

Payette Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Payette Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1958. The district contains 259,130 acres, of which 147,014 acres are in farmland. Soil erosion associated with irrigation continues to be the main natural resource concern. The district continues to provide technical, financial and educational resources to the landowners of the Payette SWCD in an effort to meet their conservation needs related to soil, water, and other resources.

Mission, Vision or Function:

Payette Soil and Water Conservation District will work towards conserving and enhancing all natural resources for the economic and environmental benefit of present and future generations.

Our vision is to rise up to the challenges facing conservation districts today and in the future to protect our air, soil and water. By working side by side with our partners, we will take on this new challenge to deliver a sustainable working environment for the next generation.

FY 2015 Accomplishments:

- Partnered with several other Districts and universities to organize and present the 6th annual Soil Health Symposium. Panels of local growers shared knowledge of tillage, cover crops and grazing, and there was an intensive, half-day cover crop workshop. There were a total of 25 local sponsors and vendors, and over 200 people attended the workshop.
- Continued administration of a 319 grant for the Lower Payette Ditch Company, including explaining the grant program, assisting landowners in applying for assistance, ranking projects and providing technical assistance. A project which involved converting a gravity irrigation system to a sprinkler system was completed.
- County Fair display booth.

- Supervisors attended Division 3 meetings, and attended the state IASCD convention.
- Began producing and distributing a District newsletter.

Future Plans and Projects

- Continue to provide landowner and entities in Payette County with projects to improve water quality in the TMDL-listed Payette and Snake Rivers and their tributaries.
- Administer 319 Grant Middle Snake-Payette Clean Water Project phase 2.
- Organize and present the 7th annual Soil Health Symposium and continue educational programs and outreach.



319 project – pivot and pump house

FY 2015 District Funding:

State	\$18,792
County	\$2,500
City (New Plymouth and Payette)	\$1,600
Total	\$22,892

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