



**IDAHO SOIL AND WATER  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**Strategic Plan  
FY 2013-2016**

*This page is intentionally blank*

## Table of Contents

Committed: Locally-led, non-regulatory, science-based Conservation.....	2
INTRODUCTION.....	3
Key External Factors.....	3
VISION .....	3
MISSION .....	3
PHILOSOPHY.....	3
GOALS & OBJECTIVES.....	4
GOAL #1: PROVIDE TECHNICAL AND OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES TO CONSERVATION DISTRICTS.....	4
Objective # 1.1: District Technical Assistance .....	4
Objective # 1.2: District Allocations. <del>Distribute district allocations pursuant to Idaho Code 22-2727 and IDAPA 60.05.04 Rules for Allocation of Funds to Conservation Districts (annually).</del> .....	5
Objective # 1.3: District Capacity Building. ....	5
GOAL #2: PROVIDE <del>COMPREHENSIVE CONSERVATION PROGRAMS SERVICES</del> .....	5
Objective # 2.1: <del>Incentive Programs. Provide and promote non-regulatory, science-based incentive programs to accelerate the development of conservation projects and practices throughout the state.</del> .....	5
2.1.2 State Revolving Fund.....	6
2.1.3 Water Quality Program for Agriculture (WQPA).....	6
2.1.4 Conservation Improvement Grants. ....	6
2.1.5 Working Landscapes Conservation Program. ....	7
Objective # 2.2: <del>Conservation Programs. Provide policy and program mechanisms that enhance the environmental quality and economic productivity of the state.</del> .....	7
2.2.1 Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP).....	7
2.2.2 Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) .....	7
2.2.3 Idaho Groundwater Quality Plan. ....	8
2.2.4 Idaho Agricultural Pollution Abatement Plan. ....	8
2.2.5 Idaho OnePlan.....	8
2.2.6 Carbon Sequestration. ....	8
2.2.7 Watershed Improvement Districts.....	9

GOAL #3: INFORM AND INCREASE PARTNER PARTICIPATION THROUGH COMMUNICATION AND  
OUTREACH SERVICES ..... 9

Objective 3.1 Public-Partner Participation..... 9

Objective 3.2 External and internal outreach ..... 9

Objective 3.3 Intergovernmental Coordination Relations..... 10

Objective 3.4 Collaboration. .... 10

## Committed: Locally-led, non-regulatory, science-based Conservation

Our shared history of conservation in Idaho is a long one: seven score and counting. Our tenure - no matter how long - will be short. We look to our predecessors for counsel and to the past to see how far we have come, but we live in the now and look forward to tomorrow.

My grandfather farmed on the Minidoka Project and was so thrilled on the completion of Palisades Dam because he felt that water shortages would be a thing of the past. With the innovation of new sprinkler technology and the implementation of new farming techniques led by local soil and water conservation districts we have seen water use drop from over five acre feet per season to two and a half acre feet. Our production increased, runoff decreased, water use decreased and quality of life improved through wise conservation practices.

"There are two spiritual dangers in not owning a farm. One is the danger of supposing that breakfast comes from the grocery, and the other that heat comes from the furnace." *(Leopold)*

Moving ahead, partnerships with our districts and others are stronger than ever and our vision clear. The new Soil and Water Conservation Commission is committed to locally-led, non-regulatory, and science-based solutions to the new challenges ahead.

Forging stronger relationships, seeking new partners, and employing innovative ideas - just as our predecessors did - will insure a bountiful future.

What we do together today insures healthy, vibrant soils, clean water, and an improved quality of life for generations of future Idahoans.

Dick Bronson, Chairman, Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission

## INTRODUCTION

The Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission (the Conservation Commission) was established by the legislature in 1939 to address soil erosion concerns associated with the Dust Bowl Catastrophe of the 1930's. Since then, the Conservation Commission has evolved into a leader for voluntary natural resource conservation in Idaho with the responsibility to facilitate locally-led conservation planning and implementation activities statewide.

## KEY EXTERNAL FACTORS

There are key external factors that could affect the agency's ability to meet goals and objectives. They include:

- State and federal regulatory pressure and mandates that could shift priorities and resources away from current activities
- Changing economics of agriculture, which could result in significant increases or decreases in conservation program participation
- Changing economics of state and federal budgets, which could result in additional agency cuts or fewer conservation dollars being spent in the state

## VISION

Conservation in Idaho reflects locally-led natural resource conservation leadership and priorities, is voluntary and incentive-based, non-regulatory, and demonstrates scientifically sound stewardship. The Conservation Commission and local conservation districts are the primary entities to lead coordinated conservation efforts to provide landowners and land-users with assistance and solutions for natural resource concerns and issues.

## MISSION

To facilitate coordinated non-regulatory, voluntary, and locally-led conservation by federal, state, and local governments including Idaho's conservation districts and other partners to conserve, sustain, improve, and enhance soil, water, air, plant, and animal resources.

## PHILOSOPHY

The Conservation Commission is dedicated to guiding principles for each goal and related activity.

- Satisfy legislative intent and statute
- Benefit the environment and Idaho's agricultural-based economy
- Benefit conservation districts' locally led, voluntary, non-regulatory priorities and projects
- Benefit the Commission's ability to serve
- Promote fiscal responsibility
- Strengthen existing and build new conservation partnerships
- Incorporate valid scientific data and practices

## GOALS & OBJECTIVES

### GOAL #1: PROVIDE TECHNICAL AND OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES

The Conservation Commission provides leadership and assistance to local conservation districts as established in Title 22 Chapter 27, Idaho Code.

OBJECTIVE # 1.1: DISTRICT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. Develop and implement ongoing process for allocating available staff time to provide specific and other technical assistance to districts as resources permit – technical services also include some current and future grant and project obligations consistent with Conservation Commission priorities and objectives. Support services may include:

Specialized technical assistance: that technical assistance used to support districts in the wise use and enhancement of natural resources which can only be provided by someone possessing a specialized, science-based skill set and an ability to integrate local knowledge of the site-specific interactions between environmental, economic, cultural and social concerns into the assistance provided. Examples of Specialized Technical Assistance may include but are not limited to:

- Conservation planning
- Engineering services
- Project implementation and construction inspections
- BMP effectiveness monitoring
- Watershed planning and riparian assessments

**Comment [A1]:** Technical Assistance Workgroup has recommended this definition for technical services to districts

~~Other Technical Assistance: Non-specialized and generally available assistance required to support routine district activities or projects. Examples of Other Technical Assistance may include but are not limited to:~~

- ~~• District secretarial and accounting tasks~~
- ~~• District information and outreach activities, e.g., poster contest, county fair booth~~
- ~~• Administration of district sponsored cost share programs~~

**Formatted:** Font: (Default) Calibri, Small caps

**Formatted:** Normal, Space After: 0 pt, No bullets or numbering

**Comment [A2]:** Technical Assistance Workgroup initially had a second category of technical support, but is currently recommending these be combined with "capacity building" and renaming that category

#### PERFORMANCE MEASURES

- Provide technical assistance and engineering services as capacity and resources allow.
  - Benchmark: Inventory and award available field staff hours to provide technical and engineering assistance based on ranking criteria adopted by Conservation Commission to assist districts with new and existing project and maximize number of landowners served.
  - Benchmark: field staff presence at district Board meetings as resources allow
- Initiate Conservation Commission, district, region, IASCD, and partner technical assistance needs assessment and capacity inventories.
  - Benchmark: Oversee planning for Conservation Commission staffing, preparation of annual agency work plan, maintain technical assistance capacity inventory.
- Convene ad hoc stakeholder workgroup(s) to rank and recommend provision of technical assistance to districts.
  - Benchmark: Utilize workgroup to annually compile list of recommended ranked and prioritized district requests for technical assistance.

- Benchmark: Document provision of district technical assistance in annual performance measures report.

OBJECTIVE # 1.2: DISTRICT ALLOCATIONS. Distribute district allocations pursuant to Idaho Code 22-2727 and IDAPA 60.05.04 Rules for Allocation of Funds to Conservation Districts (annually).

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

- Distribute base allocations to districts in compliance with reporting requirements set forth in IDAPA 60.05.04.
  - Benchmark: Distribute base allocations by July 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.
- Convene workgroup annually to review Financial & Match Reports and make recommendation to Conservation Commission.
  - Benchmark: Receive recommendations for district allocations from workgroup by October 15<sup>th</sup> annually.
- Distribute match allocations to districts in compliance with reporting requirements set forth in IDAPA 60.05.04.
  - Benchmark: Distribute 90% of match allocations no later than October 31<sup>st</sup> annually. Distribute remaining 10% by April 1<sup>st</sup> annually.
- Provide assistance to districts to support the development and submission of materials required under IDAPA 60.05.04.
  - Benchmark: As needed, assist with or provide training to districts.

OBJECTIVE # 1.3: DISTRICT CAPACITY BUILDING. Assist and provide services that encourage capacity development to independently and collectively strengthen districts.

Comment [A3]: May be renamed "Comprehensive District Services" or similar and redefined slightly

*Defined as that assistance which supports the independent and collective strengthening of conservation districts by providing services which expand resources or otherwise enhance district capacity to provide assistance to private landowners and land users in the conservation, sustainment, improvement and enhancement of Idaho's natural resources.*

*Examples of Capacity Building Assistance may include but are not limited to:*

- Grant writing assistance
- Development of 5-year and annual work plans
- 

Comment [A4]: Technical Assistance Workgroup initially had a second category of technical support, but is currently recommending these be combined with "capacity building" and renaming that category

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

- Identify and document unmet district project and program funding needs as identified and prioritized in 5-year and other district plans.
  - Benchmark: Conduct district budget hearing by June 15<sup>th</sup> annually.
- Provide capacity building services and/or funding to districts as resources allow.
  - Benchmark: If funds are available, by June 15<sup>th</sup> of each year solicit district requests for funding for capacity building activities.

GOAL #2: PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE CONSERVATION SERVICES PROGRAMS

OBJECTIVE # 2.1: INCENTIVE PROGRAMS Provide and promote non-regulatory, science-based incentive programs to accelerate the development of conservation projects and practices throughout the state.

**2.1.1 RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND RANGELAND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (RCRDP).** Administer and further develop the loan program to provide increased conservation benefits to agricultural, woodlands, and rangelands within the state and provide financial assistance to eligible applicants for the implementation of resource management projects.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

- Administer and further develop the loan program to meet statewide conservation efforts.
  - Benchmark: Maintain or improve annual levels of funding.
- Monitor and evaluate loan policies on ongoing basis to ensure continued accountability and recommend improvements, if necessary.
  - Benchmark: Annual evaluation of loan policies by RCRDP Loan Committee.
- Monitor timeliness of loan review process as established by Conservation Commission.
  - Benchmark: Conduct bi-annual tracking of two loan applications and report results to Conservation Commission.
- Promote RCRDP program.
  - Benchmark: Develop and update marketing plan annually.
  - Benchmark: Provide training to all field staff and districts as identified in Marketing Plan.
- Implement district compensation process and payments for services provided to loan programs
  - Benchmark: Present recommendation for district compensation to participate in the loan program.

**2.1.2 STATE REVOLVING FUND.** Upon request, assist the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) with their water quality loan program addressing non-point source pollution.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

- Administer existing and/or future loans.
  - Benchmark: Service and track one loan.
- Determine potential to administer additional loans under SRF.
  - Benchmark: Report to Conservation Commission on potential for future program funding, and pursue if appropriate.
- Promote SRF as a match alternative for \$319 grants.
  - Benchmark: Assist districts in partnering with local SRF loan recipients to fund qualifying \$319 grant applicants in accordance with protocols for funding nonpoint source projects as established by DEQ.

**Comment [AdvGrp5]:** Not sure we are in role of promoting DEQ's program – we only administer one loan under this program.

**2.1.3 WATER QUALITY PROGRAM FOR AGRICULTURE (WQPA).** Evaluate feasibility of continuing program and actively pursue funding opportunities as identified.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

- Evaluate future funding and operation and actively pursue, if appropriate.
  - Benchmark: Report on potential for future program funding, and pursue if appropriate.

**2.1.4 CONSERVATION IMPROVEMENT GRANTS.** This currently unfunded program has financed conservation projects in the past by providing cost sharing for the installation of conservation practices. Evaluate feasibility of continuing program.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

- Evaluate future funding and operation and actively pursue, if appropriate.

- Benchmark: Report to Conservation Commission on potential for future funding and operation and actively pursue, if appropriate.

**2.1.5 WORKING LANDSCAPES CONSERVATION PROGRAM.** Evaluate feasibility of outcomes-based program as an alternative to permanent conservation easements and that provides incentives for landowners to conserve working landscapes, viewsheds, and other beneficial uses of lands and natural resources.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

- Evaluate feasibility of establishing a Working Landscapes Conservation Program.
  - Benchmark: Report on status of similar projects and identify possible funding sources.

**Objective # 2.2: Conservation Programs.** Provide policy and program mechanisms that enhance the environmental quality and economic productivity of the state.

**2.2.1 CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (CREP).** Provide technical leadership and oversight to improve water quantity and quality, enhance wildlife habitat, reduce groundwater use, and decrease agriculture-related chemical and sediment runoff to the waters of the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

- Serve as lead agency for statewide CREP program.
  - Benchmark: Achieve goals and objectives for the CREP program as outlined in the 2006 agreement with the USDA Farm Service Agency.
  - Benchmark: Meet increased program goals as outlined in CREP 2011 annual report
  - Benchmark: Update agency's CREP goals and create implementation plan
  - Benchmark: Investigate feasibility of enhancing Idaho OnePlan for interagency CREP data sharing and reporting.
  - Benchmark: Submit annual report to Farm Service Agency and other partners.
  - Benchmark: Conduct annual leadership and regular interagency meetings.

Formatted: Font: (Default) +Body (Calibri), Not Small caps, Not Expanded by / Condensed by

Formatted: Font: (Default) +Body (Calibri), Not Small caps, Not Expanded by / Condensed by

**2.2.2 TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOADS (TMDL).** The Conservation Commission is the designated lead agency for agricultural and grazing components of TMDL Plan development for water quality impaired surface waters in the state.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

- In coordination with the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), complete existing TMDL Agricultural Implementation Plans, initiate new plans or addendums, and ~~complete~~ assist with five-year reviews on existing TMDL Plans.
  - Benchmark: Complete TMDL Agricultural Implementation Plans within 18 months of TMDL approval.
  - Benchmark: Provide technical assistance for implementation phase to districts with demonstrated need as resources allow.
  - Benchmark: Support partner priorities and funding initiatives as resources allow.
  - Benchmark: Conduct annual meetings with six DEQ regional offices to coordinate TMDL activities.

2.2.3 IDAHO GROUNDWATER QUALITY PLAN. Facilitate cooperative groundwater protection programs in conjunction with other state agencies pursuant to a 2008 Interagency Cooperative Agreement. Promote and support implementation of water quality projects across the state to reduce nitrate, phosphorus, and sediment loads.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

- o Assist districts with planning and implementation efforts in Nitrate Priority Areas to impact reductions in nitrate, phosphorus, and sediment as designated by DEQ, as resources allow.
  - o Benchmark: Conduct planning and implementation to meet responsibilities as outlined in the Cooperative Agreement and in coordination with the Idaho Agricultural Pollution Abatement Plan.
  - o Benchmark: Deliver quarterly reports to NRCS on progress.

2.2.4 IDAHO AGRICULTURAL POLLUTION ABATEMENT PLAN. Lead effort to maintain guidance document in support of control and abatement of agricultural non-point source pollution.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

- o Maintain guidance documents in support of the control and abatement of agricultural non-point source pollution as resources allow.
  - o Benchmark: Research feasibility of updating the Ag Plan and related Best Management Practices (BMP) Effectiveness Guide and report findings.
  - o Benchmark: Provide training to staff on BMP Effectiveness Guide.
  - o Benchmark: Convene BMP working group as needed.

2.2.5 IDAHO ONEPLAN. Provide for the establishment and enhancement of Idaho OnePlan as a primary computer-based conservation planning process and repository for natural resource concerns.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

- o Encourage and promote the use of OnePlan within Idaho.
  - o Benchmark: Conduct annual Executive Committee meeting
- o Seek funding to create online enhancements.
  - o Benchmark: Report on potential for enhancements, ongoing funding, and operation.
  - o Benchmark: Propose update to statute for specific requirements for steering committee, etc. and ensure flexibility for continued participation and funding.

2.2.6 CARBON SEQUESTRATION. Under Idaho statute, Conservation Commission is the lead agency for a currently inactive program related to carbon sequestration and greenhouse emission reductions associated with agricultural and forestry practices, management systems, and land uses occurring on cropland, forest land, and rangeland in Idaho.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

- o Seek to identify potential funding sources.
  - o Benchmark: Monitor ongoing carbon issues and determine feasibility of and funding for re-activating program.
  - o Benchmark: Evaluate and consider proposing changes to Idaho ~~code to code to delete~~ specific requirements for committee meetings and membership or reconvene planning group upon securing funding for program.

Formatted: Indent: Left: 0.75"

2.2.7 WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS. Oversee the creation and discontinuance of watershed improvement districts throughout the state.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

- o Oversee creation and discontinuance of watershed improvement districts as provided for in statute.
  - o Benchmark: As necessary, perform duties specified in statute for formation and dissolution of districts.

GOAL #3: INFORM AND INCREASE PARTNER PARTICIPATION THROUGH COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH SERVICES

Inform the public, partners, local, state and federal agency officials and others about the Conservation Commission's mission. Develop beneficial intergovernmental and other relationships to maximize resources, funding, and streamline conservation delivery that is consistent with locally led, voluntary, and non-regulatory conservation plans and policies and harmonizes with regulatory efforts in an effort to meet statewide conservation goals.

OBJECTIVE 3.1 PUBLIC PARTNER PARTICIPATION. Engage districts and other partners in programs and activities. Seek to expand involvement in consideration and decision making. Disseminate information about services and activities of the Conservation Commission, encourage and increase district and public knowledge and participation in activities and processes.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

- o Increase Conservation Commission transparency through greater public access.
  - o Benchmark: Post online agendas, supporting documentation, and meeting minutes for Conservation Commission meetings
  - o Benchmark: Where feasible, utilize live online video streaming and interactive stakeholder participation to increase district and public participation in meetings and processes.
- o Disseminate information to encourage partner participation in planning processes.
  - o Benchmark: Distribute meeting and activities announcements to broad audience using Commission website, distribution lists, and social media accounts.

OBJECTIVE 3.2 EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL OUTREACH. Inform and educate the public, partners, and others on Conservation Commission activities. Work with IASCD and the districts to publicize the successes of locally led, voluntary, non-regulatory conservation efforts in Idaho. ~~Incorporate activities such as upgrades to the website, utilizing social media, increasing press releases and public service announcements, attending and speaking at meetings and conferences, and improving quarterly newsletter.~~

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

- o Update Legislature and Executive Branch
  - o Benchmark: Deliver annual reports to legislature germane committees, JFAC.
  - o Benchmark: Deliver annual reports (performance measurements, etc.) to Governor
- o Develop strategy for educating the public and other stakeholders about Conservation Commission activities.
  - o Benchmark: Prepare and implement communication plan.

- Benchmark: Conduct district and partner survey.
- Benchmark: Maintain frequently weekly updated Facebook pages and posts on Twitter.
- Facilitate flow of information and communication with staff.
  - Benchmark: Distribute monthly activities summary/talking points to staff
  - Benchmark: Hold annual All Staff meeting

OBJECTIVE 3.3 INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS . Facilitate ~~coordination of~~ non-regulatory, voluntary, and locally-led conservation activities by and between local, state, and federal governments.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

- Coordinate Work with partners
  - Benchmark: Attend district meetings as resources allow
  - Benchmark: Coordinate with NRCS State Engineer on approval authority issues; propose changes to Standards and Specifications.
  - Benchmark: Work with other state agencies regarding technical assistance and engineering on TMDLs, WQPA, RCRDP, Ground Water Priority Areas, etc.
- Participate in natural resource groups and processes to focus attention on the roles, policies, and plans of the Conservation Commission and districts to attract partners and resources.
  - Benchmark: Attend Environmental Forum and other similar meetings monthly.
- Review federal, state, and local policies that are determined to impact the Conservation Commission and/or districts; review proposed and adopted plans, programs, environmental documents, activities and initiatives affecting ~~coordinated~~ conservation efforts.
  - Benchmark: Convene advisory group as needed.
  - ~~Benchmark: Conservation Commission coordination resolution.~~
  - Benchmark: Develop policies ifas needed.

OBJECTIVE 3.4 COLLABORATION. Collaborate with ~~non governmental organizations~~ stakeholders and ~~other stakeholders~~ to conserve, sustain, improve, and enhance Idaho's private and state lands.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

- Collaborate with ~~non governmental organizations~~ stakeholders including the Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts (IASCD), the Idaho District Employees Association (IDEA), and others to advance on the ground conservation in Idaho.
  - Benchmark: Attend IASCD meetings including: annual conference, spring and fall division meetings, and Board meetings, as requested.
  - Benchmark: Conduct annual district listening session to solicit input from partners.
- Collaborate with IDEA to advance and promote district employee training opportunities.
  - Benchmark: Assist IDEA with employee training opportunities, as requested.
- Collaborate with resource and agricultural production groups to disseminate information on Conservation Commission activities and ~~coordinated~~ conservation planning and implementation activities.
  - Benchmark: Attend other association meetings including Food Producers meetings weekly during legislative session.
- Participate in, speak at, and attend field trips and tours, annual conferences, attend meetings, conferences, and other functions to represent the Conservation Commission and promote good stewardship of Idaho's natural resources.
  - Benchmark: Attend events as appropriate and present as requested.



.....

Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission

650 West State Street, Room 145  
Boise, Idaho 83702  
Tel: (208) 332-1790  
<http://swc.idaho.gov>

C. L. "Butch" Otter  
Governor

Richard "Dick" Bronson, Chairman  
David Radford, Vice Chair  
Roger Stutzman, Secretary  
Gerald Trebesch, Member  
H. Norman Wright, Member

Teri Murrison, Administrator

.....

## Teri Murrison

---

**Subject:** RE: Strategic plan draft- Goal 3 positions

**From:** Dennis Tanikuni [mailto:dtanikuni@idahofb.org]

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2012 3:26 PM

**To:** Teri Murrison

**Cc:** Dennis Tanikuni

**Subject:** RE: Strategic plan draft- Goal 3 positions

Hi Teri,

Thanks for forwarding the changes.

I've reviewed my notes since the close of the phone call and kept in mind that I'm not an elected district supervisor or scd employee. I certainly don't want to impede SWCC operations or create issues for the local districts. However, after further consideration I am still concerned that the SWCC does not have adequate personnel and resources at this point in time to carry out these statutorily defined responsibilities to the degree implied in the draft plan without taking away staff and resources from the local districts and their projects.

After seeing changes in print, I'm still struck by the thought that the same processes have been redefined with different wording and that we may still arrive at the same place. I am also concerned the detailed lists might be detrimentally used against the SWCC by unfriendlies. With these thoughts in mind, here's our positions:

1. Objective 3.1- abstain
2. Objective 3.2- support if IASCD has high level of involvement we discussed.
3. Objective 3.3- abstain. I know I said on the phone that we could support this, but am concerned this is just a redefinition with different wording and substance has changed very little. I don't want you to think I went south on you because I changed my mind, but after reading my notes and seeing the changes, this is my concern. I do agree totally with Steve's thoughts on the confusion the term "coordination" might create.
4. Objective 3.4- abstain. Same concerns as 3.3.

Thanks for your hard work and patience. I'll be happy to further explain these thoughts at the May 2 Commission meeting.

Best, Dennis



# Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission

650 W. State St., Room 145 • Boise Idaho 83702

Telephone: 208-332:1790 • Fax: 208-332:1799

[www.swc.idaho.gov](http://www.swc.idaho.gov)

## ITEM #15

**TO:** Chairman Bronson and Commissioners Radford, Stutzman, Wright, and Trebesch  
**FROM:** Teri Murrison, Administrator  
**DATE:** April 23, 2012  
**RE:** Administrator's Report

### **Activities**

Between April 30 and May 4, members of the Conservation Commission Leadership Team (Magruder, Trefz, Pentzer, and Firth) are attending a Project Management training course in Boise (see agenda, attached).

The content is applicable to program planning and since the Leadership Team will be working on the Official Work Program (OWP) for FY 2013, is timely. While it is a training that can lead to earning a certificate in Project Management, our staff will be auditing the training only. If individuals wish to pursue certification, it costs \$500 and that will be their responsibility.

### **Idaho Forestry Contest and Northern Districts Outreach**

The week of May 7<sup>th</sup> Delwyne Trefz, Karie Pappani, and I will travel to Northern Idaho where we'll join Mark Hogen and Bill Lillibridge to attend and help out with the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Forestry Contest at the Delay Farm in Careywood. Any Commissioners planning to be in that area are certainly welcome to attend, as well.

While in Northern Idaho, we'll also tour projects and meet with Benewah, Kootenai-Shoshone, Bonner, and Boundary Districts. This will be a great opportunity to strengthen relations with districts in the north state and to see firsthand new projects.

Prior to the Forestry Contest on Thursday, on Monday Delwyne will spend a day doing field work with Eileen Rowan in the Orofino area and Mark Hogen will be taking Karie Pappani, our TMDL expert, to some key watersheds in the North State. I will attend district meetings and tour projects with the districts Tuesday and Wednesday.

### **NRCS Partnership Report**

As you know, we have signed several agreements to establish a framework for cooperation between NRCS and the Conservation Commission on activities that involve implementation of conservation practices on eligible lands through provisions of the Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative (CCPI). On April 18<sup>th</sup>, Kristin Magruder attended the quarterly NRCS Leadership meeting and delivered the attached Second Quarter CCPI Status Report. In brief, a summary of activities conducted under those agreements includes:



# Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission

650 W. State St., Room 145 • Boise Idaho 83702

Telephone: 208-332:1790 • Fax: 208-332:1799

[www.swc.idaho.gov](http://www.swc.idaho.gov)

## Jump/Succor:

- 77 target outreach; 22 total participants
- NRCS Marsing, lead; Delwyne, backup; Jason, training
- Barriers: funding, monitoring
- 2010 ISDA monitoring for Jump Creek TMDL:
  - o Increased sediment and phosphorus attributed to increased acreage of furrow irrigated corn
  - o Horstman Drain and Mule Creek identified as major sources – strategies are being discussed w/the NRCS district conservationist (DC), field staff and irrigation district

## Cassia/Minidoka – Twin Falls:

- Outreach: 3 grower workshops, Nutrient Management workshop with UI Extension; Farwest Agribusiness presentation re application safety
- Obligated \$132k in C/M; \$35k in TF
- Geared up to enroll up to additional 1000 acres over next couple of months

## CTA:

- Getting ready to bill for FY12 Q2 – only a few hours at the end of Q1

## Squaw Ck:

- Loretta started October 2011 and has been working with Jeff as requested – minimal hours thus far
- Couple of projects getting ready to install now and will be finishing up with existing contracts on status review
- Bill L available for engineering assistance

## Thorn/Pilger CCPI:

- Chuck has been providing assistance to Steve as requested – minimal since Joe Schwarzbach contract terminated 2 years ago

## Statewide:

- Training for new employees Mason & Jason: engineering and upcoming conservation planning
- Priority watershed info to Dave Schmidt for Water Quality Initiative

## RCRDP:

- Potential to help DCs with EQIP success by targeting cost-share requirements
- Will conduct outreach to DCs to determine what would be most helpful?

## Office Space/IT Lease agreement

- H669 approval for \$37,900 to support actual office space costs based on estimates from last summer
- We will begin agreement modification and renewal and make payment after July 1st



# Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission

650 W. State St., Room 145 • Boise Idaho 83702

Telephone: 208-332:1790 • Fax: 208-332:1799

[www.swc.idaho.gov](http://www.swc.idaho.gov)

## **Wind-borne Dust on Idaho Roads**

Attached is another copy of an article published by Capital Press last week regarding the dust issue on Idaho highways. NRCS is convening a meeting with stakeholders (Chuck Pentzer will attend) the week of May 7<sup>th</sup>. At the recommendation of former Commissioner Horsch, staff connected Tom Cole, State Engineer for the Idaho Department of Transportation, with NRCS and he has been invited, as well. Chuck Pentzer will provide an email report after the meeting.

## **2013 Governor's Awards for Excellence in Agriculture**

Attached for your information is the application form for the 2013 Governor's Awards for Excellence in Agriculture to be awarded at the 2013 Larry Branen Idaho Ag Summit (Feb. 18-20 at the Riverside Hotel in Boise). Over the years, outstanding Idaho residents have been recognized for their investment in agriculture.

Awards are made in the following categories: Education/Advocacy, Environmental Stewardship, Marketing Innovation, Technical Innovation, and Lifetime Achievement. Applications are due no later than August 1, 2012.

## **2012 NASCA Dues**

Attached is a copy of an invoice for \$3,000 for the 2012 National Association of State Conservation Agency (NASCA) dues. NASCA is asking for full or partial payment for the State of Idaho to remain a member.

NASCA is currently involved in advocating in NRCS' Field Office of the Future Initiative and as an association is involved with national issues in Washington, DC.

Subsequent a conversation with the Chair regarding his opinion that the Commission should not continue its membership, the invoice has not been processed. Our involvement has been minimal: currently staff participates in ad hoc issue groups and the Communications Committee. Two years ago Kristin Magruder attended the annual conference in Colorado.

Should Commissioners decide after deliberation to continue the NASCA membership, this item can be considered on the June agenda. If not, we will notify NASCA of its discontinuance.

## **NRCS Field Office of the Future Initiative**

Attached is a copy of a letter from NRCS Chief Dave White on the nationwide process to plan for upcoming budget cuts and streamline the services provided by NRCS.

The process was initiated this month in a video conference with the Chief and stakeholders around the U.S. Idaho State Conservationist Jeff Burwell will be unable to attend your May 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting to discuss the Initiative, however on June 6<sup>th</sup> he'll update you on progress and solicit input.



# Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission

650 W. State St., Room 145 • Boise Idaho 83702

Telephone: 208-332:1790 • Fax: 208-332:1799

[www.swc.idaho.gov](http://www.swc.idaho.gov)

## **IASCD Request for Funding for 2012 Envirothon**

Attached is a copy of a letter requesting a \$1,500 donation to go toward the 2012 Envirothon, a statewide natural resource competition being held at the Living Waters Ranch in Challis on May 7-8. The Envirothon is open to high school students. The winning team will represent Idaho this year at the International Canon Envirothon in Pennsylvania. Two staff from Eastern Idaho – Brian Reed and Allan Johnson - will attend to help with the event. The Conservation Commission traditionally supports the competition and staff recommends we do so again in 2012.

**ACTION:** Consider approving \$1,500 Donation for partial sponsorship of 2012 Envirothon

### Attachments:

- Project Management Training Course Syllabus
- FY 2012 Q2 NRCS CCPI Status Report
- Article from Capital Press re wind-borne dust on Idaho roads
- Governor's Awards for Excellence in Agriculture
- 2012 NASCA Dues
- Memo from NRCS Chief Dave White re Field Office of the Future Initiative
- Letter from IASCD requesting \$1,500 donation for the 2012 Envirothon



To register or for more information call our office (208) 898-9036 or email [register@leapfoxlearning.com](mailto:register@leapfoxlearning.com)

## Project Management Professional (PMP)

# Project Management Professional (PMP®)

**Course length:** 5.0 day(s)

**Course Objective:** You will apply the generally recognized practices of project management acknowledged by the Project Management Institute (PMI®) to successfully manage projects.

**Target Student:** This course is designed for persons who have on the job experience performing project management tasks, whether or not project manager is their formal job role, who are not certified project management professionals, and who might or might not have received formal project management training. The course is appropriate for these persons if they wish to develop professionally, increase their project management skills, apply a formalized and standards-based approach to project management, seek career advancement by moving into a formal project manager job role, as well as to apply for Project Management Institute, Inc. (PMI®) Project Management Professional (PMP®) Certification.

**Prerequisites:** Familiarity with project management concepts and some working experience with project management are required. Experience with a specific project management software tool is not required.

- Microsoft Word Level 1 is required.
- Project Management Fundamentals is recommended.

### Course Objectives

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- Describe professional project management.
- Initiate a project.
- Plan project work.
- Develop project schedules.
- Develop cost estimates and budgets.
- Plan project quality, staffing, and communications.
- Analyze risks and plan risk responses.
- Plan project procurements.
- Execute project work.
- Manage project procurement.
- Monitor and control project work.
- Monitor and control project schedule and costs.
- Monitor and control project performance and quality.
- Monitor and control project risks and procurements.
- Close the project.

### Course Content

**Lesson 1: Examining Professional Project Management**  
**Topic 1A: Identify Project Management Processes**

- Topic 1B: Identify Professional and Social Responsibilities
- Topic 1C: Identify the Interpersonal Skills Required for a Project Manager

#### **Lesson 2: Initiating a Project**

- Topic 2A: Examine the Project Management Context
- Topic 2B: Examine Project Selection
- Topic 2C: Prepare a Project Statement of Work
- Topic 2D: Create a Project Charter
- Topic 2E: Identify Project Stakeholders

#### **Lesson 3: Planning Project Work**

- Topic 3A: Identify the Elements of a Project Management Plan
- Topic 3B: Document Stakeholder Requirements
- Topic 3C: Create a Scope Statement
- Topic 3D: Develop a Work Breakdown Structure

#### **Lesson 4: Developing Project Schedules**

- Topic 4A: Create an Activity List
- Topic 4B: Create a Project Schedule Network Diagram
- Topic 4C: Estimate Activity Resources
- Topic 4D: Estimate Duration for Project Activities
- Topic 4E: Develop a Project Schedule
- Topic 4F: Identify the Critical Path
- Topic 4G: Optimize the Project Schedule
- Topic 4H: Establish a Schedule Baseline

#### **Lesson 5: Developing Cost Estimates and Budgets**

- Topic 5A: Estimate Project Costs
- Topic 5B: Estimate the Cost Baseline
- Topic 5C: Reconcile Funding and Costs

#### **Lesson 6: Planning Project Quality, Staffing, and Communications**

- Topic 6A: Create a Quality Management Plan
- Topic 6B: Document the Project Roles, Responsibilities, and Reporting Relationships
- Topic 6C: Create a Communications Management Plan

#### **Lesson 7: Analyzing Risks and Planning Risk Responses**

- Topic 7A: Examine a Risk Management Plan
- Topic 7B: Identify Project Risks and Triggers
- Topic 7C: Perform Qualitative Risk Analysis
- Topic 7D: Perform Quantitative Risk Analysis
- Topic 7E: Develop a Risk Response Plan

#### **Lesson 8: Planning Project Procurements**

- Topic 8A: Plan Project Procurements
- Topic 8B: Prepare a Procurement Statement of Work
- Topic 8C: Prepare a Procurement Document

#### **Lesson 9: Executing Project Work**

- Topic 9A: Identify the Direct and Manage Project Execution Process
- Topic 9B: Execute a Quality Assurance Plan
- Topic 9C: Acquire the Project Team
- Topic 9D: Develop the Project Team
- Topic 9E: Manage the Project Team

**Topic 9F:** Distribute Project Information  
**Topic 9G:** Manage Stakeholder Relationships and Expectations

**Lesson 10: Managing Project Procurement**

**Topic 10A:** Examine the Conduct Procurements Process

**Topic 10B:** Obtain Responses from Sellers

**Topic 10C:** Determine Project Sellers

**Lesson 11: Monitoring and Controlling Project Work**

**Topic 11A:** Identify the Monitor and Control Project Work Process

**Topic 11B:** Develop an Integrated Change Control System

**Topic 11C:** Utilize the Integrated Change Control System

**Topic 11D:** Review Deliverables and Work Results

**Topic 11E:** Control the Project Scope

**Lesson 12: Monitoring and Controlling Project Schedule and Costs**

**Topic 12A:** Control the Project Schedule

**Topic 12B:** Control Project Costs

**Lesson 13: Monitoring and Controlling Project Performance and Quality**

**Topic 13A:** Perform Quality Control

**Topic 13B:** Report on Project Performance

**Lesson 14: Monitoring and Controlling Project Risks and Procurements**

**Topic 14A:** Monitor and Control Project Risks

**Topic 14B:** Administer Project Procurements

**Lesson 15: Closing the Project**

**Topic 15A:** Close Project Procurements

**Topic 15B:** Close the Project or Phase Administratively

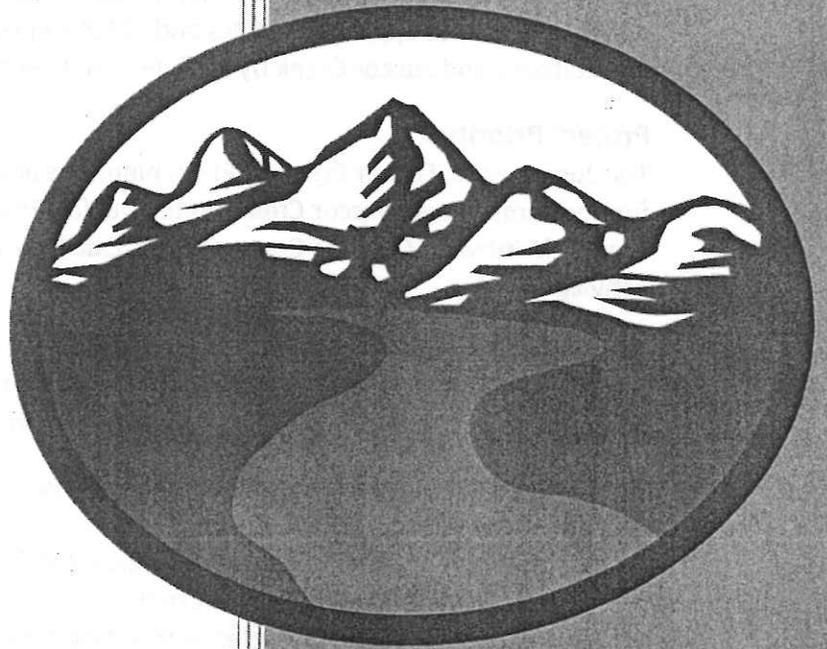
**Appendix A: PMP Certification Mapping**

**Appendix B: Updates to the PMBOK® Fourth Edition Guide**

To register or for more information call  
our office **(208) 898-9036** or email  
**register@leapfoxlearning.com**

FY 2012

Q2 CCPI Project Status Report



Prepared by:  
Idaho Soil & Water  
Conservation Commission  
4/18/2012

## **JUMP CREEK, SUCCOR CREEK TMDL IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT CCPI PARTNERSHIP REPORT – 2<sup>ND</sup> QTR FY2012**

This report is submitted by the Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission (SWC) in conformity with NRCS Partnership Agreement No. 65-0211-09-015, an agreement to establish a framework for cooperation between NRCS and SWC on activities that involve implementation of conservation practices on eligible lands through provisions of the Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative (CCPI). This report documents SWC accomplishments and outlines goals pursuant to achieving project objectives as stipulated in Section IV-B(1-9) of the Agreement.

### **Project Area**

The project is located within the Jump Creek and Succor Creek sub-watersheds of the Mid-Snake River/Succor Creek TMDL sub-basin, HUC 17050103, and the Marsing and Homedale Nitrate Priority areas, Owyhee County, Idaho. Jump Creek and Succor Creek are both impaired water bodies with approved TMDLs and TMDL Implementation Plans. Jump Creek is impaired by sediment and Succor Creek by sediment and bacteria.

### **Project Priorities**

The Jump Creek, Succor Creek CCPI supplements actions initiated by OCD through the SWC-funded Jump Creek, Succor Creek Water Quality Program for Agriculture, the \$319 grant-funded Northwest Owyhee County Water Quality Improvement Project, and ongoing EQIP activity.

This project provides landowners in the Jump Creek and Succor Creek sub-watersheds with technical and financial assistance to implement BMPs selected to prevent or reduce agricultural nonpoint source water quality pollution, and to achieve the following specific goals:

1. Meet TMDL-specified sediment loading goals of 65 mg/L for Jump Creek and 22 mg/L for Succor Creek.
2. Maintain bacteria (*E.coli*) levels below the TMDL-specified threshold of 126 organisms/100 ml in Succor Creek.
3. Reduce the level of nitrates percolating through the soil profile and into groundwater.

### **Jump Creek, Succor Creek TMDL Implementation Project CCPI Accomplishments— 2009 through 2011**

During the 2009 – 2011 contract years a total of 22 landowner participants received assistance from the Jump Creek, Succor Creek CCPI (see table, below). Conservation practices implemented and CCPI cost-share funds obligated to date are presented in the table on page 2.

<b>Numbers of Program Participants Assisted/Year</b>			
<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
8	11	3	22

**JUMP CREEK, SUCCOR CREEK CCPI  
2009 - 2011 Accomplishments**

Practice/BMP	2009			2010			2011			TOTAL \$
	Units	CCPI \$	Producer \$	Units	CCPI \$	Producer \$	Units	CCPI \$	Producer \$	
Fence	1,961 ft	\$ 4,969	\$ 1,656	4,210 ft	\$ 6,837	\$ 2,279				\$ 15,741
Gated Pipe	920 ft	\$ 4,541	\$ 1,514							\$ 6,055
Irrig. Land Leveling	5.6 ac	\$ 5,016	\$ 1,672							\$ 6,688
Irrig. Water Management	15 ac	\$ 125	\$ 42	15 ac	\$ 110	\$ 37	149 ac	\$ 1,018	\$ 339	\$ 1,670
Livestock Pipeline	1,349 ft	\$ 3,525	\$ 1,175	250 ft	\$ 450	\$ 150				\$ 5,300
Livestock Watering Facility	4 each	\$ 2,607	\$ 869	1 each	\$ 820	\$ 273				\$ 4,569
Pasture/Hayland Planting	41.3 ac	\$ 5,917	\$ 1,972	8.4 ac	\$ 918	\$ 306				\$ 9,113
Irr. Water Conveyance	8,378 ft	\$ 130,812	\$ 43,604	15,628 ft	\$ 168,812	\$ 56,270	11,620 ft	\$ 40,679	\$ 13,560	\$ 453,736
Pumping Plant	2 each	\$ 3,693	\$ 1,231	2 each	\$ 3,280	\$ 1,093	4 each	\$ 24,975	\$ 8,325	\$ 42,597
Sediment Basin	1 each	\$ 2,107	\$ 702							\$ 2,809
Structure for Water Control	13 each	\$ 34,521	\$ 11,507	14 each	\$ 14,990	\$ 4,997	5 each	\$ 6,940	\$ 2,313	\$ 75,268
Irrigation System, Sprinkler	15 ac.	\$ 11,623	\$ 3,874	15 ac	\$ 6,509	\$ 2,170	149	\$ 76,596	\$ 25,532	\$ 126,304
Nutrient Management				15 ac	\$ 86	\$ 29	88 ac	\$ 435	\$ 145	\$ 695
Prescribed Grazing				25 ac	\$ 1,602	\$ 534				\$ 2,136
Access Control				32 ac	\$ 369	\$ 123				\$ 492
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>\$209,456</b>	<b>\$69,818</b>		<b>\$204,783</b>	<b>\$68,260</b>		<b>\$150,643</b>	<b>\$50,214</b>	<b>\$753,174</b>

## 2012 Plan of Work

**Soil and Water Conservation Commission**—During the 2012 field season Jason Miller, an SWC Water Quality Resource Conservationist (WQRC) located in Marsing, will supply technical assistance to the project as requested by the NRCS Marsing F.O. District Conservationist. Jason will also assist the Owyhee Conservation District (OCD) in their efforts to encourage participation by area landowners and will coordinate with OCD in preparation of a project final report. In addition, SWC staff engineer Bill Lillibridge is available to assist with design and construction of structural practices in instances where such assistance is necessary in order to expedite project implementation.

**Owyhee Conservation District**—The OCD will lead outreach activities to agricultural operators within the project area, maintain communication with participants, and establish priorities for treatment.

## Recommended Conservation Practices

Conservation practices which support project priorities have been selected from the 2012 NRCS CCPI General Payment Schedule. Payment rates were also drawn from the Payment Schedule.

## 2012 Implementation Needs

The following table itemizes funding required to address identified priority resource concerns within the project area during the 2012 contracting season.

JUMP CREEK, SUCCOR CREEK CCPI BUDGET				
Implementation Needs -- 2012				
	Units	EQIP/CCPI	Producer	Total
Irrig. Systems, Sprinkler	240 ac.	\$139,020.00	\$46,284.00	\$185,304.00
Irrig. Water Management	240 ac.	\$1,812.00	\$605.00	\$2,417.00
Nutrient Management	240 ac.	\$1,176.00	\$391.00	\$1,567.00
Filter Strips	2 ac.	\$200.00	\$66.00	\$266.00
Fence, Multi-strand, Barbed	5,280 ft.	\$7,128.00	\$2,376.00	\$9,504.00
Sediment Basins	800 cuyd	\$2,400.00	\$800.00	\$3,200.00
Channel Stabilization	660 ft.	\$27,060.00	\$9,009.00	\$36,069.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$178,796.00</b>	<b>\$59,531.00</b>	<b>\$238,327.00</b>

## 2012 Budget

The following table identifies funds required to support project implementation during the 2012 contract year. Implementation is dependent upon each funding entity providing the specified level of financial support. If funding is not provided at the specified level, then fewer BMP units will be applied.

JUMP CREEK, SUCCOR CREEK CCPI BUDGET				
Contract Year 2012				
	EQIP/CCPI	Producer	SWC	Total
BMPs, 240 acres	\$178,796.00	\$59,531.00	\$0.00	\$238,327.00
Technical Assistance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,760.00	\$6,760.00*
Engineering Assistance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,496.00	\$2,496.00**
Owyhee CD Admin./Outreach	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$178,796.00</b>	<b>\$59,531.00</b>	<b>\$11,756.00</b>	<b>\$250,083.00</b>

\* 10 hr/wk X 26 wks X \$26/hr = \$6,760.00

\*\* 2 hr/wk X 26 wks X \$48/hr = \$2,496.00

## CASSIA-MINIDOKA CCPI/AWEP PROJECT STATUS REPORT – 2<sup>ND</sup> QTR FY 2012

**NPA Rankings #8 & #13/West Cassia SWCD, East Cassia SWCD, & Minidoka SWCD.** Treatment primarily includes High Intensity Nutrient Management – Precision Ag and High Intensity Irrigation Water Management to provide decreased field runoff and nitrate leaching into ground water & implement more efficient application of nutrients on irrigated cropland.

<u>Project Estimates:</u>	<u>Paid to date</u>	<u>Planned</u>	<u>Total Obligated</u>
BMP Cost sharing- (CCPI)	\$ 0	\$ 132,702	\$ 132,702
Participant (est. match)	\$ 0		

This project started last fall and is to be implemented over a four year period.

Current Status: 4 Contracts 718.6 acres

Approximately 1000 additional acres are planned to be enrolled within the next couple of months.

<u>Practice:</u>	<u>Installed</u>	<u>Planned</u>	<u>Amt. spent</u>
High Intensity Irr. Water Mgt.	0	718.6	\$ 0
High Intensity Nutrient Mgt.	0	718.6	\$ 0

The West Cassia Soil & Water Conservation District conducted a grower workshop in Burley to promote the program. Staff from DEQ, University of Idaho, and SWC presented information on the importance of proper use of nutrients and water management for improved productivity and water quality benefits. SWC staff is assisting with grower contact, conservation plan development, nutrient management planning, BMP implementation outreach activities, and BMP effectiveness. SWC staff also participated in a nutrient management workshop sponsored by University of Idaho Extension by giving a presentation on nutrient and irrigation water management; information on the CCPI projects in Twin Falls and the Cassia-Minidoka area was included in the presentation. SWC staff also gave an hour-long presentation at the Far West Agribusiness annual conference in Twin Falls in January 2012 as part of the application safety breakout session. Nutrient and irrigation water management and information about the Twin Falls and Cassia-Minidoka CCPI projects was included in this presentation. The West Cassia SWCD is planning another grower workshop for this summer. Carolyn Firth and Chuck Pentzer are the SWC staff providing technical assistance for the Cassia-Minidoka CCPI project.

## TWIN FALLS CCPI/AWEP PROJECT STATUS REPORT - 2<sup>ND</sup> QTR FY 2012

**Twin Falls CCPI - Twin Falls NPA Ranking # 1/Twin Falls SWCD, Balanced Rock SCD, & Snake River SWCD.** Treatment primarily includes High Intensity Nutrient Management and High Intensity Irrigation Water Management to provide decreased field runoff and nitrate leaching into ground water & implement more efficient application of nutrients on irrigated cropland.

<u>Project Estimates:</u>	<u>Paid to date</u>	<u>Planned</u>	<u>Total Obligated</u>
BMP Cost sharing- (CCPI)	\$ 0	\$ 35,541	\$ 35,541
Participant (est. match)	\$ 0		

This project started last fall and is to be implemented over a four year period.

Current Status: 3 Contracts 330.4 acres

Up to 1,000 additional acres are planned to be enrolled within the next couple of months.

<u>Practice</u>	<u>Installed</u>	<u>Planned</u>	<u>Amt. spent</u>
High Intensity Irr. Water Mgt.	0	330.4	\$ 0
High Intensity Nutrient Mgt.	0	330.4	\$ 0

The Balanced Rock Soil Conservation District conducted two grower workshops in Castleford and Twin Falls to promote the program. Staff from DEQ, University of Idaho, NRCS, and SWC presented information on the importance of proper use of nutrients and water management for improved productivity and water quality benefits. SWC staff is assisting with grower contact, conservation plan development, nutrient management planning, BMP implementation outreach activities, and BMP effectiveness. SWC staff also participated in a nutrient management workshop sponsored by University of Idaho Extension by giving a presentation on nutrient and irrigation water management; information on the CCPI projects in Twin Falls and the Cassia-Minidoka area was included in the presentation. SWC staff also gave an hour-long presentation at the Far West Agribusiness annual conference in Twin Falls in January 2012 as part of the application safety breakout session. Nutrient and irrigation water management and information about the Twin Falls and Cassia-Minidoka CCPI projects was included in this presentation. Chuck Pentzer and Carolyn Firth are the SWC staff providing technical assistance for the Twin Falls CCPI project.

# Farm dust causes pileup

*Blowing dirt from freshly plowed fields severely reduced visibility on I-84*

By SEAN ELLIS  
Capital Press

BURLEY, Idaho — Idaho police are investigating an 18-vehicle pileup on Interstate 84 that was caused by strong winds kicking up dust from nearby farms.

According to Idaho State Police Lt. Kevin Haight, the April 11 accident north of Burley in southcentral Idaho was caused by dust that was blowing across freshly plowed fields being prepared for planting.

No life-threatening injuries were sustained during the accident, which occurred at 5 p.m. near Kasota Road and resulted in the eastbound lanes of I-84 being closed for more than four hours. Several motorists with minor injuries were

transported to nearby hospitals.

Haight said visibility was severely reduced by the blowing dust and the investigation into the incident is still ongoing.

"It's a big mess and we're still trying to sort out who did what," Haight said.

If any citations are issued, he added, they would be to motorists for driving too fast for the conditions or inattentive driving.

"If there are any citations, it would be to drivers. It wouldn't be to any of the owners of the land," he said. "There's nothing that a farmer could do differently. They certainly can't help it when the wind gets whipped up."

Idaho Farm Bureau Federation spokesman John Thompson said he seriously doubts farmers can be held liable for such actions in civil court.

"To me, it's not the fault of the (farmer). It's the fault of

the storm," he said. "I don't think there is any liability on the part of the farmers."

Idaho Transportation Department spokesman Nathan Jerke said the circumstances surrounding the incident were unusual.

The interstate runs east-west and the dust that day was caused by strong winds blowing north, he said. That part of the interstate isn't known for having visibility problems caused by blowing dust and any strong winds in that area are usually blowing west to east, he added.

There are no warning signs about blowing dust or snow on that stretch of I-84 for that reason.

"When and where it happened was just kind of unique and it just happened to occur when we had freshly plowed fields near the interstate that have experienced drier conditions this year," Jerke said. "It was a pretty unique set of circumstances."



55 SW 5th Avenue, Suite 100  
Meridian ID 83642  
208-888-0988  
208-888-4586 (fax)  
[www.idahoagsummit.org](http://www.idahoagsummit.org)

RECEIVED

APR 12 2012

IDAHO SOIL & WATER  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

April 11, 2012

TO: Agriculture Associations, Commissions, Agencies and Extension Offices

FR: Rick Waitley, Executive Director

RE: **Governor's Awards for Excellence in Agriculture**

The **deadline** for nominations for the Governor's Awards for Excellence in Agriculture to be presented at the 2013 Larry Branen Idaho Ag Summit is **July 1**. Now is the time to get started collecting information for your nomination(s). The dates of the 2013 Summit have been set for February 18-20, 2013 at The Riverside Hotel in Boise.

Enclosed is a list of names being held in the current pool for consideration. Names are held for three years from the initial date of submission. I have also enclosed the award information sheet and the four categories for consideration.

Over the years, a number of outstanding Idaho residents have been recognized for their investment in Idaho agriculture. The list of past recipients is enclosed for your review and to see the quality of people who have been recognized by the Governor. You will find a copy of the application and other information regarding the award available on the Idaho Ag Summit website at [www.idahoagsummit.org](http://www.idahoagsummit.org).

In submitting a nomination, it will be helpful to highlight accomplishments and achievements of the nominee and support the nomination with letters of recommendation, background information etc. Recommendation letters can be emailed to our office – send them to Kay Johnson at [kay@amqidaho.com](mailto:kay@amqidaho.com).

If you have any questions about this process, the current pool of candidates, or the enclosed information, please feel free to contact me by calling 208-888-0988, or you may contact Kay Johnson at the email address listed above. We are looking forward to your nomination. Please spread the word regarding the Governor's Awards to anyone who might be interested in submitting a nomination.

encls: Pool of current candidates  
List of past recipients  
Nomination form/Criteria for nomination

## Governor's Awards Nominees - 2013

**Education/Advocacy** A person in any profession who is committed to educating Idaho citizens about the importance of agriculture and the agricultural industry to their life, culture and economy. An advocate is one who is devoted to promoting agriculture to the public, government and other decision makers at the local, state and/or national level.

Gayle Anderson  
Dan Sample  
Marvin Wittman

**Environmental Stewardship** An individual or agri-business that demonstrates a commitment to maintaining and improving the quality of the air, water or soil as a result of innovative practices, technologies and/or partnerships.

Pat & Patty Barnett  
Marvin Wittman

**Marketing Innovation** A grower, shipper, processor or commodity group that demonstrates excellence and effectiveness of individual programs conducted in an effort to develop or increase sales of Idaho food or agriculture products, internationally or domestically. This may include development and use of new markets, new marketing methods or new uses for agriculture products and/or services.

Pat & Patty Barnett

**Technical Innovation** The Technical Innovation Award is for the individual or agri-business that develops or implements new methods or mechanisms to advance agricultural production or processing.

Pat & Patty Barnett  
Robert Blair

**Lifetime Achievement** An individual who has dedicated his or her life to the advancement of agriculture through production, innovation, improvement, leadership, service and/or advocacy and who embodies the high standards of Idaho agriculture and sets an example for others to follow.

Jeff Bloomsburg  
Dale Keno  
David Lampert  
Gale Moser  
Mike Quesnell

Dr. Lou E Riesenber  
Ellis Roberts  
Mary Ellen Roth  
Marvin Wittman

## Idaho Governor's Awards for Excellence in Agriculture Recipients

<u>Aw'd</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Aw'd</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Recipient</u>
2012	Education/Advocacy Environmental Stewardship Marketing Innovation Technical Innovation Lifetime Achievement	Idaho Irrigation Equipment Association Mir-M Seyedbagheri, Mountain Home Leah Clark, Eagle Dr. Michael Thornton, Caldwell Clen & Emma Atchley, Ashton	2003	Education/Advocacy Environmental Stewardship Marketing/Technical Innovation Lifetime Achievement	Don Dixon, Idaho Falls Jim & Marcella Stewart, Nampa Dr. Chuck Brockway, Twin Falls J.R. Simplot*, Boise
2011	Education/Advocacy Environmental Stewardship Marketing Innovation Technical Innovation Lifetime Achievement	Joe Anderson, Pottlatch Julie Burkhardt, Indian Valley Steve & Stacie Ballard, Gooding Hillco Technologies, Nezperce Governor Phil Batt, Boise	2002	Education/Advocacy Environmental Stewardship Technical Innovation Lifetime Achievement	Kathy Alder, Melba Dick Wittman, CULDESAC Lewis McKellip*, Nampa William (Ted) Diehl, Jerome
2010	Education/Advocacy Environmental Stewardship Marketing Innovation Technical Innovation Lifetime Achievement	Dr. John Miller, Moscow Greg Ledbetter, Jerome Grant Wyatt, Burley Masa Tsukamoto*, Blackfoot Arthur Lee, New Plymouth	2001	Education/Advocacy Environmental Stewardship Lifetime Achievement	Jeanie Blattner, Meridian Dave Nelson*, Mackay David* & Geraldine* Little, Emmett
2009	Education/Advocacy Environmental Stewardship Marketing Innovation Technical Innovation Lifetime Achievement	Carl Crabtree, Grangeville Clyde* & Jan Phillips, Salmon William Meadows, American Falls Dr. Bill Dean, Twin Falls Richard Garber, Boise	2000	Education/Advocacy Lifetime Achievement Lifetime Achievement	Dr. Douglas Pals, Moscow Ivan Hopkins, Shoshone Peter K. Wilson*, Lewiston
2008	Education/Advocacy Environmental Stewardship Marketing Innovation Technical Innovation Lifetime Achievement	Mary Lee Wood, Parma Jim & Carol Guthrie, Inkom Albert Wada, Pingree Dr. Esmaeil Fallahi, Parma Dr. Bill Stouder, Buhl	1999	Education/Advocacy Environmental Stewardship Marketing Innovation Technical Innovation Lifetime Achievement	Wayne & Jacie Jensen, Genesee Bruce Mulkey, Salmon A to Z Retained Ownership, Inc., Caldwell Dr. Greg Ledbetter / Ralph May, Jerome Orville* & Louise Roberts, Donnelly
2007	Education/Advocacy Environmental Stewardship Technical Innovation Lifetime Achievement	Michael Cranney, Oakley Lowell and Joanne Grim, Nampa Dr. Joseph Guenther, Moscow Wayne Thiessen, Boise	1998	Education/Advocacy Environmental Stewardship Marketing/Technical Innovation Lifetime Achievement Lifetime Achievement	Rick Waitley, Meridian Dr. Robert Mahler, Moscow Del Raybould, Rexburg Dale* & Ellen Pline, Nampa Tom Geary, Burley
2006	Education/Advocacy Environmental Stewardship Marketing/Technical Innovation Lifetime Achievement	Janis Ritchie, Rexburg Gordon Gallup, Ririe AgriSource, Inc. - Bill Mendenhall*, Burley Dr. Greg Nelson, Kuna	1997	Education/Advocacy Environmental Stewardship Marketing/Technical Innovation Lifetime Achievement Lifetime Achievement	Darrell Bolz, Caldwell Delbert & June Winterfeld, Swan Valley Dr. John Walker, Rexburg Robert Rebholtz*, Boise DeLance "Doc" Franklin*, Nampa
2005	Education/Advocacy Environmental Stewardship Marketing/Technical Innovation Lifetime Achievement	Lary Silver, Caldwell John B. McNabb, Inkom Idaho OnePlan Dick Rush, Boise	1996	Education/Advocacy Environmental Stewardship Lifetime Achievement Lifetime Achievement	Dr. Saad Hafez, Parma Don Ball, Pottlatch Bud & Ruth Purdy, Picabo Tom Stroschein, Moscow
2004	Education/Advocacy Environmental Stewardship Marketing/Technical Innovation Lifetime Achievement	Dr. John P. Mundt, Meridian Kip Wooten / Charles Coiner, Hansen Carl J. Hobbs, Blackfoot Lawerance & Mary Lou Gray, Nampa	1995	Education/Advocacy Marketing/Technical Innovation Lifetime Achievement Lifetime Achievement	Mir-M Seyedbagheri, Mountain Home Miles Willard, Idaho Falls Gary Ball, Rexburg Maurice Woodard, Nampa

\*deceased

- over -



## Governor's Award for Excellence in Agriculture

The Larry Branen Idaho Ag Summit committee is seeking nominations for the Governor's Awards for Excellence in Agriculture. As part of the annual Ag Summit, the Governor recognizes individuals and organizations that have made outstanding contributions to the Idaho agricultural industry.

Recipients are chosen from nominations received from organizations or individuals. Nominations must be received at 55 SW 5th Ave, Suite 100, Meridian, ID 83642 or can be emailed to [kay@amgidaho.com](mailto:kay@amgidaho.com) by July 1.

The awards are not limited to agriculture producers. For example, a nominee for the education and/or advocacy category could be a local agriculture reporter or someone on a chamber of commerce agriculture committee. The purpose of each award is to recognize outstanding individuals who impact agriculture in a positive way.

This is a wonderful opportunity for honorees to be recognized by their peers and state leaders for their contributions to agriculture and Idaho. Please take the time to consider nominating someone you know that should be recognized for his or her important contribution to agriculture.

## Category Descriptions

**Education and/or Advocacy** A person in any profession who is committed to educating Idaho citizens about the importance of agriculture and the agricultural industry to their life, culture and economy. An advocate is one who is devoted to promoting agriculture to the public, government and other decision makers at the local, state and/or national level. Education and/or Advocacy may be presented as one or separate awards; however, only one award may be presented in this category each year.

**Environmental Stewardship** An individual or agri-business that demonstrates a commitment to maintaining and improving the quality of the air, water or soil as a result of innovative practices, technologies and/or partnerships.

**Marketing Innovation** A grower, shipper, processor or commodity group that demonstrates excellence and effectiveness of individual programs conducted in an effort to develop or increase sales of Idaho food or agriculture products, internationally or domestically. This may include development and use of new markets, new marketing methods or new uses for agriculture products and/or services.

**Technical Innovation** An individual or agri-business that develops or implements new methods or mechanisms to advance agricultural production or processing.

**Lifetime Achievement** An individual who has dedicated his or her life to the advancement of agriculture through production, innovation, improvement, leadership, service and/or advocacy and who embodies the high standards of Idaho agriculture and sets an example for others to follow.

**Larry Branen Idaho Ag Summit  
Governor's Award for Excellence in Agriculture  
Nomination Form – Due July 1**

Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_  
Title and Business (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Work phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Award Category nominated for:** \_\_\_\_\_ Education and/or Advocacy  
(more than one category may be checked) \_\_\_\_\_ Environmental Stewardship  
*See award descriptions on other side* \_\_\_\_\_ Marketing Innovation  
\_\_\_\_\_ Technical Innovation  
\_\_\_\_\_ Lifetime Achievement

**NOTE:** No nominee who has received an award will be eligible for a second award until after 5 years have passed. The individual must then be nominated by a different organization and in a different category.

Please respond to the following items on a separate sheet. Additional information pertinent to the Governor's Award for Excellence in Agriculture is welcome. Please include only information relevant to the award.

1. Provide a brief description of nominee (ag-related work/business history, education, family, etc.)
2. Describe specific achievements in the category for which the nomination is submitted and provide examples of the nominee's activities and accomplishments.
3. List nominee's involvement in agricultural organization and leadership roles related to agriculture.

Additional information, including letters of recommendation, that further illustrate the nominee's accomplishments are welcome. Nominations will be held in the candidate pool for three (3) years from the initial date of nomination.

**Nominating information:**

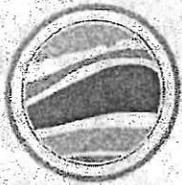
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Send completed application to:

Idaho Ag Summit  
Governor's Award Committee  
55 SW 5th Ave, Suite 100  
Meridian ID 83642

Fax: 208-888-4586 email: [rick@amqidaho.com](mailto:rick@amqidaho.com)

**Nominations DUE JULY 1**



# NASCA

RECEIVED

JAN - 4 2012

IDAHO SOIL & WATER  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MIKE BROWN

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

MIKE-BROWN@NASCANET.ORG

302-535-1236

December 28, 2011

Kristin Magruder  
Soil and Water Conservation Commission  
PO Box 790  
Boise, ID 83701

Dear NASCA State Representative:

Our members have discovered the value of their involvement with NASCA. Through exposure to their counterparts from around the country, the NASCA network makes contacts which facilitate information exchange for its membership. Through membership dues, our association is able to provide tools and resources using this network, enhancing a state's capacity to deliver conservation. This benefit alone is a tremendous return on a state's investment.

We want to ask you to support NASCA's efforts in two ways: one, financially, by submitting 2012 dues; and two, through your *participation*. Please contact me and discuss what the association is currently working on, and ways you can join us in addressing those issues. In the year ahead, our goal is to better serve your state's needs and be further engaged with conservation concerns relevant to our membership. All the best for 2012!

Sincerely,

Michael K. Brown

Please note

As of December 1, 2011, for cost and efficiency reasons, NASCA has combined its correspondence and remittance address to the following:

NASCA  
PO Box 211  
Hartly, DE 19953

If you need us to complete new vendor information, please call Sarah Hickling at 703-399-5594 or email her at [sarah-hickling@nascanet.org](mailto:sarah-hickling@nascanet.org). We apologize for any inconvenience.



NEW remittance address as of  
 Dec 1, 2011:  
 NASCA  
 PO Box 211  
 Hartly, DE 19953

# Invoice

Date	Invoice #
12/28/2011	2012-121

Please send vendor updates forms to Sarah Hickling at  
 sarah-hickling@nascanet.org.

<b>Bill to:</b>  State of Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission PO Box 790 Boise, ID 83701	<p>After December 1, 2011 we can no longer receive payments at the Boston lockbox (PO Box 418301).          Please use Hartly, DE address for future remittances AND all correspondence.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thank you!          Partial payments are welcome.</p> <p>Online payments are not available at this time. If this is a problem, please contact Sarah Hickling to make alternate arrangements.</p>	
Checks made payable to NASCA.	NASCA's Tax ID # is 52-1316337	
Item Code	Description	Amount
2012	NASCA Annual Membership Services 2012	3,000.00
<i>Thank you for your payment!</i>		
Questions? Contact Sarah Hickling	E-mail	<b>Total</b> \$3,000.00
703-399-5594	sarah-hickling@nascanet.org	



Natural Resources Conservation Service  
1400 Independence Avenue SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250

---

SUBJECT: Field Office of the Future

TO: NRCS State Conservationists  
Presidents, State Soil and Water Conservation District Associations

We find ourselves in a time of change. The year 2012 brings with it an increasing demand on our field offices to deliver voluntary, incentive-based conservation on private lands throughout this great Nation. While the necessity for our work has never been higher, the pressure on our budgets (local, State, and National) has also escalated. This push and pull that we find ourselves in necessitates our taking a fresh, proactive look into the future to ensure that we control our own destiny as organizations and leaders in conservation. Therefore, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) are undertaking a unified effort to facilitate a locally-led process of evaluating the ability of our entire partnership, from top to bottom, to prepare to meet our mission now and in the years to come.

We must be proactive and own this improvement process. It is up to us to determine:

- How we can best meet the needs and expectations of our customers;
- How the field offices of the future should look and function;
- How we can focus our resources to get the most from our Nation's conservation investments;
- How we can design the most efficient and effective delivery system at a the local level; and
- How we can best prepare for any potential budget constraints.

Now is the time to identify our greatest efficiencies as conservation partners and build those into a strategy for the future. In doing so, we are requesting that you, our State leaders, develop an open, transparent, and inclusive process with your staff, partners, other stakeholders, and our customers to develop a plan that evaluates the organizational effectiveness of the field offices within your authority.

This plan must outline a vision of what your State's field offices of the future will look like including:

- A review of field offices co-located by NRCS and Conservation Districts;
- An identification of the types and levels of service to be provided in these "field offices of the future; and

*Helping People Help the Land*

An Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer



- Opportunities for increased operational efficiencies and a contingency plan for potential budget constraints
  - Technology: how better use of the Web, video teleconferencing, and other technical advances can build service and improve cost efficiencies, accounting for ongoing improvement efforts such as the NRCS Conservation Delivery Streamlining Initiative,
  - Labor: division/coordination of duties between NRCS and conservation district staff,
  - Cost: identification of cost saving opportunities, i.e., relocating, merging, consolidating costs, closing out-of-date or unused office spaces, and partnering with other public agencies, and
  - Location: best able to serve the public.

\*Your plan needs to include those areas listed above, as well as preparation for office closure locations should budget reductions require such.

While this list provides areas we expect to see delineated in the final plans, it is by no means exhaustive and may miss areas you feel important to highlight. We anticipate you will develop your own methods and instruments for your plan. No one knows conservation at the local level like you do, which makes you the best, most qualified conservation professional to help create the "field office of the future."

We have been evolving since the Dust Bowl days, but some things remain continuing priorities, such as our accessibility to land users and landowners. Farmers and ranchers should not have to drive for hours to get to a field office, and we must ensure that our range conservationists, soil scientists, soil conservationists, engineers, and agronomists are able to spend time in the field working with them one-on-one.

We request that each State send the final plan to their NRCS Regional Conservationist and NACD by September 1, 2012.

Thanks in advance for your knowledge, forward-thinking ideas, and partnership now and in the years to come.

---

Dave White  
Chief  
National Resources Conservation Service

---

Gene Schmidt  
President  
National Association of Conservation Districts

Page 3

cc:

NRCS Regional Conservationists

NACD Regional Chairs

RC&D State Presidents

James Sipperly, President, National Association of RC&D Councils

Irene Moore, President, National Conservation District Employees Association

Mike Brown, Executive Director, National Association of State Conservation Agencies

Andrew Gordon, Executive Director/Counsel, National Association of Resource Conservation and Development Councils

**Kristin Magruder**

---

**From:** nasca-statereps-bounces@nascanet.org on behalf of Carolyn Hefner (NASCA President)  
<nasca@nascanet.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 10, 2012 9:24 AM  
**To:** nasca-statereps@nascanet.org  
**Subject:** Letter re Field Office of the Future  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.txt

Email not displaying correctly? [View it in your browser.](#)



NASCA

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE CONSERVATION AGENCIES

703-399-5594

March 10, 2012

Dear NASCA State Representatives:

I believe that most of you have already seen the letter from NRCS Chief Dave White and NACD President Gene Schmidt referencing the "Field Office of the Future." I am concerned that NASCA was neither consulted about nor notified prior to this letter going out. Accordingly, NASCA is now working to ensure that we will be part of any decision-making process that occurs as a result of this letter and the state reports it solicits.

I would like to recommend that the State Conservation Agency in each state get involved in the reporting process outlined in this letter. While we are not sure how this process will play out, it is our opinion that this effort not be taken lightly.

In the meantime, NASCA has requested that the "Field Office of the Future" initiative be put on the next National Conservation Partnership leadership meeting agenda in April. As we learn more we will share

that information with our membership.

Until then, please contact our Executive Director, Mike Brown at [mike-brown@nascanet.org](mailto:mike-brown@nascanet.org) or 302-492-8881, with any comments, concerns, or ideas that you may have regarding the letter.

Sincerely,  
Carolyn Hefner  
President

[Please click here to download a copy of the letter from NRCS/NACD.](#)

---

[www.nascanet.org](http://www.nascanet.org)

NASCAnet is an electronic publication for state conservation agencies.  
[subscribe](#) | [unsubscribe](#)  
(click on an option and send. You do not need to enter a message.)

National Association of State Conservation Agencies  
Carolyn Hefner (WV) President

Address:  
P.O. Box 211  
Hartly, DE 19953  
703.399.5594



# Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts

---

March 20, 2012

Ms. Teri Murrison  
Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission  
650 W. State Street  
Room 145  
Boise, ID 83702

RECEIVED

MAR 28 2012

IDAHO SOIL & WATER  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Dear Ms. Murrison,

The Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts (IASCD) is preparing this year's Envirothon, a statewide natural resource competition open to high school students. Unlike other environmental programs, Envirothon promotes the balanced use of natural resources, sustainable agriculture, water quality, the need for working rivers, and the right to farm. We are seeking your financial support for this year's program.

Your contribution will go a long way in sponsoring this challenging, educational event. The 2011 event hosted 15 teams and their advisors from around the state. Teams competed for the opportunity to represent Idaho at the International Canon Envirothon in New Brunswick, Canada. Our winning team was from Rigby High School. This year's international competition, celebrating the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the program, will be held in Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania.

All funds solicited by IASCD are used to purchase necessary supplies, cover food/lodging costs at the Living Waters Ranch, and to send the winning team to the international competition. We are hoping to raise funds to assist schools with transportation costs, since school participation is limited due to a lack of funds for transportation to and from the facility located in Challis. Finally, we would like to raise funds to create a video of this year's state competition. All money raised goes directly to pay for Envirothon costs, and IASCD does not use a single dime for salaries, personnel costs, or any other IASCD expense.

In addition to Envirothon's primary areas of focus – soils/land use, aquatics, forestry, and wildlife – the students will focus on the 2012 current issue: "Nonpoint Source Pollution/Low Impact Development." If you have not seen an Envirothon competition in action, we invite you to be our guest at this year's event taking place on May 7<sup>th</sup> and May 8<sup>th</sup>. We believe you would find the competition rewarding.

Any contribution is welcome, and your donation for the 2012 program is 100% tax deductible. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us, and thank you very much for your consideration

Sincerely,

Randy Purser  
IASCD President

Bret Rumbeck  
IASCD Executive Director

# Invoice

---



Idaho Association of Soil Conservation Districts  
4696 W. Overland Rd, Suite 232  
Boise, ID 83705  
(208) 344-1711 or (208) 344-1177 FAX  
Tax ID Number: 82-0392337

---

To: 2012 Envirothon Sponsor/Donor

Date: 3/20/12

**Request for Contribution**

**2012 Idaho Envirothon Contest Contribution**

Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to: IASCD

Please Note – New Address: 4696 W. Overland Rd. Ste. 232  
Boise, ID 83705

**Thank you for your support!**