



Southwest Quay Soil & Water Conservation District

3551 CR 14, MELROSE, NM 88124

2020-2021 Report of Activities

Board and Mission

Southwest Quay Soil and Water Conservation works with producers in the area to safeguard and enhance soils in our district. We are committed to promoting soil health through outreach, research, and support to our local producers. We encourage and educate current farmers and ranchers as well as up-coming farmers and ranchers about the many ways to preserve the land.

We also work with the producers to improve and protect our water resources. We advise land owners on nutrient management strategies and erosion prevention practices. We make sure land owners have the proper tools they need to protect water from sediment runoff, nutrients and other contaminants. With our area being in a drought, we work with stakeholders in managing water quantity to help ensure a sufficient supply exists to meet a variety of needs. We work to prevent and mitigate the effects of drought.

We take great pride in our land and the resources in it. We love to work with the producers in helping them get the most they can out of their land and water. We do the best we can to meet the needs of all the producers and encourage them to reach out to us to let us know what we can do for them.

Your District Board Members include:

Chairman-Lisa Runyan
Vice Chair- Clyde Moon
Sec/trea- Cedar Rush
Supervisor- Kandy Hutchins

Supervisor-Jovani Armendariz
Supervisor- Tom Sidwell
Supervisor- Kole Tatum
District Manager- Lynnae Abarca

Funding

SW Quay SWCD receives a majority of their funding from the state legislation using the Point System. We also are set up to receive a 5% administrative fee for being the eligible entity for the Healthy Soil Grant for grant winner Randall Rush.

This year SW Quay SWCD has also started sending out quarterly newsletters. These newsletters have been great for staying in touch with the producers and what they want to see from us. They have also been great for being able to inform the producers on everything that we have to offer.

Awards

We work yearly with other districts in the state to be able to award kids that participate in FFA and 4-H judging contests. These contest this year include land, range, agronomy, homesite, and forestry. Through help from other districts we were able to fund the first place team as well as the first second and third place individuals in these contests.

We were happy to award Stoney Price, a young individual in our district, with the opportunity to attend Ranch Management Camp hosted this last June by the Extension specialists, County Extension agents and members of the ranching industry. This camp helps individuals learn about the many aspects of camping as well as gain great hands on experience.

