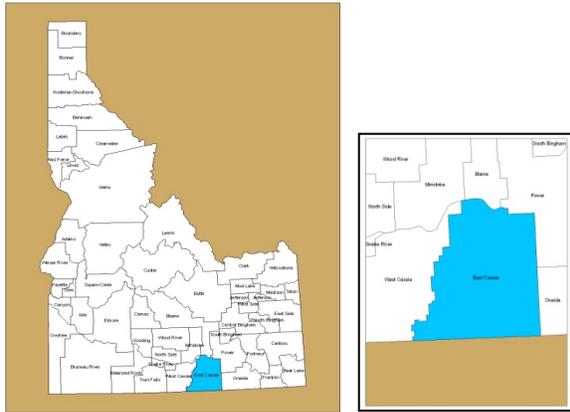


East Cassia

Soil and Water Conservation District



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SWCD Board Meetings: 1st Tuesday of the month at 1:00

Top Priorities and Resource Concerns

1. Water Resource

Encouraging good conservation practices which save water and reduce soil erosion, conversion to sprinkler systems, promote benefits of crop residue, conservation tillage, and cross slope farming practices.

2. Rangeland

Education and encouragement of brush control, range seeding, pest control, fire control practices, drought concerns, stock water improvements, and planned grazing systems.

3. Ag Energy Efficiency

Encouraging farmers and landowners to discuss with local utility companies ways to update current systems to become more energy efficient.

4. Education

Education is a huge benefactor to the districts. The by product of educating children is that information is then passed on to the parents.

FY2013 Revenue 7/1/12-6/30/13

\$ 11,920.37	State- SWC
\$ 3,000.00	County
\$ 2,932.03	Project- BPA
\$ 1,954.87	Tree Sale
\$ 375.00	Administrative Funds
\$ 20,182.27	TOTAL

Mission Statement

To encourage responsible natural resource management and to implement conservation goals which improve air, soil, and water quality while improving wildlife habitat.

To educate both youth and adults about our local conservation practices and needs.

District Operations Accomplishments

Seedling Tree Sale

In early spring, both West and East Cassia SWCD held their annual Tree Sale, selling 3,050 seedling trees to community patrons and landowners around the area. Patrons were able to buy large quantities of seedling trees for either landscaping needs or larger projects such as windbreaks. This is a great opportunity for the districts to reach out to the community and promote good conservation practices.



The districts sold 3,050 seedling trees of different varieties.

Supervisor Board Meetings

Board meetings, held monthly, were open to the public and budget and financial statements were available for review.

Awards Banquet

An Awards Banquet was held March to honor landowners and farmers in the area who have been outstanding leaders in conservation efforts. Board supervisors who had not yet been awarded a district jacket were presented with one at the banquet.

Project Support

East Cassia participated in a BPA/High Country RC&D Ag Energy Efficiency Program with two local Utility companies; South Side Electric and United Electric. This was the third year that East Cassia has participated in this program. Energy Audits were conducted in hopes of finding results that could improve energy savings. The program was completed on September 30, 2013. If a new opportunity arises to continue this program, the district would like to continue their efforts with promoting energy and water savings.



The district worked jointly with NRCS and ISWCC to conduct a CCPI project, focusing efforts on Nutrient and Irrigation Water Management.

Operations

In February, board supervisors met with elected Cassia County Commissioners to review the proposed budget and activities as a basis for requesting county funding.

A Summer picnic was held in July. The student who received the Natural Resource Camp scholarship reported on camp activities and thanked the districts for the scholarship she was awarded.

Supervisors attended the Fall Division IV meetings, which was held in Burley, as well as the IASCD annual Conference held in Idaho Falls.

Educational Accomplishments

A Natural Resource Camp scholarship of \$115.00 was awarded to one student. Scholarships were awarded to seven students attending Know Your Government. The district awarded three prizes for the Poster Contest; 1st place \$25.00, 2nd place \$15.00, 3rd place \$10.00. Two students competed in the Speech Contest and awards for 1st and 2nd place were given. A \$50.00 donation was also given to support the Forestry Contest.

Together, East and West Cassia had a booth at the local fair educating patrons on windbreaks, seedling trees, current projects, and conservation concerns.

East Cassia Supervisors volunteered time to help with the Land and Soil Evaluation Event held in October. FFA and 4H students from around the state gathered together to participate in the event.



In 2013, East and West Cassia together distributed three newsletters to the community.

Future Projects

In spring 2014, East Cassia will hold their yearly tree sale, selling seedling trees to the community and educating landowners on the benefits on windbreaks.

The districts are in discussion of purchasing a no-till drill to be rented out to landowners. This will be a joint project with West Cassia and Minidoka districts. This will not only promote good conservation practices in the Cassia area, but will also provide farmers a way to test this practice without the overhead cost.

The district will continue to work jointly with NRCS and the ISWCC to promote the CCPI Nutrient and Irrigation Water Management program available to landowners. 2014 will be the final year for this project.

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**PERFORMANCE
REPORT
CERTIFICATION**

DISTRICT:

East Cassia SWCD

FOR YEAR:

FY2013

DUE :

December 20,

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

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12-20-2013

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