGSCCP report, NMACD report	
◆ Pass open meetings resolution	
◆ Pass mill levy rate resolution	
◆ Review NRCS MOU	
◆ Send out quarterly newsletter	
◆ Treat Salt cedar (cut stump)	

◆ Contact schools for numbers to order soil stewardship materials, then order	
◆ Approve summer camp scholarships	
◆ Advertise summer camp scholarships	
◆ Treat Perennial pepperweed	

<b>March</b>	
◆ Advertise summer camp scholarships	
◆ Treat Perennial pepperweed	
◆ Sponsor and set up display at Kids, Kows, and More	

<b>April</b>	
◆ Complete third quarter Budget Report, LRGSCCP Report, NMACD Report	
◆ Budget subcommittee meeting to develop preliminary budget	
◆ Complete award nominations for Region/NMACD Summer meeting	
◆ Submit paperwork for summer camp scholarship winners	
◆ Treat Perennial pepperweed	
◆ Send out quarterly newsletter	
◆ Deliver soil stewardship materials	

<b>May</b>	
◆ Draft Annual Work Plan for FY 2010	
◆ Submit draft budget to DFA, NMDA & SWCC	
◆ Draft and approve resolutions for Region meeting	
◆ Treat Perennial pepperweed	
◆ Appoint Supervisors	

<b>June</b>	
◆ Draft Annual Report	
◆ Approve Annual Work Plan	
◆ Treat Perennial pepperweed	
◆ Make ISC loan payments	