

Payette Soil and Water Conservation District Fact Sheet

General Information: The Payette Soil and Water Conservation District was organized in 1958. The district contains 259,130 acres, of which 147,014 acres are in farmland. Soil erosion associated with irrigation continues to be the main natural resource concern. They continue to provide technical, financial and educational resources to the landowners of the Payette SWCD in an effort to meet their conservation needs in soil, water, and other resources.

Mission (or Function):

- Educate the public, teachers, and students about natural resources conservation.
- Increase public awareness of the importance of conserving their natural resources.
- Meet state water quality rules, regulation, and requirements.
- Work with cooperators to plan and implement BMPs to conserve Soil and Water.

FY 2014 Accomplishments:

- Organized the 5th annual educational program in conjunction with the Treasure Valley Agricultural Show that included a program explaining soil health principles.
- Little Willow Creek TMDL was completed.
- Administration of a 319 grant for the Lower Payette Ditch Company, including explaining the grant program, assisting landowners in applying for assistance, ranking projects and providing technical assistance, and one project was completed.
- Supervisors attended the Idaho Center for Sustainable Agriculture symposium in Nampa.

Future Plans and Projects

- Continue to provide landowner and entities in Payette County with projects to improve water quality in the TMDL-listed Payette and Snake Rivers and their tributaries.
- Administer 319 Grant Middle Snake-Payette Clean Water Project phase 2.
- Organize and present the 6th annual Soil Health Symposium and continue educational programs and outreach.



**319 project –
Sediment pond on Howard Rynearson property**

FY 2014 District Funding:

State Funding	\$ 16,822
County Funding	\$ 2,500
City of Payette	\$ 1,000
City of New Plymouth	\$ 600
Total	\$ 20,922