



Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District

FY2012 (7/01/2014-6/30/2015)



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SWCD Board Meetings: 1st Wednesday of month at 7:00 pm

Mission Statement

To support high quality and effective projects that engage private landowners in the conservation and enhancement of wildlife and natural resources on their lands. We place high priority on innovative concepts that integrate conservation practices in ongoing agricultural and ranching operations.

Top 6 Natural Resource Concerns

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| 1. Water Resources | 4. Land Resources |
| 2. Information & Education | 5. District Operations |
| 3. Urban | 6. Energy |

2014-2015 Revenue

Grants	\$ 79,490
State Appropriation	\$ 60,330
County Appropriation	\$ 6,080
Cities Contribution	\$ 2,400
Programs & Contracts	\$ 238,278
Sales & Services	\$ 11,995
Other local entities	\$ 13,165
Total	\$ 411,738

Highlighted Projects

Water Smart Irrigation Hydro Facility

- We completed a \$4,000,000 project that began in 2011 with a feasibility evaluation. The project increases crop production due to reduced water losses in the irrigation system with the added benefit of a revenue source from hydropower facility.
- Converted a seeping open irrigation ditch to 20,000 feet of conduit, provided the penstock for a hydropower facility. Its generating power capability can be up to 500kw; enough to power 100 houses for one year!

Franklin County Irrigation Reservoir Alliance

- FSWCD coordinated an extensive project entailing multiple community members, entities, and organizations.
- With strong support from Representative Marc Gibbs, the Alliance was able to provide 2 full time & 1 part time invasive species inspection stations located at reservoir boat launches to assist in the data collection of boat traffic to further help in the protection from a Quagga / Zebra mussel infestation.

Bear River Streambank Restoration

- 2,000 linear feet of the Bear River was protected using the 3 barbs, toe rock, and riparian vegetation.
- Working with 20 students from the Franklin County High School we gathered and transplanted wetland rushes, sedges, and willows to provide streambank protection.

Franklin SWCD partners with entities whose mission, goals, and objectives align with ours.

What's New?



The District appointed Greg Belew to the Franklin SWCD Board in September.

Educational Programs

- Teach a 75 hour Ecology course for 20 students at the Franklin County High School
- Participate with the Franklin County High School in an after school program to teach life skills and give the students opportunities they may not normally have.
- Host an annual 5th grade conservation poster contest for 220 students of the Preston and West Side School Districts
- Annually present a public display at the Franklin County Fair to highlight various projects/concerns in Franklin County.
- Annually participate with the scouting organization on Webloes Woods and present a wildlife, geology, and streambank demonstration for 120 ten year old boys.
- Assisted Division V with their respective educational endeavors in return for their assistance with the Water Fair.
- Active member of Facebook
- Present an 8th grade Water Fair to two school Districts that consists of 9 stations pertaining to all things related to Natural Resources

Ongoing Projects

- Provide recommendations to the P&Z to protect the natural resources from impacts associated with proposed subdivisions.
- Cooperate with the Idaho State Department of Agriculture to operate and manage an Aquatic Invasive Species Check Station.
- Provides administrative support as the fiscal agent for the Utah & Idaho Coordinated Weed Management Assoc.
- Cub River Water District #13(a) utilizes our staff to address their budget responsibilities and reporting.

Future Projects

Working with the Utah & Idaho CWMA we applied for future funding that will be used to locate and control the spread of previously undocumented noxious weeds. Applications were made to BLM Idaho Cost Share funds which will improve Sage Grouse habitat by controlling noxious weeds and the NRCS Resource Conservation Partnership Program which will provide cost share directly to landowners in their endeavors of weed control.

FSWCD Supervisor Vernon Keller retired from the Board on December 3rd , 2014 after 25+ years of great service.

Franklin SWCD Board of Directors

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PERFORMANCE
REPORT
CERTIFICATION

DISTRICT:

Franklin SWCD

FOR YEAR:

2014 / 2015

DUE :

December 20, 2015

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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Printed Name

DECEMBER 15th, 2015

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