

Twin Falls SWCD Request for Technical Assistance for Soil Health Initiative

The Twin Falls SWCD is interested in helping correlate a new soil test that tracks microbial activity with traditional soil tests in Twin Falls County. To accomplish this, the district would like to take soil tests from cooperators fields and send those samples to Rick Haney at the Agriculture Research Service in Temple, Texas, for analysis using Haney's method.

The District will work with cooperators in the Multi-Species Cover Crop Demonstration Project to ensure samples are taken from the areas where the cover crop is planted and from non-cover crop portion of the field to see what impact the cover crop may have on soil quality.

Twin Falls SWCD is requesting 30 hours of technical assistance from to collect 6-inch soil samples from willing cooperators in March of 2015. The samples must be collected 3 to 4 weeks before fertilizer is applied in the spring.

Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission employees will work with the Twin Falls NRCS field office to identify willing cooperators, collect the samples and ensure the date from the samples is shared with both the district and the landowner and/or operator.

Information about this project will be shared through the district newsletter and the newly revamped district website (coming soon thanks to a capacity building grant from the ISWCC).

**IDAHO SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE
CERTIFICATION**

DISTRICT: **Twin Falls SWCD**

Project or Activity Name: **Soil health**

FOR FISCAL YEAR: **2015**

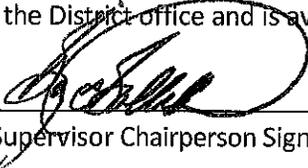
Hours of Assistance Requested:
30

Due: **March 31, 2014**

CERTIFICATION

By concurrence of a majority of the supervisors of the district board and the above name conservation district certifies that attached Request for Assistance is true and accurate, and further submits said Report for the above named District and fiscal year.

A copy of this Request for Assistance and supporting documents shall be kept at the District office and is available for public inspection.



Board Supervisor Chairperson Signature

Barry Bollwinkel

Printed Name

March 12, 2014

Date

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DATE OF CONFIRMATION:

Twin Falls SWCD Request for Technical Assistance for Twin Falls Nitrate CCPI

The Twin Falls SWCD is entering the third year of administering the Twin Falls Nitrate Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative. Participants in this project utilize more intensive crop nutrient and water management practices to to prevent leaching and protect groundwater sources. This project was initially submitted by Jordan Tollefson, while he was with the Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission, with the understanding that ISWCC would provide the bulk of technical assistance on this project.

Seven cooperators have enrolled 1,904 acres across Twin Falls County. While the enrollment period has passed, Twin Falls SWCD must collect information from the two cooperators representing 332 acres that are enrolled within the district regarding their fertility (both in terms of commercial fertilizer and manure or compost) and irrigation water management practices. Soil tests and records of irrigation scheduling are also needed.

The Twin Falls SWCD is requesting 80 hours of technical assistance from ISWCC to collect the needed information from the cooperators and to help them fine-tune any plans written as part of this project to reflect changes in water supply or crop rotation. They will coordinate their efforts with the Twin Falls NRCS field office and provide the needed data with the NRCS staff.

The district will share success stories from the project in future district newsletters in an effort to encourage other land operators to adopt more intensive management practices.

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**REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE
CERTIFICATION**

DISTRICT: **Twin Falls SWCD**

Project or Activity Name: **Twin Falls Nitrate CCPI**

FOR FISCAL YEAR: **2015**

Hours of Assistance Requested:
80

Due: **March 31, 2014**

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