



# Socorro Soil and Water Conservation District

*Socorro's Soil & Water Conservation Leaders Since 1944*

*November 2016 Newsletter*

As highlighted in our last newsletter, the Socorro SWCD has completed construction on our on-site greenhouse. We will use the greenhouse to propagate native trees and shrubs and plant them on various restoration sites.

As construction on the greenhouse was finishing, we received notice that the Los Lunas Plant Materials Center (LLPMC) was discontinuing its retail operation, and liquidating its inventory. We jumped at this opportunity as a chance to complete some projects as well as to stock the greenhouse with free materials that we can both plant and use for propagation. SWCD staff made several trips to the LLPMC, filling our truck and trailer each time.



**LEFT:**

The office mascot examines some New Mexico Olive from the LLPMC.

We began using this donated plant material to supplement our Brown Fire Rehabilitation Project on the Rhodes property. We were able to add to both the number and diversity of plantings installed behind this small but destructive fire, and replant a portion of the burn scar with rare and highly sought after natives.



**LEFT:**

**Augering holes and planting on the Brown Fire burn scar.**

**RIGHT:**

**SWCD staff using their water dog trailer to water in the freshly planted shrubs and trees, increasing their likelihood of survival.**



**The Socorro SWCD staff will continue to use its inherited greenhouse stock to plant native species all over our valley, and to complete jobs that we never expected to have the funding for.**

**Working with the Save Our Bosque Task Force, we will be planting thousands of containerized shrubs and trees, along with pole plantings, on many more sites including the Armendaris Ranch, private land restoration projects that are part of the Partners for Fish & Wildlife program, and the Cottonwood Valley Charter School drip irrigation project.**

**Remember, we are your common sense conservation office. District staff built the greenhouse, moved thousands of plants to it, and will directly complete planting projects with the help of volunteers. All of our efforts on this series of projects will greatly enhance our district while costing our constituents ZERO extra dollars.**

## **Calendar:**

11/11

Veteran's Day. SWCD Office closed

11/14

SWCD Board Meeting-12 Noon

11/16-18

NMVMA Annual Conference

11/23-25

Thanksgiving. SWCD Office closed

12/12

SWCD Board Meeting-12 Noon

**Cost share \$\$\$ is available NOW**

**How to Apply:**

- 1. Call 575-418-5979 or stop by our office at 103 Francisco de Avondo.**
- 2. We will survey and design your project for you at no cost.**
- 3. Fill out our simple application and be approved in a board meeting.**
- 4. Finish your project within 60 days and call us to certify it.**
- 5. We cut you a check!**

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