

# East Cassia Soil and Water Conservation District 2018 Fact Sheet

## General Information

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

## Mission

- To encourage responsible natural resource management and to implement conservation goals which improve air, soil, and water quality while improving wildlife habitat.
- Educate both youth and adults in conservation practices and needs.

## Location

The east portion of Cassia County, in south central Idaho.

## Legislative District 27

## FY 2018 Accomplishments

- Along with Minidoka and West Cassia SWCDs, sold 2,500 tree seedlings of 11 different varieties, to the public. Income is used to fund scholarships and the speech and poster contests.
- Partnered with West Cassia and Minidoka districts to make no-till drills available to producers. The Cassia drill was rented to 13 producers for use on 789 acres.
- Sponsored the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Soil Health Workshop. Presenters included Gabe Brown, Marlon Winger, Shane Holt, and Brian Kossman.
- Provided donations to the State and National Envirothons, Poster and Speech Contests, and scholarships to five students to attend the Know Your Government event.

## FY 2018 Accomplishments (Continued)

- Staff and Supervisors attended Division and State IASCD Conferences. All district financial information and documents are now available to the public.
- Sponsored the Awards Banquet and the Summer Picnic in partnership with West Cassia and Minidoka Districts.

## Future Plans and Projects:

- Continue to provide scholarships for students to participate in field days, seminars, and college.
- Continue to promote soil health by educating agricultural producers on how no-till and cover crops offer benefits to productivity, economic yields, and the sustainability of their agricultural operations.



Brian Kossman and Gabe Brown

## FY 2018 Funds

|                        |                     |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>State</b>           | <b>\$ 17,651.11</b> |
| County                 | \$ 5,000.00         |
| Tree Sale              | \$ 1,759.67         |
| Administrative Revenue | \$ 375.00           |
| Other Income           | \$ 1,154.84         |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>\$ 25,940.62</b> |

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