

CARRIZOZO SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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ANNUAL REPORT – FISCAL YEAR **JULY 1, 2020 – JUNE 30, 2021**

The Carrizozo Soil and Water Conservation District abides by the New Mexico Association of Conservation District Act and by the Open Meetings Act. Programs and assistance are available to all people, without regard to race, color, sex or national origin, disability, political beliefs, and material or familial status.

The Board of Supervisors meets at 7:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the NRCS office, 307 Twelfth Street, in Carrizozo, New Mexico.

The District collects a tax of 1 mills from land owners who own land in the unincorporated areas of the District. This collection is used for conservation projects and practices, education, operational expenses, and salary for a Program Director.

Conservation cost-share projects include repair of diversions; stream bank protections; brush management and projects which meet NRCS standards and specifications such as fencing, wells, livestock and irrigation pipelines, land leveling, diversions, water storage facilities, solar pumps and drilling wells. Cooperators are entitled to 75% of the cost to complete their projects (up to \$7,000.00 per year). This year the district has contributed cost-share monies in the amount of \$39,242.76 to cooperators who requested assistance. And have 3 projects not completed yet. We have a budget of \$91,000 for cost share programs. We will pay 75% of all invoices up to \$7,000.00. Cooperators will be allowed to have more than one project during a fiscal year but their payment can never exceed the \$7,000 maximum payment. We are hoping by doing this we will be able to help more, of the smaller producers that are probably never going to qualify for a EQIP project.

Activities for the fiscal year included:

- Sale of Wildlife Escape Ramps to promote the compliance of Retrofit Watering through the CSP program and also providing safety to wildlife. This also fits the requirements through NRCS when a new drinker is installed.
- Sponsored the Corona Buyers Club, the Carrizozo Buyers, purchased 2 animals at the LCF, NM 4H and FFA state contest scholarship to winners of land contests, and NM Envirothon.
- Annual dues were paid to NMACD, NACD, and NMCDE.

- Kendal Wilson held Region 6 NMACD Chairman position and was also on the LANRAC for Lincoln County.
- The district continued to provide copies of the district's book, "Historic Changes in Woody Vegetation in Lincoln County, NM" at no charge. The book was written by Hollis Fuchs, shows the definitive encroachment of vegetation over the last 100 years.
- Melvin Johnson, board member sponsored an erosion workshop with the Quivara Coalition at his ranch.
- Members of the board attended the Joint Stockmans Conf., NM Cattle growers, and NMACD summer meetings.
- Sponsored Lincoln County Cooperative Weed Management Area and made commercial vinegar available to the public for safely controlling weeds in the area.
- Involvement in the planning and promoting of solar and wind energy.
- Lanelle Hopson, Program Director, participated in the NRCS office workload.

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