



**Socorro Soil & Water Conservation District
FY 2017 Annual Work Plan**

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

Action:

1. Administer Cost Share program.
2. Advertise Cost Share program.
3. Develop/design plans with landowners applying for Cost Share assistance for irrigation efficiency/ranch improvements.
4. Continue Soil Testing Cost Share program for private landowners and work with the County Extension Agent for proper nutrient management.
5. Continue promoting residential Cost Share program.
6. 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 education program for noxious weeds on private land.

Action:

1. Continue Class A noxious weed education program with local landowners by assisting with identification and training on proper herbicide selection, preparation, application, and monitoring. Promote Cost Share assistance where eligible.
2. Monitor and treat sites of noxious weeds as requested by the Bureau of Land Management Socorro Field Office staff.

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

Action:

1. Update and advertise website: www.socorrowswcd.com
2. Notify and supply local media sources with information, activities, and programs available to the public.
3. Continue to publish quarterly newsletter with soil and water conservation issues and topics. Post on website.
4. Set up display booth at Socorro County Fair.
5. Participate when requested by schools for Earth Day, Summer School, etc. Emphasize watershed issues, agriculture, environmental issues.
6. Sponsor and participate in Kids, Kows and More with the Socorro County Extension Office.



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PRIORITY: Administer Loan Program.

Action:

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

PRIORITY: Continue Salt cedar management and re-vegetation in Socorro County.

Action:

1. Treat Salt cedar, Russian olive, Siberian elm, and Tree of Heaven on BLM land, with consideration given to *Diorhabda elongata* populations.
2. Continue developing restoration plans with individual landowners.
3. Seek funding for continued management and for re-vegetation.
4. Continue using excavator for re-sprout treatment and pole planting.

PRIORITY: Water Issues and planning.

Action:

1. Continue to work with Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District on drainage and conveyance ditch conservation measures, including aquatic weed issues.
2. Pursue grants for funding conservation practices.
3. Continue to work with Interstate Stream Commission on Regional and State water plans.

PRIORITY: Greenhouse Completion & Use

Action:

1. Complete construction of greenhouse structure, irrigation system, solar power system, and cooling system.
2. Secure donated plant materials from the Los Lunas Plant Materials Center. Plant some materials in various areas around the district for the purposes of revegetation and for future seed harvesting. Maintain the remaining plant materials in the greenhouse for future use.
3. Start new plant materials from harvested seeds and cuttings from existing plant materials and grow them to maturity for use/sale.

Approved:

Chairman

Date

8/9/2016



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Task	Completion Date
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July	
◆ Finalize Budget for new fiscal year-submit to DFA, NMDA, & SWCC	
◆ Elect executive board positions	
◆ Complete FY 2016 Annual Report and distribute	
◆ Submit quarterly report to BLM on noxious weed treatments	
◆ Place order for materials for County Fair	
◆ Cost share-meet with producers, design, check out	
◆ Complete greenhouse construction	
◆ Populate greenhouse with plant materials donated from the Los Lunas PMC	

August	
◆ Order shrubs and grass seed for Brown Fire rehabilitation project	
◆ Cost share-meet with producers, design, check out	
◆ Send out quarterly newsletter	

September	
◆ Host booth at County Fair	
◆ Salt cedar treatments for BLM. Submit reports on treatments.	
◆ Contract for Salt cedar treatment(s)	
◆ Assist White Sands Missile Range with Salt cedar/woody species treatments	
◆ Cost share-meet with producers, design, check out	
◆ Plant shrubs and grass seed on Brown Fire rehabilitation area	

October	
◆ Attend NMACD Annual Meeting	
◆ Complete first quarter Budget Report	
◆ Submit annual Salt cedar & noxious weed treatment report to BLM	
◆ Cost share-meet with producers, design, check out	

November	
◆ Attend/admnister annual NMVMA conference	
◆ Cost share-meet with producers, design, check out	
◆ Send out Quarterly Newsletter	

December	
◆ Cost share-meet with producers, design, check out	

January	
◆ Complete second quarter Budget Report	
◆ Pass Open Meetings Resolution	
◆ Harvest cottonwood and willow poles and soak	
◆ Submit quarterly report to BLM on noxious weed treatments	
◆ Cost share-meet with producers, design, check out	

February	
◆ Plant cottonwood poles at Bravo Farms Project and Brown Fire rehabilitation area	
◆ Cost share-meet with producers, design, check out	
◆ Send out quarterly newsletter	
◆ Advertise, survey and design for Cost share program	

March	
◆ Fax request for quotes for FY 2017 audit	
◆ Cost share-meet with producers, design, check out	
◆ Pass Mil Levy Rate Resolution	
◆ Submit quarterly report to BLM on noxious weed treatments	

April	
◆ Complete third quarter Budget Report	
◆ Complete NMACD award nominations for Region III	
◆ Submit quarterly report to BLM on noxious weed treatments	
◆ Sponsor and set up display at Kids, Kows and More	
◆ Cost share-meet with producers, design, check out	
◆ Send out quarterly newsletter	
◆ Harvest seeds from plantings for greenhouse material & plant.	

May	
◆ Submit draft budget to DFA, NMDA & SWCC	
◆ Cost share-meet with producers, design, check out	
◆ Submit paperwork to OSA for FY 2016 audit contract	
◆ Begin noxious weed treatments for BLM	

June	
◆ Review, amend, approve new cost share program application	
◆ Draft and approve Annual Work Plan for FY 2018	
◆ Make ISC loan payment	
◆ Submit quarterly report to BLM on noxious weed treatments	