

# South Bingham Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

**General Information:** The South Bingham Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1954. The majority of the district consists of irrigated cropland with a small portion of rangeland and pasture grass. The majority of the land in the district is privately owned. With the exception of the northwestern shoreline of the American Falls Reservoir and Danielson Creek, there are few natural water systems within the District.

**Mission (or Function):**

- Provide awareness to the community on importance of conservation.
- Help preserve and protect soils from wind erosion by use of shelter belts and wind breaks.
- Enhance beneficial use of recreational resources between recreation groups, grazing associations, local working groups and ranchers.
- Maintain viable facilities to carryout plant materials program.

**FY 2015 Accomplishments:**

- Conducted grass straw and alfalfa sales generating \$2,446 to support summer labor at the Plants Materials Center.
- Conducted alfalfa sales generating \$12,790 to support summer labor at the Plants Materials Center.
- Partnered with the Aberdeen Cemetery to receive grant money for beautification of the cemetery entrance.
- Continued to promote pollinator habitat with the new pollinator garden exhibit.
- Provided facility upgrades at the Plant Materials Center.
- Sponsored a poster contest for 65 fifth grade students at local schools
- Supported the Idaho Forestry Contest
- Supported the Idaho Envirothon
- Supported Ag in the Classroom

- Partnered with Power County on tree sales
- Raised over \$15,000 to support the summer labor program and facilities at the Plant Materials Center.

**Future Plans and Projects:**

- Continue to maintain and support a complete plant materials program through partnership with Aberdeen Plant Materials Center.
- Continue to expand public outreach by continuing to support the poster contest, FFA and scholarships.
- Continue to work on the Danielson Creek watershed to improve habitat and water quality.



**New entrance to the Aberdeen Cemetery**

**FY 2015 District Funding:**

State Funding	\$13,573
County Funding	\$2,000
Lease Income	\$26,559
Sales (hay, straw, weed mats, trees)	\$16,726
Grants	\$5,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$63,858</b>

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