NMACD MEMORIAL 2022
Alice Mary Moore  Colfax

Age 85, January 23, 1937 - Thursday, September 29, 2022. Born in Raton, NM spent her entire life on the family ranch on and near Eagle Tail Mountain.

*inspiration in the New Mexico ranching community for decades.
*bred and raised wonderful Quarter Horses for use on the ranch, sold highly-sought-out horses across the country
*1999, Moore Ranch was awarded the AQHA Legacy Breeder designation for 50 consecutive years of AQHA
*Best Remuda award from the New Mexico Quarter Horse Association and the New Mexico Cattle Growers’ Association in 2005
*Society of Range Management’s Excellence in Grazing Award
*secretary for 47 years on the Colfax SWCD Board
*conducted range workshops and field tours on her ranch
*served on the Colfax County Fair Board.
Bob Howell
San Francisco

Served on the SFSWCD board as the Secretary/Treasurer from 2015 to 2020.
He also served on the Catron County Fair board and was instrumental in building the new fair building.
Bobby passed away in 2021. He will be missed.
Fermin George Chavez, Jr

USDA NRCS

He worked for the USDA NRCS for 37 years as a Rangeland Management Specialist in New Mexico and Nebraska. He served as the New Mexico State Range Conservationist before he retired.

He was a 1977 graduate of New Mexico State University, where he majored in science and agriculture.
Joseph Moya

Valencia SWCD

May 15, 1951-October 3, 2022

Farmer and retired teacher

His kindness, wisdom, and humor will continue to live on through the lives that he impacted in his 71 years on this earth.

BS in Agricultural Education at New Mexico State University and his master’s degree at New Mexico Highlands University  27-year-career

Joseph was the longest tenured member of the Board of Supervisors for the Valencia Soil and Water Conservation District Board and one of the founders of the Whitfield Wildlife Conservation Area. Joseph served for over 25 years in positions including Board Chair, Board Treasurer, and Board Parliamentarian.

State FFA Degree and the Honorary American FFA Degree

Ripple effects of his ability to inspire and teach lifelong lessons to his students and help shape them into the best versions of themselves will be seen for generations to come...
Mary Ann Hisel
De Baca SWCD

June 19, 1937 –
August 15, 2022
Scott Marshall  De Baca SWCD

January 19, 1970 - January 1, 2022

Scott was a lifelong resident in De Baca County.

He is the son of NRCS employee Tommy Marshall.

He constructed and rebuilt many of concrete lined ditches in the Fort Sumner Valley and irrigation district.
Benjamin "Benny" Madrid
De Baca SWCD

November 26, 1946 -
December 25, 2021
Frank McRee  DeBaca SWCD

June 9, 1928 - July 14, 2022
MR. ORTIZ SERVED MANY DECADES AS THE MAYORDOMO FOR THE ACEQUIA MADRE DEL RIO CHIQUITO IN RANCHOS DE TAOS. AS AN ADVOCATE FOR HIS LOCAL DITCH, ALEX WAS INSTRUMENTAL FOR MANY COMPLETED CONSERVATION PROJECTS THAT BENEFITTED THE MEMBERS OF THE ACEQUIA THROUGH THE TAOS SWCD ACEQUIA PROGRAM.
Edward Romero  
Taos SWCD

After retiring from law enforcement, Mr. Romero, a lifelong farmer, loved ranching and working his land in Canon near Taos.

Eduardo was a ditch commissioner and active irrigator who participated in both the Taos acequia program and the animal damage program.
Ed Lucero loved to work his land in Llano Largo near Penasco, NM.

He was a retired welder and fabricated several water control structure for himself and his neighbors.

He was active in the Llano Largo acequia as both member and commissioner.
MR. “CHUCO” LEE MARTINEZ WAS A DEDICATED MAYORDOMO FOR THE ARELLANO DITCH IN COSTILLA, NM.

HE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN ADVOCATING FOR THE COMMUNITY DIVERSION DAM OR “PRESSA” THROUGH THE TAOS SWCD COST-SHARE PROGRAM.
Mr. Robinson was a lifelong cowboy and owner of Robinson oil company in Taos, NM.

Jim and his wife Vangie raised cattle and participated in the Taos acequia program.
Joe L. Mondragon was a lifelong educator and school administrator. Joe was a farmer and served as Mayordomo of the Acequia Jaroso in Ranchos de Taos.

Mr. Mondragon also served on the Taos Valley regional acequia association board.
Mr. Torres was a lifelong cowboy and rancher. Joe was a graduate of New Mexico State University and majored in Agriculture.

Mr. Mondragon served as the warden for the El Salto del Agua land grant and as a commissioner on the Torreon and Rio Lucero acequias in Arroyo Seco, NM.
Mr. Cisneros was a farmer from Questa, NM. Modesto served as the Mayordomo of the Cabresto acequia.

Assisted Taos SWCD in servicing many neighbors and ditch members through the SWCD acequia program.
Moises Maestas

Mr. Maestas was farmer and retired public employee.

A lifelong resident of Talpa, Moises provided Taos SWCD assistance regarding construction easements for the Rio Chiquito/Del Monte diversion dam and ditch rehabilitation projects.
Mr. Simms was a lifelong attorney and acequia advocate.

Mr. Simms served as a commissioner with the Pilar Acequia Association assisted Taos SWCD with advice and legal interpretation of issues affecting local water users.

Albert participated in both the acequia and invasive species programs.
Mr. Medina served as the mayordomo of the San Cristobal Acequia Association for over five decades.

Ricardo was a farmer and rancher and mentor to Taos SWCD staff.

Mr. Medina was indispensable in the completion of the San Cristobal community water infiltration gallery and Acequia diversion dam project.
Charles "Tyke" Torres  Charles was elected to the Coronado Board in November 2019 and served on the Board from January 1, 2020, until October 1, 2021, when he resigned because of health issues. He was a lovely man, a real gentleman, who was an active and engaged Board member during his short tenure. We all miss him very much.

Charles "Tyke" Torres, passed away on November 25, 2021, at the age of 77. He had to have everything right from his hair and mustache to how he dressed, down to his vehicles (always cleaned). He loved helping people with deeds, politics, talking and dancing. But most of all he loved spending time with his family and being apart of all they did from school functions to sporting events. Devoted Dallas Cowboys Fan and Spartan Fan "Once a Spartan Always a Spartan".
Roman "James" Montoya
Cuba SWCD

Village of San Ysidro, lived the majority of his life as a cattle rancher.

In August of 1965, James entered the Marine Corps and proudly served his country in the Vietnam war.

Ran The Montoya Cattle Company along with his father, where together they ran over 100 head of cattle for more than 30 years.

United States Postal Service - After retiring from the Post Office in 1984, James continued on with what he loved doing, which was working on his ranch.

James was a true cowboy.

James was a well-respected man throughout the Jemez Valley. He was a loving, caring, and truly selfless man, who took care of those he loved.
Florence D. Shipman
Tierra y Montes

1969-2022, 53 years old

Niece of Rita Gallegos, Tierra y Montes
SWCD

She proudly served in the US Navy for 8 years, stationed in San Diego, CA.

She got her bachelors, masters, and doctorate in forensic science.
Ramona Brooks Brija
Central Curry SWCD

Ramona, 71, of Clovis, New Mexico, passed away on August 25th, 2022, in Farwell, Texas.

Attending schools in both San Jon and Clovis, New Mexico, she married Oscar Brooks, a Central Curry SWCD farmer, on December 14, 1969, in Clovis.

After Oscar's untimely passing in a farm accident, she married Danny Brija on October 30, 2014.

Ramona worked many years and recently retired with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) helping our local farmers and ranchers.

Ramona loved to crochet and blessed so many family members and friends with beautiful afghans over the years.
Mark Runyan
Southwest Quay SWCD

October 17, 1958 – May 9, 2022

- Raised in House, NM
- Graduated from NMSU
- 4-H Agent, Lea County
- FFA Advisor Artesia, Clovis and Asst. State FFA Advisor
- Director of the Learning Center at House Schools
- Founder with wife, Lisa, of Runyan Cattle Co. and Runyan Meats
Recognized as one of America’s longest serving Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors, New Mexico Acequias Association, American Quarter Horse Association, American Paint Horse Association, Las Vegas School Board, Founding Member of Luna Community College and Fire Marshall of San Miguel County. Gabe was a huge voice for Acequias and the work that the Soil and Water Districts do.