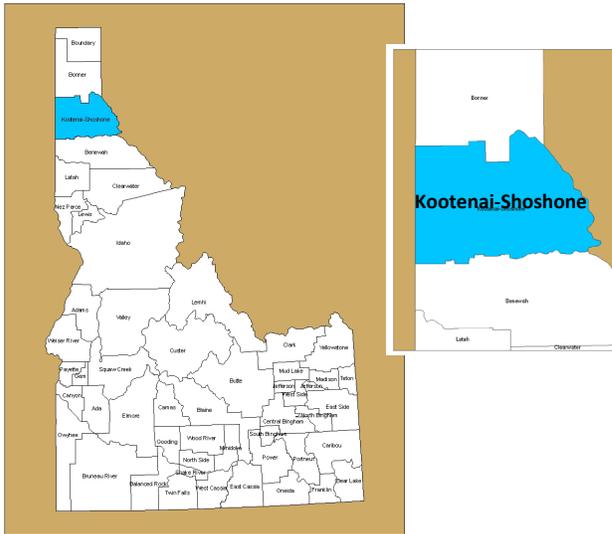


Kootenai-Shoshone Soil and Water Conservation District



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KSSWCD Board Meetings: Second Wednesday

Top 5 Priorities

1. District Operations
2. Water Quality (Surface & Groundwater)
3. Woodland, Forestry and Silviculture
4. Cropland (Farm and Pasture Lands)
5. Information, Education and Outreach

FY 2013 Revenue

- State - ISWCC	10,595
- County	800
- 319 Grant – Medimont	186,282
- Tree Sales	5,999
- Aquifer Protection Dist	1,000
- Save Water Save Energy	1,630

District Mission

To restore the Kootenai-Shoshone Soil & Water Conservation District as a leading partner with other government agencies, private landowners and users, and the public in promoting voluntary, non-regulatory, locally-led conservation and wise stewardship of the natural resources with which our area has been so richly blessed.

District Operations

The District’s financial health is improving over time. The District has secured several new projects with adequate funding to balance the budget over the next several years.

The auditor completed the financial audit and gave a clean bill of health. Minor inconsistencies were corrected with recommendations to prevent future mistakes. Much credit must be given to Sherry Klaus, our bookkeeper, who is also Benewah SWCD administrator. Her institutional knowledge and management skills have streamlined our operations considerably.

Water Quality

Mica Creek 319: The District used the CWA §319 program again to stabilize another reach of Mica Creek. This 250 foot section complements the previous Mica Creek projects upstream. The upstream landowners reported seeing both Kokanee and Cutthroat spawning in Mica Creek, the first to do so in at least 30 years.

Medimont Bank Stabilization and Nutrient Reduction 319: The District completed armoring and revegetating 4000 feet of riverbank on Idaho Department of Fish & Game Wildlife Management Area property on the lower Coeur d’Alene River. NRCS assisted with the design and inspections. This part of the job was completed ahead of schedule and under budget. ISWCC, IDFG, and District staff returned this year to plant complementary wetland and upland vegetation. Monitoring and reporting will continue into next year.

Water Quality (continued)

The District continues to work with the Aquifer Protection District on implementing BMPs and supporting outreach in accordance with the Rathdrum Prairie Comprehensive Aquifer Management Plan.

Cropland (Farm and Pasture Lands)

The District is continuing working on irrigation plans and project implementation with NRCS on the Rathdrum Prairie with one center-pivot upgrade completed, and more in the planning stages.

The District received a \$20,000 grant from Idaho Water Resources Board to implement irrigation controls on agricultural, municipal, commercial, and residential irrigation systems. This grant is in coordination with an agreement with Bureau of Reclamation to install new AgriMet stations on the Prairie and smart controllers on individual systems.

The NRCS Moscow Soils Office got approval from the national office to perform soil analysis on the Prairie. These soils tend to have high organic content with very low pH. Low pH normally correlates with low organic content. This anomaly has puzzled farmers for a long time, and made irrigation and fertilizer decisions difficult. Results of the soil analyses are expected next year. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to NRCS, the National Soil Survey Center, the Moscow Soils Office, and especially to Allyson Young, Resource Soil Scientist.

Woodland, Forestry and Silviculture

The District participates in a forestry tree sales program to assist our cooperators to implement their conservation projects. This year we sold a record 77,242 seedlings. The majority of these seedlings are planted on new CRP-Forestry fields.

The District has passed secondary review on a Western Competitive Grant through Idaho Department of Lands. The proposal ranked 11th out of 63 proposals throughout the United States and Guam and is quite likely to be funded. The grant will provide \$300,000 to assess conditions, recommend treatment, and install a limited number of BMPs throughout three small watersheds near the city of Coeur d'Alene. It will focus



Medimont Riverbank Stabilization

Information, Education and Outreach

The District held their 2nd Annual Growers Meeting at the Crossroads in Post Falls. The meeting was sponsored by Kootenai County Aquifer Protection District and Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission. This year the 3rd Annual Growers Meeting will be held in February and have a heavy focus on irrigation and scientific irrigation scheduling.

The Growers meeting will also dedicate time to soil health, farm planning, and financial assistance.

The District will also be doing considerable outreach throughout the community to promote the irrigation scheduling program through the IWRB grant agreement.

Kootenai-Shoshone Soil and Water Conservation District

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**PERFORMANCE
REPORT
CERTIFICATION**

DISTRICT: Kootenai-Shoshone SWCD

FOR YEAR:

FY 2013

DUE :

December 20, 2013

CERTIFICATION

On behalf of my local Board of Supervisors, I hereby certify that the attached Performance Report is true and accurate, and further submit said Report for the above named District and fiscal year.

A copy of this Performance Report shall be kept at the District office and is available for public inspection.



Board Supervisor Signature

Nina Eckberg

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