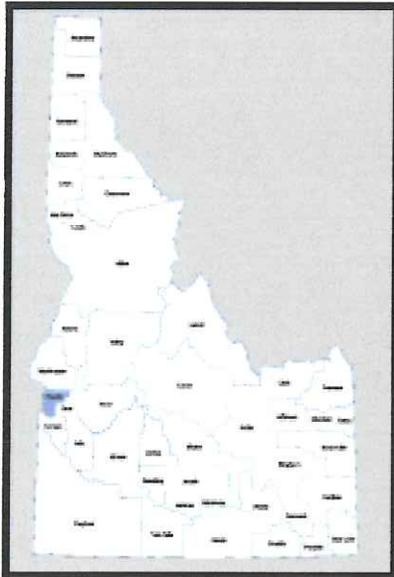


Payette Soil and Water Conservation District



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Top 4 Priorities

1. District Operations
2. Information & Education
3. Water Quality
4. Irrigated Cropland

2015 Revenue

LOCAL

- Payette County - \$2,500
- City of Payette - \$1,000
- City of New Plymouth- \$600

ISWCC

- Base allocation - \$8,500
- Capacity Building Grant- \$2,300
- Operation Allocation-\$2,000
- Match - \$5992.92

2015 Projects and Actions

(January – December 2015)

6th Annual Soil Health Symposium

- The district organized our 6th annual educational program with partners from Malheur, Canyon, Adams SWCD SWCDs, NRCS, U of I and OSU. Speakers discussed causes of soil degradation and the importance of soil biology. Panels of local growers again shared their experiences with reduced soil tillage, cover crops and grazing. A half day workshop featured in-depth details on cover crops.
- A total of 25 local sponsors and agricultural vendors supported and 225 people attended the symposium and workshop.

2015 Soil Health Symposium
Over 200 attendees and 25 Vendors



2015 Projects and Actions (continued)

The district signed a contract agreement with the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) in September 2013 to administer a Section 319 grant awarded to the district to aid the Lower Payette Ditch Company (LPDC) in reducing sediments in their irrigation canal system and the Payette, Snake, and Weiser Rivers. Landowners applied for assistance and one project was completed during 2014. Two large projects were applied for in 2015 and completed in late fall this year.

Payette Soil & Water Conservation District and area producers along with Area District Conservationist, Mike Raymond met and completed a state mandated Local Working Group Report. District addressed top three priorities and crafted two questions for each. Survey was completed and minutes submitted to State Office.

Education and Outreach

- Payette County Fair Display Booth Pictures and information on local 319 projects, BMP's and Annual Soil Health Symposium.
- As a member of IASCD, district supervisors attended Division III meetings & state convention. Staff attended IDEA training in September.
- District newsletter started and mailed in August & December. Articles on 319 grants and informational stories on new farming practices.



319 project- Randy Kauffman-Pivot & pump house

Future Projects

Payette SWCD will continue to focus on assisting landowners and entities in Payette County with projects to improve water quality in the TMDL listed Payette and Snake Rivers and their tributaries.

Administering 319 Grant Middle Snake-Payette Clean Water Project - Phase II. Working with area farmers and the Lower Payette Ditch Company to reduce sediment from return flows back into the canal system and the Payette, Snake and Weiser Rivers.

Organize and present the 7th Annual Soil Health Symposium in cooperation with our partners and continue educational programs and outreach in spring of 2016.

Board of Supervisors

Jo Anne Smith, Chairman
Allen Schmid, Vice Chairman
Jon Fabricius, Supervisor
Johna Gabiola, Staff

**IDAHO SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**PERFORMANCE
REPORT
CERTIFICATION**

DISTRICT: Payette Soil & Water
Conservation District

FOR YEAR:
Report for 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.

Jo Anne Smith

Board Supervisor Signature

Jo Anne Smith

Printed Name

12/16/2015

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DATE OF CONFIRMATION: