

# CANYON SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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March 19, 2014

Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission (ISWCC)  
Attention: Delwyne Trefz  
250 N. Old Bruneau Highway  
Marsing, ID 83639  
Re: Request for assistance for 2014

Delwyne:

The Canyon Soil Conservation District is requesting the following Specialized Technical Assistance for 2014:

1. Grant Development for a 319 project based on the Lake Lowell TMDL. This proposed project will be for the development of a system of BMP's to address the existing water quality issues in and around the Lake Lowell area and to work with the Fish and Wildlife Service to both assess and address the runoff entering Lake Lowell. All the existing studies, including the TMDL, have indicated how serious this problem is and the need to address these problems. For this assistance we are requesting a total of 120 hours of staff time.
2. Collaborative work with Wilder Irrigation District on return flows and Sediment/Nutrient reduction. This work is to address the water quality concerns found on the irrigation system and will educate and inform the public regarding these concerns. Additionally, this work will assist in addressing the Lake Lowell concerns for water quality. For this assistance we are requesting a total of 100 hours of staff time.
3. Collaborative work with Farmers Co-Op Canal on return flows and Sediment/Nutrient reduction. We have been working with the Co-Op Canal to assist them in addressing the return flows from the Black Canyon System and the resultant water quality issues from those return flows. This work is to educate and inform the public and to install Sediment Basins to help capture the sediment and clean the water for downstream use. For this assistance we are requesting a total of 100 hours of staff time.
4. Complex Irrigation Assistance. In conjunction with the staff work on the Farmers Co-Op Canal, we are requesting staff time to provide engineering assistance for large Sediment Basins and the adjacent structures necessary to treat the water quality issues. For this assistance we are requesting a total of 80 hours of staff time.

5. Comprehensive Grant Writing Training. This training is needed to allow Conservation District Staff to seek other avenues for additional funding both for the operating budget and for future projects. For this assistance we are requesting a total of 40 hours of staff time.
6. Comprehensive Training for Outreach, Partnerships, and Agriculture Preservation. This training is needed to provide Conservation District Staff alternatives to continue outreach to both the public and partners. On-going training throughout the year will be helpful as the need arises for contact with other agencies and partners. For this assistance we are requesting a total of 40 hours of staff time.
7. Capacity Building. This training is needed to provide Conservation District Supervisors and Staff information on completing both the Annual Plan and the Five Year Plan. Providing education and information on the proper methods and formats for completing these plans is necessary. For this assistance we are requesting a total of 40 hours.

The Canyon Conservation District has staff in place to utilize the assistance being requested within the time frame shown. It is possible that some of the staff time requested will be used for in-kind matches for various projects. The assistance requested by this letter will allow the District to develop tools, strategies, and successes to continue to provide timely assistance to private landowners and the public after the requested training is completed.

Thank you for your time and attention to this request.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Swartz, Canyon SCD Chairman

**IDAHO SOIL & WATER  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE  
CERTIFICATION**

**DISTRICT:** Canyon Soil Conservation District

**Project or Activity Name:** Specialized Technical Assistance for 2014

**FOR FISCAL YEAR:** **FY 2015**

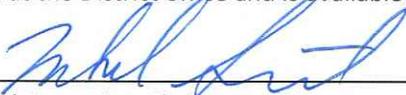
**Hours of Assistance Requested:**  
520 Total hours requested

**Due:** **March 31, 2014**

**CERTIFICATION**

By concurrence of a majority of the supervisors of the district board and the above name conservation district certifies that attached Request for Assistance is true and accurate, and further submits said Report for the above named District and fiscal year.

A copy of this Request for Assistance and supporting documents shall be kept at the District office and is available for public inspection.

  
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Board Supervisor Chairperson Signature

Michael Smart  
Printed Name

3/26/14  
Date

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**DATE OF CONFIRMATION:**  
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