



San Francisco Soil and Water Conservation District

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Annual Report 2020/2021

The District Provided representation at the 2021 New Mexico legislative session, all of the monthly meetings of the New Mexico CAP Entity seeking additional water for southwestern New Mexico Counties, the regular meetings of the Border Conservation Districts, and the Southwestern New Mexico Council of Governments.

July- Howard attended meetings of the CAP Entity and participated in dispute resolution with the ISC.

August- Don continued to update and maintain the website. Howard engaged with attorneys regarding the conflict resolution between the ISC and CAP Entity.

September – Carolyn maintained her communication with the USFS regarding grassland restoration. Howard prepared a letter to the USFS regarding the Wild & Scenic River Designation. Haydn prepared to be a witness in a hearing opposing the designation of portions of the Gila and San Francisco rivers as Wild and Scenic Rivers.

October- Haydn gave testimony opposing the Wild and Scenic River designation. Haydn also worked on a grant for the upper Catwalk trail.

November- Haydn submitted a written notice of resignation from the board effective December 31, 2020. Carolyn addressed concerns about contract wording with the NRCS and continued to communicate with the USFS regarding grassland restoration.

December-Jan completed paperwork to move the District bank accounts to First State Bank in Reserve. Don Morris resigned from the board, but committed to train Annie on maintenance of the website. Haydn responded to newspaper articles and gave an interview to Kendra Chamberlin of the NM Political Report.

January- Howard worked with CAP Entity on the renewal of the Joint Powers Agreement. Jan continued to work with the bank to get the accounts set up, and Carolyn emailed the USFS regarding grassland restoration.

February- Carolyn attended NACD meetings via Zoom. Howard also attended the NACD meetings, as well as completed the Capital Outlay Request for the masticator. Howard worked on the Mexican Wolf environmental impact statement.

March- Howard attended virtual meetings for the legislative session, as well as helping host lunches at a condominium in Santa Fe so that he could have more meaningful contact with representatives.

April-Bill Powell and Brent Laney were appointed to the board by the SWCC.

June- Carolyn has been circulating a petition to remove junipers and restore the grassland. She has met with Forester about the project, and will begin educating 4-H members about healthy soils this month. Jan and Brent are both working on project applications for water conservation and erosion control.