

East Cassia Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The East Cassia Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in September of 1956 to provide voluntary land and water conservation technical and financial assistance to landowners and users in the eastern half of Cassia County.

Mission (or Function):

- Set high standards for conservation of natural resources.
- Educate both youth and adults in conservation practices and needs.
- Encourage cooperation among landowners, government agencies, private organizations, etc. to accomplish conservation goals.
- Carry out a well-balanced resource conservation program focused around soil erosion, water management improvements and reduction of flood damages on the Raft River.

FY 2013 Accomplishments:

- Participated in a BPA/High Country RC&D Ag Energy Efficiency Program with two local utility companies: South Side Electric and United Electric. Energy Audits were conducted to promote energy and water savings.
- Worked in partnership with NRCS and the Conservation Commission to conduct a CCPI project, focusing on Nutrient and Irrigation Water Management.
- Conducted local outreach efforts, including a local fair booth and participation in the Land and Soil Evaluation Event.



Future Plans and Projects:

- Purchase a no-till drill to lease to local landowners. This will be a joint project with West Cassia and Minidoka districts.
- Continued partnership with NRCS and the Conservation Commission to promote the CCPI Nutrient and Irrigation Water Management program available to landowners. 2014 will be the final year for this project.
- Hold an annual tree sale in the spring, selling seedling trees to the community and educating landowners on the benefits of windbreaks.

FY 2013 District Funding:

Base Allocation	\$	8,500
Local Funding	\$	2,500
State Match	\$	<u>3,420</u>
	\$	14,420

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District Documents

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