

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST SWCD REPORT

March 15, 2018

Coronado SWCD Board Meeting -9 am

TEAM 2 Program Updates:

Team 2 - Local EQIP 2018

Team 2 has received a total of 51 applications: 11 applications in Albuquerque 19 applications in Los Lunas, 21 in Cuba FO and 1 RCPP application (North Central Restoration fund).

Staff and I are busy completing site visit to determine project cost estimates and determine resource concerns being met. This is high priority for all the field offices until applications are obligated which is June 15, 2018.

- **60 EQIP Active contracts for Team 2 that we are still servicing until they are completed.**

RCPP (Regional Conservation Partnership Program)

2018 RCPP – 2 proposals were selected for funding. We are beginning to write the agreements and negotiate deliverables

1. NFWF Pecos Partnership
2. North Central NM Watershed Restoration Project

2017 RCPP – 3 signed agreements. Deadline for sign up was December 15, 2017

1. Range & Forest Soil Health
2. Canadian River
3. North Central NM Watershed Restoration Project
4. Acequia
5. San Juan/Rio Chama
- 6.

NRCS Staffing Updates:

NRCS New Mexico currently has **44 vacant positions statewide** as follows:

- State Office – 6
- North Area Office – 3
- Team 1 – 4
- Team 2 – 3
- Team 3 – 3
- Team 5 – 4
- Team 6 – 1
- South Area Office – 6
- Team 7 – 1
- Team 8 – 2
- Team 9 – 2
- Team 10 – 7
- Team 11 – 2

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- Currently 4 positions statewide will be filled by the end of the year:
2-District Conservationist positions, 1-State Engineer Position, 1-Soil Conservationist positions in Carlsbad
- 2 Farm Bill Archeologist positions were outsourced through NMACD.
- A South Area Admin. Assistant and a State Conservationist Admin. Assistant were also hired this week.

CWA-Cooperative Working Agreement (attachment)

Please review the CWA. If you have any questions please contact me. If you do not have any questions please have the Chair sign and return to me. Nothing has changed it's the same CWA we've been using for years. There is talk of updating this agreement in the future.

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