

2022-2023 Report of Accomplishments Deming Soil and Water Conservation District



Deming SWCD Annual Report- FY 2022-2023

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DEMING SOIL & WATER BOARD

Rick Holdridge, Chairman (12/2000-current)
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Jim Wood, Supervisor (02/2002-current)
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Jamie Viramontes, Supervisor (02/2020 – current)

Matt Wiseman, District Conservationist
Katherine Turner, Deming SWCD Administrative Assistant
Jamie Samples, Team Farm Bill

Mission of the Deming Soil and Water Conservation District

- *To provide leadership in conservation of water and all natural resources to preserve the cultural heritage and tax base for future generations.*

General Information for the Deming SWCD

- *The Deming SWCD regular meetings are on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:00 pm at the USDA building.*
- *Office hours are Monday thru Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.*

• Drip Tape Replacement Program

- *The Deming SWCD funding to complete a cost share program with local producers to replace aging drip tape. The district was able to fund 11 projects totaling \$300,000 to aid producers in replacing their aging systems.*

Tree Seedling Program

- *This program provides tree seedlings at a minimal cost to homeowners to plant for erosion control or for windbreaks. The District works with the New Mexico State Forestry Seedling Program.*

Local Funding –

Federal Range Improvement Funds (FRIF)

This local program provides 50% cost-share for rangeland improvements.

- *Completed and funded three projects for a total of \$35,000 in improvements and our total cost share amount was \$10,500.*
- *Received funding for 2022-2023 of \$6,500 dollars.*
- *Secured funding from the County for FY24.*



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Weed Grant

The Deming SWCD with the Cooperative Extension Service and Luna County received a grant for \$40,000 to treat African Rue. They ordered chemical and sprayed a large amount of acreage including roadways, ranches, farms and, public use areas such as the Luna County Fairgrounds. The District distributed chemical to the County, City and local ranchers and farmers. In May- June they will treat African Rue again and will treat it again in September. Additionally, a weed control contractor has been used to increase the coverage area.



African Rue

Community Collaboration & Coordination

- The District continued to take a leadership role in holding Local Work Group meetings to provide input for the local Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) activities and CSP.
- DSWCD in cooperation with the Luna County Cooperative Extension Service and Luna County received money to treat African Rue in Luna County.
- District applied for and received funding for the WQ&C grant to purchase chemicals to use in our integrated noxious weed program
- MOU's between NRCS, DSWCD and NMDA

Information & Education

- Rick Holdridge attended the Luna County Commissioner's meeting to encourage the continuation and expansion of the FRIF program and inform the commissioners of the conservation projects that have been completed in our district due to the program's funding.
- Katherine Turner and Dianna Peterson set up and oversaw the Rolling Rivers Trailer at the SWNM State Fair for Agtoberfest.
- The board has had members of the public attend monthly meetings in order to better inform them of the BLM's plans for the Starvation Draw Dams in our district.
- Local Work Group meeting was held at the La Fonda Restaurant and attended by three supervisors.
- All quarterly and annual tax and budget reports were filed with the appropriate agencies.
- Chemical was purchased and applied on African Rue in our district and a weed control contractor was utilized to spray many acres of African Rue and other invasive species of weeds approved by the BLM.
- Open Meetings Act Resolution was passed and signed.

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- *Deming SWCD applied for and received funding for a drip tape irrigation replacement program from the SWCC.*
- *Passed a resolution opposing the Starvation Draw Dam project.*

DEMING SWCD AWARDS



Members of the Luna County 4H were presented awards by the Deming SWCD for their excellent performances in the NM State 4H Contest.

They had winning teams and individuals in Agronomy and Wildlife.

NMACD Outstanding Land Stewardship Award

Deming SWCD nominated Cole Viramontes for the Outstanding Land Stewardship Award for the NMACD.