

# 2023-2024 Annual Report

## Chaves Soil & Water Conservation District

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### Natural Resource Improvements in 2023/2024 – Summary

- *Cost-share, Brush control cost-share, Noxious weed & Irrigation Loan Programs*
- *Linear, Center pivot & Solid Set sprinklers for greater efficiency in irrigation*
- *Brush control on grazing lands for improvement of pastureland*
- *Informing cooperators of noxious weeds and providing chemical to help with the control of the noxious weeds (Russian Knapweed, African Rue, Yellow Star Thistle, Purple Star Thistle, Malta Star Thistle and Camelthorn)*

### Mission of the Chaves Soil & Water Conservation District

*To promote conservation and responsible development of the natural resources in our District.*

### Federal/ State Funding & Agreements

- *Worked with BLM on agreements/grants for Noxious Weed.*
- *Worked with BLM on chemical application on Noxious Weeds.*
- *Hired BLM Contract Labor for Hand Application Spray for Salt Cedar.*
- *Hired BLM Contract Labor for Monitoring.*
- *Water Quality Grant to continue treatment of Russian Knapweed along Hagerman Canal and African Rue within Chaves & Hagerman/Dexter Districts.*
- *NFWF funding for wildlife fence implementation*

### Local Funding

- *8 completed cost-share projects \$44,885.93.00*
  - *Shade Balls, Solar Pump, Big Gun Sprinkler w/ Hose, Solid Set, 1100 ft pipeline, 1040 ft pipeline and 4 valves, Replaced Concrete Ditch w/ PVC, Brush/Mesquite approx. 30ac.*
- *10 Cooperators purchased \$14337.30 chemical for brush treatment of various brush control & noxious weed spraying projects*

### Community Collaboration & Coordination.

➤ <i>NRCS Local Workgroup meeting</i>	➤ <i>NRCS STC</i>
➤ <i>ENMSF Booth/Outreach</i>	➤ <i>Lesser Prairie Chicken w/ WLA</i>
➤ <i>RCPP Collaboration</i>	➤ <i>Drone Demonstration</i>

### Information & Education

➤ <i>ENMSF Booth/Outreach</i>	➤ <i>NM Hay Conference</i>
➤ <i>NMVMA</i>	➤ <i>QuickBooks &amp; DFA Trainings</i>
➤ <i>Pesticide Training</i>	➤ <i>Gateway School Demonstration</i>
➤ <i>Berrendo Middle School Outreach</i>	➤ <i>SWCD Day in Santa Fe</i>
➤ <i>CPO / Supervisor/ Grant Training(s)</i>	➤ <i>NMDA HSP/LOE Trainings</i>
➤ <i>4H/FFA Sponsorships</i>	➤ <i>NMYRMC Sponsorships</i>

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