

# DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST SWCD REPORT

September 21, 2017  
Coronado SWCD Board Meeting  
9 am

## Local Work Group for EQIP FY 2018

Completed all of my Local Work Group sessions. No major changes, a few changes were made on type of resource concerns to address. I will need to draft the final proposal for my State Conservationist and Program Managers to review.

**FIELD OFFICE MOVE** - NRCS Area Office and Albuquerque Field Office/ Ciudad SWCD are now located at 100 Sun Avenue, Suite 160. Phone numbers have not changed only the address. State Office moved several weeks ago and are also located at 100 Sun Place on 6<sup>th</sup> floor.

## Program Update

**CSP 2017 Applications** – Completed obligation of two (2) CSP applications. This required completing field verifications on acres being enrolled and determining contract amounts being received for these enchantments, and developing conservation plans and contracts.

**Active CSP Contracts** – CSP documents due end of September, staff contacting clients to make sure they submit their documents so they can be issued a payment before the end of the year.

## EQIP 2017

Field Offices have completed obligating funds for 2017 EQIP and other program initiatives. Team 2 has allocated the following funds:

Cuba FO - \$365,723

Albuquerque - \$301,127

Los Lunas FO - \$414,462

## **Allocations by Fund Code (Local EQIP and Initiatives):**

Team 2 – Grazed Lands - \$272,928

Team 2 – Irrigated Crop - \$281,236

Team 2- Forest – 28,713

FY 2017 Organic Transition: (Albq.) \$29,217 (LosLunas) \$25,289

North Area Tribal Irrigation Crop Team 2 - \$134,524

High Tunnel Initiative (BFR) - \$76,466

NM (BFR) Forest - \$115,628

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## Field Office Workload

- Staff is busy working on job sheets/designs/cultural resource inventories on the EQIP 2017 and completing check-outs and certifying practices for payments on older contracts.
- Spot checks for FY2017 coming up in October.
- CSP payments due by end of year.
- Staff Performance Reviews due end of October.

**EQIP 2018** - Receiving request for 2018 EQIP along with several technical assistance request from all the offices. Have over 80~ technical assistance request so far for all of Team 2. Deadline for EQIP 2018 is December 22, 2017.

## Staffing Updates:

- Luz Wanstall – New Team 2 Farm bill Specialist, her starting date is August 21.
- Soil Conservationist for Albuquerque FO has resigned effective August 18. No talk of filling this position at this time. Well determine what our Agency budget is for the year.
- Staff Numbers: 1-Resource Conservationist in Cuba, 1-Soil Conservationist Technician in Albuquerque, 1-Soil Conservationist in Los Lunas, 1-Farm Bill Specialist in Los Lunas, and District Conservationist for Team 2(Los Lunas, Cuba, and Albuquerque).

## Farm Innovation Conference Update

Valencia SWCD and NRCS are hosting a Farm Innovation Conference on December 6<sup>th</sup>, location TBA, @ 8 to 3:30pm. All district supervisors and managers are invited to attend. More information forthcoming. **Mark you calendars.**

## Activities/Events

- I will be attending the NMACD 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference October 23-25<sup>th</sup>, 2017, located in Taos NM this year.
- North Area All Employee meeting will be held 18-22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017, held at Buffalo Thunder. All the field offices in the North will be attending.
- DC will be on leave September 20-26<sup>th</sup>.
- Staff participated in the Valencia and Cuba County Fairs and distributed program information.

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