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Valley SWCD Board Meetings: First Thursday

### Top 5 Priorities

1. Water Quality
2. Riparian
3. Traditional Agriculture:
  - \*Pasture and Hayland Management
  - \*Irrigated and Non Irrigated Cropland
4. Woodland
5. Fish and Wildlife

### FY2014 Revenue

State Funding	\$46,539.36
County (In Kind \$20,124 + \$6,500 Cash)	\$26,624.00
319 Grant (BMP Landowner Payments)	<u>\$10,334.84</u>
<b>Total District Revenue Funds</b>	<b>\$83,498.20</b>
NRCS-Farm Bill Program Funds	\$ 18,000.00
Landowner & Volunteer Share	10,496.10
Technical Assistance	<u>12,541.17</u>
	\$ 41,037.27
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$124,535.47</b>

**FY2014 Valley SWCD 319 Grant Water Quality Restoration Project provided a great opportunity to continue efforts to improve water quality while integrating watershed stewardship and education by incorporating a diverse group of stakeholders, volunteers and partners in restoration projects to ultimately decrease sediment and nutrients to the North Fork Payette River Watershed.**

The Valley SWCD is partnering with Idaho Fish and Game volunteer crew, Trout Unlimited, Donnelly Elementary School 5<sup>th</sup> grade class, Positive Outdoor Teen Service (POTS), Cascade High School, Valley County, City of Donnelly, City of Cascade and landowners throughout the watershed.

**The North Fork of the Payette River is the highest load contributor of phosphorus, comprising 46% of the inflow, into Cascade Reservoir (Lake Cascade).**

Our current 319 grant incorporates Best Management Practices (BMPs) helping meet sediment reduction goals of the Cascade Reservoir and North Fork River TMDLs **and allows continued watershed wide implementation on agricultural, forested and urban/suburban lands.**



Deep planting of willows



Gold Fork River stream bank needing bioengineering treatments to stabilize bank and reduce sediment.

**Landowners, local governments, local groups, state and federal entities, volunteers, along with our Natural Resources Conservation Service and Idaho Soil and Water Conservation Commission partnerships for technical and engineering assistance play a key role in getting more sediment reducing BMP projects on the ground to treat additional watershed acres by stretching available funding dollars.**

# Valley Soil and Water Conservation District

## Outreach/Education

**Valley SWCD targeted Valley County forestry landowners through a special mailing** in an effort to promote healthier, more productive forests that resist insects, disease and wildfires including information on the May 2014 Forestry Stewardship Workshop and Tour held in McCall. Mailing also provided forestry landowners information on technical and financial assistance through such programs as Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) through the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). The EQIP program is a great tool to get conservation on the ground. The voluntary, incentive based approach benefits private landowners and helps conserve our natural resources for years to come.

## Outreach/Education (Additional)

- Provided plants for 2 Firewise Gardens
- Valley County weed bio-control assistance
- Sponsored four-day Outdoor Educational Workshop through University of Idaho – McCall Outdoor Science School (MOSS) for all fifth graders in McCall, Donnelly and Cascade schools.



Local 5<sup>th</sup> grade students collect data from Boulder Creek with the help of University of Idaho – McCall Outdoor Science School (MOSS) graduate students

## Potential Future Projects

Boulder Creek and Gold Fork River Subwatershed landowners have expressed interest to stabilize stream banks with a combination of bioengineering improvement treatments. The District is seeking a second 319 Grant to help leverage in-kind funding, USDA Farm Bill cost share programs and additional funds, e.g. a Wells Fargo Environmental Solutions Grant.

Also this last summer a preliminary survey and cost estimates were developed by NRCS technical staff for planning purposes on behalf of the Valley SWCD and Irrigation District for a potential \$700,000 project to improve water efficiency by replacing several miles of open ditches with pipeline. ***Efforts continue in seeking grant and funding sources for projects like this one as well as other conservation and water quality projects.***

## Co-Sponsored

- Payette National Children’s Forest Program July 2014 Field Day to utilize our local National Forests for youth outdoor education to promote wise use of our natural resources.
- Tree seedlings for local 5<sup>th</sup> in recognition of Arbor Day
- 2014 Idaho Sustainable Agricultural Symposium

## Valley SWCD 2014 Board of Supervisors & Staff

Tim Hart	Chairman
Paul Kleint	Vice Chairman
Art Troutner	Secretary/Treasurer
Catrinca Them	Supervisor
Justin Florence	Supervisor
Kay Coski	District Manager

***Valley SWCD encourages cooperation among landowners, government agencies, private organizations and elected officials to improve our natural resources thereby ensuring an adequate natural resources base for present and future generations. We believe that knowledge, peer involvement, cooperation and incentives are the best methods to improve soil and water resources.***

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PERFORMANCE  
REPORT  
CERTIFICATION

DISTRICT: Valley Soil & Water  
Conservation District

FOR YEAR: FY 2014  
7/1/13 - 6/30/14

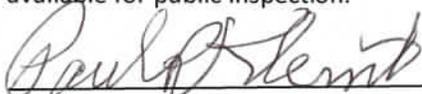
DUE :

December 20, 2014

**CERTIFICATION**

On behalf of my local Board of Supervisors, I hereby certify that the attached Performance Report is true and accurate, and further submit said Report for the above named District and fiscal year.

A copy of this Performance Report shall be kept at the District office and is available for public inspection.



Board Supervisor Signature

Paul R. Kleint

Printed Name

12/18/14

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