



Socorro Soil & Water Conservation District  
FY 2013 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.
- 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.
- 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 and revegetation program.
- Seek funds to conduct revegetation work on land that has been treated for Salt cedar infestation.
- Work with local schools on outdoor classroom/monitoring work in Bosque along Rio Grande.



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**PRIORITY:** Improve Irrigation System Efficiency on farmland, reduce erosion, and increase productivity of rangeland within the Socorro SWCD utilizing Cost Share program.

Goal: Conserve and improve water conservation measures within the 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. Continue Soil Testing Cost Share program for private landowners and work with the County Extension Agent.
5. Continue promoting residential Cost Share program.
6. Work with cooperators who apply for Cost Share Program for brush management in the treatment non-native invasive species infested lands.
7. Improve management on irrigated fields in District by encouraging landowners to level fields and re-establish fields to be more water efficient and productive.

**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 noxious weed control/eradication program with local landowners.
2. Expand noxious weed program into Catron County and investigate disturbed sites as requested by the Bureau of Land Management.
3. Educate public with seminars, newspaper articles, and brochures.
4. Pursue funding sources for herbicide and equipment.
5. Seek funding and methods for control of aquatic Parrotfeather infestations in drains.

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

Goal- Assist County, City, and local community groups with conservation related projects.

Action:

1. Contact City and other entities as needed and offer applicable technical and planning assistance.
2. Assist in fuels reduction under Socorro County Fire Plan.
3. Assist Save Our Bosque Task Force with education and public benefit programs.

**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.



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Action:

1. Update and advertise website: [www.socorroswcd.com](http://www.socorroswcd.com)
2. Notify and supply local media sources with information, activities and programs available to public.
3. Continue to publish quarterly newsletter with soil and water conservation issues and topics.
4. Sponsor youth to conservation oriented camps.
5. Provide soil stewardship materials to grade schools for Soil Stewardship Week.
6. Set up display booth at Socorro County Fair.
7. Participate in Bosque Conservation Day.
8. Promote and sponsor local school participants in Environthon.
9. Continue working with the Socorro County Extension Agent to sponsor and promote Kids, Cows, and More.
10. Continue to work with School Administration to develop education program in schools.
11. Cottonwood Elementary - Develop and provide monthly hands-on natural resource environmental science monitoring program.

**PRIORITY:** Administer Loan Program.

Goal: Manage District's loan program.

Action:

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

**PRIORITY:** Lead SWCDs along Rio Grande in Salt cedar eradication program.

Goal: Continue treatment/removal of Salt cedar and native vegetation restoration.

Action:

1. Treat Salt cedar.
2. Continue developing restoration plans with individual landowners.
3. Seek more funding for continued management and for revegetation.
4. Continue using excavator for re-sprout treatment and pole planting.

**PRIORITY:** Water Issues and planning.

Goal: Develop understanding of water issues related to Socorro SWCD.

Action:

1. Meet with Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District at least once during year to express district concerns over aquatic weed infestations and ditch maintenance.
2. Pursue grants for funding conservation practices.
3. Continue to work with Interstate Stream Commission on Regional and State water plans.
4. Continue to work with Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District on drainage and conveyance ditch conservation measures.
5. Monitor hydrologic conditions, salinity, groundwater re-charge for landowners and agricultural producers.





## Socorro Soil & Water Conservation District

### Annual Work Plan FY 2013

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	
◆ Place order for materials for County Fair	
◆ Send out quarterly newsletter	
◆ Noxious weed treatment	
<b>August</b>	
◆ Noxious weed treatment at Socorro Nature Area	
◆ Begin planning of aerial Salt cedar treatments	
<b>September</b>	
◆ Host booth at County Fair	
◆ Aerial and ground treatment of Salt Cedar	
◆ Cottonwood school natural resource educational & monitoring program	
<b>October</b>	
◆ Attend NMACD Annual Meeting	
◆ Complete first quarter Budget Report	
◆ Set up and attend Bosque Conservation Day at Socorro Nature Area	
◆ Send out Quarterly Newsletter	
◆ Cottonwood school natural resource educational & monitoring program	
<b>November</b>	
◆ Attend NMVMA meeting	
◆ Cottonwood school natural resource educational & monitoring program	
<b>December</b>	
◆ Monitor Rio Grande & channels water quality	
◆ Cottonwood school natural resource educational & monitoring program	
<b>January</b>	
◆ Complete second quarter Budget Report	
◆ Pass open meetings resolution	
◆ Pass mill levy rate resolution	
◆ Review NRCS MOU	
◆ Send out quarterly newsletter	
◆ Harvest cottonwood poles and soak	
◆ Cottonwood school natural resource educational & monitoring program	

<b>February</b>	
◆ Contact schools for numbers to order soil stewardship materials, then order	
◆ Approve camp scholarships	
◆ Advertise camp scholarships	
◆ Plant cottonwood poles	
◆ Cottonwood school natural resource educational & monitoring program	
◆ Monitor Rio Grande & channels water quality	

<b>March</b>	
◆ Advertise camp scholarships	
◆ Cottonwood school natural resource educational & monitoring program	
◆ Sponsor and set up display at Kids, Cows, 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 camp scholarship winners	
◆ Send out quarterly newsletter	
◆ Cottonwood school natural resource educational & monitoring program	
◆ Deliver soil stewardship materials	

<b>May</b>	
◆ Draft Annual Work Plan for FY 2013	
◆ Submit draft budget to DFA, NMDA & SWCC	
◆ Draft and approve resolutions for Region meeting	

<b>June</b>	
◆ Draft Annual Report	
◆ Approve Annual Work Plan	
◆ Submit paperwork to OSA for FY 2013 audit contract	
◆ Attend NMACD Summer Meeting	
◆ Make ISC loan payments	