



IDAHO SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING NOTICE & AGENDA

Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission

May 20, 2021, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. MT

Location: Idaho Water Center, 322 E Front St, Suite 560, Conference Room, Boise

TELECONFERENCE # 1-877-820-7831 Passcode: 922837

[ZOOM Meeting Link](#)

Zoom Meeting ID: 924 3098 5045 Zoom Password: 919737

*In order to ensure compliance with social distancing requirements at the meeting, we ask that any person planning on attending the meeting in person provide forty-eight (48) hour notice to Crystal Rosen at (208) 332-1790. Pursuant to the city of Boise's Public Health Emergency Order 20-16, persons attending the meeting in person are required to wear face covering that completely cover their nose and mouth.

Members of the public may address any item on the Agenda during consideration of that item. Those wishing to comment on any agenda item are requested to so indicate on the sign-in sheet in advance. Copies of agenda items, staff reports and/or written documentation relating to items of business on the agenda are on file in the office of the Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission in Boise. Upon request, copies can be emailed and will also be available for review at the meeting.

The Commission will occasionally convene in Executive Session, pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1). Executive Session is closed to the public.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT COMPLIANCE

The meeting will be held in facilities that meet the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you require special accommodations to attend, participate in, or understand the meeting, please contact the Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission at (208) 332-1790 or Info@swc.idaho.gov so advance arrangements can be made.

	1.	WELCOME, SELF-INTRODUCTIONS, AND ROLL CALL	Chairman Wright
	2.	PARTNER REPORTS (information only)	
*	3.	AGENDA REVIEW (potential action item) The Agenda may be amended by formal Board action, if necessary, at the meeting. If so, a motion that states the reason for the amendment and the good faith reason the item was not included in the original agenda will be made and approved by the Board.	Chairman Wright
NON-ACTION ITEMS			
#	4.	ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT <ul style="list-style-type: none">ActivitiesResignation June 11, 2021Updated Meeting Schedule for FY 2021 ACTION: None, for information only.	Murrison

(*) Action Item

(#) Attachment

ACTION: Staff recommended action for Commission consideration

Thursday, May 20, 2021 Meeting Agenda

Date of Notice: May 14, 2021

#	5.	RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND RANGELAND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM STUDY <u>ACTION:</u> None, for information only.	Hoebelheinrich
	6.	REPORTS <i>Commissioners and staff only, no discussion</i> <u>ACTION:</u> None, for information only.	Commissioners, Staff
ACTION ITEMS			
*	7.	DISTRICT SUPPORT SERVICES UPDATE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> District Trustee and Benefits Outreach Effort Update Eastern Idaho Engineer Hiring Update Distribution of Withheld Trustee and Benefit Funds District Budget Hearing in June <u>ACTION:</u> For consideration and possible action	Trefz
*#	8.	MINUTES <ol style="list-style-type: none"> April 15, 2021 <u>ACTION:</u> Approve.	Chairman Wright
*#	9.	FINANCIAL REPORTS <ol style="list-style-type: none"> April 30, 2021 <u>ACTION:</u> Approve.	Misnick
*	10.	PROPOSED FY 2022 BUDGET BLUEPRINT <u>ACTION:</u> Approve	Misnick
ADJOURN <i>The next Regular Commission Meeting will be on June 10, 2021, at 10:00 AM MT in Boise, Idaho.</i>			

(*) Action Item

(#) Attachment

ACTION: Staff recommended action for Commission consideration

Thursday, May 20, 2021 Meeting Agenda

Date of Notice: May 14, 2021



**SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION
COMMISSION**

H. Norman Wright
Chairman

Cathy Roemer
Vice Chairman

Erik Olson
Secretary

Gerald Trebesch
Commissioner

Wendy Pratt
Commissioner

Teri Murrison
Administrator

MEMO

**TO: CHAIRMAN WRIGHT AND COMMISSIONERS
ROEMER, OLSON, TREBESCH, AND PRATT**
FROM: TERI MURRISON, ADMINISTRATOR
DATE: MAY 12, 2021
RE: ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

ACTIVITIES

- Received National Association of State Conservation Agencies' 2020 Annual Report (see attached). The Commission is an active, dues paying member of NASCA.
- Attended meeting with State Controller's LUMA transition team (new fiscal and personnel management online system)
- Chaired Rinker Rock Creek Ranch Advisory Strategic Committee meeting
- Idaho CREP Appropriation meeting with attorneys, staff, and Governor's Office
- Attended Idaho Environmental Forum Board meeting
- Attended bi-weekly COVID-19 HR Leadership/Director's Call, ISWCC Leadership Team meetings
- Attended virtual Division 1 meeting, Twin Falls SWCD meeting
- Submitted FY 2021/22 CEC Plan and Updated Policy
- Attended Idaho Coalition of Land Trusts Annual Meeting to hear private land conservation's role discussion on 30x30 Plan of the Biden Administration, will attend American Farmland Trust's National Initiatives Roundtable the day of your meeting

RESIGNATION JUNE 11, 2021

Although you have been aware and we have been planning for this for some time, this serves as my formal resignation as Administrator for the Commission effective June 11, 2021, just days past my 10-year anniversary with the State of Idaho.

I carry some great memories of working with and for you. You are dedicated and hardworking volunteers who have made hard decisions and given significantly of your time and efforts to help us be the best we can be. Leaving is bittersweet for me in that I love the work we do, our staff, the partners, and believe strongly in our mission. Every member of your Board has contributed to making this a fulfilling job. Rich and I do not intend to leave the area, so I hope to pop in now and then to hear how things are going.

Although your Board has statutory authority to hire and delegate authority to an administrator, the Governor's Office and DHR will also be involved. Chairman Norman Wright, Vice Chair Cathy Roemer, Nate Fisher, our DHR analyst Haley Westenskow, and I are meeting in person to chart a course for your search for the next Commission Administrator. Chairman Wright will provide a verbal update at your meeting.

During the transition time, I recommend your Board considers extending an offer to Delwyne Trefz, Deputy Administrator, to assume an Acting Administrator role effective June 14, 2021 with all delegated authorities to be granted on a temporary basis at the June 10th meeting. Delwyne has been prepared to assume that role and can provide continuity during the transition period.

MEETING SCHEDULE FOR FY 2021

Date & Time	Meeting, Teleconference to be held	Meeting Type*
Jun. 10, 2021, 10-3, MT**	Regular meeting, 322 E. Front Street, Suite 560, Boise	IN PERSON (Video Conf. via Zoom, teleconference also)

**While the last meeting of FY 2021 is scheduled to be held in person in Boise, it will also be conducted via video and teleconference for the benefit of those wishing to participate from outside the area.*

***By statute, the Board is required to meet on or before June 15th to hear District Budget Requests.*

RECOMMENDED ACTION: For information only

[Back to Agenda](#)

National Association of State Conservation Agencies

Annual Report
2020



PO Box 5
Hartly, DE
19953

(T) 302 270 8624
www.nascanet.org

A message from the President

Kent Zimmerman - Nebraska



There's not much I can say about 2020 that hasn't already been said by all of us.

This has been the first worldwide pandemic in a hundred years, and I'll be perfectly satisfied if we don't see another one for at least another hundred years! The good news is that thus far only ~82 million people have been infected with COVID-19, compared to 500 million infected with H1N1 in 1918-1919. The bad news is that that's still 82 million too many!

It's been a year when too many people lost loved ones, and even those infected who didn't succumb to the virus experienced terrible discomfort. Countless businesses were forced to close their doors, and even entire industries were brought to their knees. Through it all, our conservation delivery system found ways to carry on. Make no mistake, we had to find new ways to conduct business. Our state conservation agencies closed offices or worked with skeleton crews, while many employees worked from home. Many conservation districts closed office doors to the public, and similarly worked remotely or with skeleton crews. However, we never stopped putting conservation on the ground.

I miss shaking a colleague's hand, and I miss hugging dear friends. I miss the comradery I always enjoy when surrounded by my fellow NASCA members. We have learned to work in "distanced mode", with Webex, Zoom, and Microsoft Teams suddenly becoming the means by which we put our heads together. Even our 2020 annual meeting was held virtually. It just isn't the same as being face to face, and while I am eager to get back to enjoying each other's company, I applaud the effort of our members and partners to utilize these technologies to get the job done while keeping each other safe. I am amazed at how quickly we adjusted to this "new normal", all in the name of serving our cooperators across this country.

Despite the hardships of the year, our organization did more than merely survive; we flourished! A handful of states engaged for the first time, which continues to make our organization stronger. Our members continue to pull together by whatever means are available to help each other across state lines. That spirit of comradery and willingness to help one another is what has most drawn me to NASCA over the years. NASCA members showed a lot of heart in 2020, and I am optimistic that 2021 will bring some relief from this pandemic and some of life as we've known it can be restored. Until then, stay strong, safe, and healthy, and keep doing what you are doing. The future of our precious natural resources depends on the good work we do today!

Kent Zimmerman
NASCA President

Influence and Education

Through unprecedented partisanship in Washington DC in recent years, NASCA remains the unified voice for its members in our nation's capital. Through it all, conservation has fared pretty well, as our message gains traction on both sides of the aisle. That doesn't mean that there haven't been challenges. For instance, the launch of the FPAC Business Center created new hurdles for the conservation partnership in every state. For instance, the business center mandated the updating of many new state level MOAs, a process that has been fraught with confusion and inconsistencies. We have worked with our partners to streamline the guidance for this process, and we continue to serve as a direct conduit to NRCS leadership on this issue.

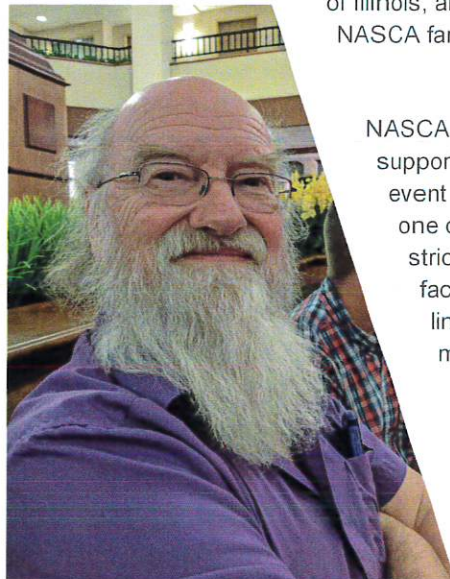
The NASCA Policy Committee drafted two resolutions that were endorsed by the Board of Directors in 2020. The first addressed the changes the 2018 Farm Bill made to the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). NASCA has shared the concerns named in this resolution with the leaders of the other members of the NCP. The second resolution of the year addressed working lands resiliency. This resolution is particularly timely, as the incoming Biden administration promises to place a greater focus on climate issues. Both of these resolutions are available on the NASCA website at <http://www.nascanet.org/about-us/policies/>.





Membership Development

At least five state conservation agencies welcomed new leaders this year. Perhaps the most notable change occurred in Louisiana, where Joey Breaux took the reins following the retirement of Brad Spicer, who worked in conservation for over 50 years. Other members who assumed new leadership positions in 2020 were Aaron Field of North Dakota, Zachary Ormsby of Nevada, Brian Rennecker of Illinois, and Andrew Lyon of Kansas. Welcome to the NASCA family!



NASCA created a new budget line in 2020 to help support regional NASCA meetings, like the annual event hosted by our North Central region. However, one of the effects of the global pandemic was strict travel limitations, and discontinuance of face to face meetings. However, this budget line remains in place and we hope regional meetings will resume in the coming year.

These same restrictions prevented our planned annual meeting in Spokane, Washington. We were able to conduct the annual meeting virtually on the planned dates (October 5-7, 2020). Thanks to the members and partners who contributed to the success of the meeting. We plan to get back together in Spokane October 4-6, 2021. Mark your calendars!



Some of our newer members may wonder what value NASCA provides to its membership. See what members are saying at nascanet.org/about-us/benefits

Training

NASCA's planned face to face training activities were obviously interrupted in 2020 due to travel restrictions associated with COVID. For instance, Executive Director Mike Brown was scheduled to facilitate a strategic planning exercise for the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources in March. As the pandemic broke, this effort was put on hold. We are hopeful that we can re-schedule the effort in 2021.

Nonetheless, we were able to continue to focus on training efforts during the year. Early in 2020, NASCA members reported a number of difficulties encountered in an attempt to use USDA's AgLearn system. NASCA provided comments to USDA, and actions were taken to correct the issues. We are pleased to see improvements across the board with AgLearn. NASCA also provided three days of virtual training October 5-7. This State Staff Training Session, produced as part of the NASCA annual meeting, featured a number of NASCA members sharing experiences, methodologies, and innovations used to more effectively deliver conservation.

The 2020 NASCA Policy Committee also took the opportunity to develop district official training module focused on risk management. Final formatting will be completed in early 2021 for this training module, which will be publicly available in the spring of 2021.



Information Exchange

One of the greatest strengths of our organization is the opportunities it provides our members to exchange ideas with their peers. NASCA continues to provide these opportunities in a number of ways.



NASCA Winter Meeting Las Vegas - NV

Member interaction is one of the core strength's of our organization, and NASCA continued to successfully bring its members together in 2020. Fortunately, we were able to bring members together in Las Vegas at our winter meeting just weeks before COVID-19 brought travel and face to face interaction to a grinding halt. This meeting always provides a forum to discuss current issues affecting conservation across the country as well as get updates from our core partners. As the year progressed, the annual NASCA Board of Directors' meeting was cancelled, as was our face to face Annual Meeting. However, we were grateful for the overwhelming turnout of our membership during our first ever virtual annual meeting in October.



Online Everywhere!

NASCA provided three informational webinars during the year. The first aired on March 20 and focused on staff training, orientation, and mentoring. The next webinar focused on ways of dealing with the pandemic, with members sharing tips and methodologies in delivering conservation with minimal human interaction. This webinar took place on May 6, during the early days of the pandemic. The third NASCA webinar of 2020 featured former NRCS Chief Matt Lohr and professional speaker Randy Frazier. These gentlemen shared their secrets on effective public speaking techniques on September 15 to a record attendance for NASCA webinars.

NASCA  National Association of
State Conservation Agencies

January 29, 2021

Mike's Monthly Missive

The latest news from NASCA
and other things that make you go "mmm"

Mike's Missives

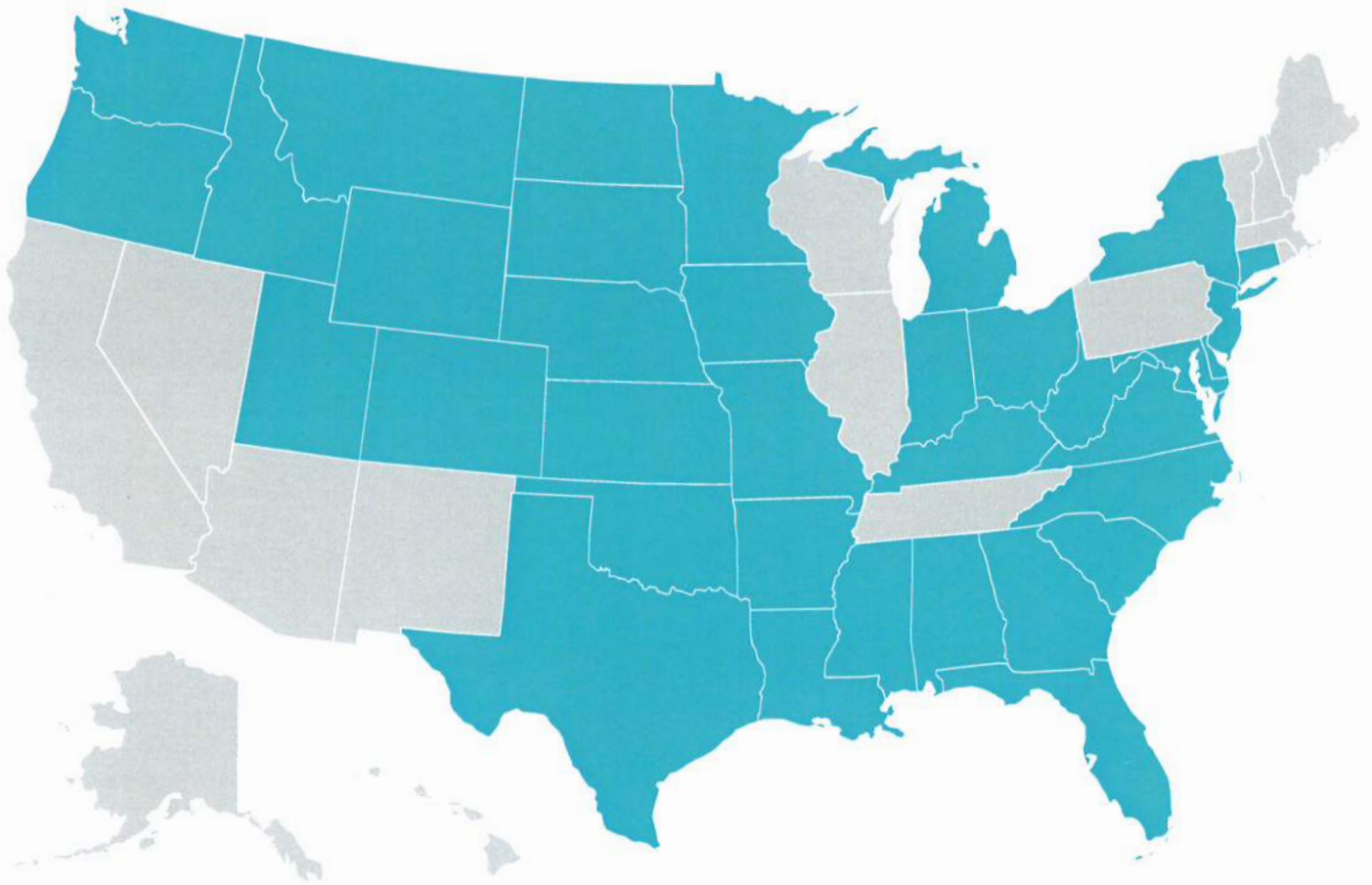
Finally, NASCA kept members updated throughout the year through Mike's Monthly Missives, a monthly update to all members. This outreach channel shares our Executive Director's experiences as they occur throughout the year, is widely read, and is well-received.

[Back to Memo](#)

Administration and Finances

NASCA's financial position remains strong under the financial management of Treasurer Brian Farkas of West Virginia. NASCA closes calendar year 2020 with assets in excess of \$1.5 million, the strongest financial position of our history. While the pandemic limited some of the organization's activities, particularly those involving travel costs for staff and members, it had the effect of reducing operational spending.

2020 also saw record dues collection for the organization, indicating the greatest engagement of membership to date. NASCA is grateful for its annual contribution agreement with NRCS, which helps us further leverage dues funding collected.



Budget vs Actual Expenses

2020 Actual

2020 Budget

2021 Budget

Total Income	\$171,203.64	\$199,000.00	\$199,250.00
Operational Costs	\$16,236.84	\$69,000.00	\$69,250.00
Contractor Costs	\$113,609.55	\$130,000.00	\$130,000.00



Partnering

NASCA exhibited a strong position of leadership and support for its partners in 2020. President Kent Zimmerman represented our membership at several meetings of the National Conservation Partnership (NCP), and chaired the December meeting of this group. Kent also spoke to the leadership of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD), the National Conservation District Employees' Association (NCDEA), and the National Association of RC&D Councils (NARCC&DC) at the NACD Annual Meeting in Las Vegas. Additionally, a number of NASCA members serve in an advisory role to the various NACD committees and Resource Policy Groups (RPGs).

NASCA Executive Director Mike Brown continued to serve in 2020 as the Co-Chair of the National Conservation Planning Partnership (NCPP), along with Astor Boozer of NRCS. NCPP continues to provide strategic direction to improve conservation planning and implementation across the country. Several key accomplishments during the year were updating the conservation planner certification policy, providing more regionalized training opportunities, surveying producers to better determine their planning needs, and the launch of the NCPP website.

Recognition

NASCA is proud to recognize South Dakota State Conservationist Jeff Zimprich as the recipient of our 2020 Outstanding State Conservationist Award.

NASCA is proud to recognize South Dakota State Conservationist Jeff Zimprich as the recipient of our 2020 Outstanding State Conservationist Award. Jeff has served in the State Conservationist role since 2012 and has cast a keen focus on locally-led conservation amongst his staff and partners. His leadership style focuses on the conservation community, and Jeff has therefore made training and education a priority in South Dakota for both employees and partners. His legacy will stand as the next generation of South Dakota conservation leaders which he has been so instrumental in helping to create. Our thanks and appreciation go to Jeff for this very well deserved award!



2020 NASCA Executive Board



Kent Zimmerman
President
Nebraska



Vernon Cox
Vice President
North Carolina



Bill Smith
Secretary
South Dakota



Brian Farkas
Treasurer
West Virginia



Mark Gilbert
Past President
Mississippi

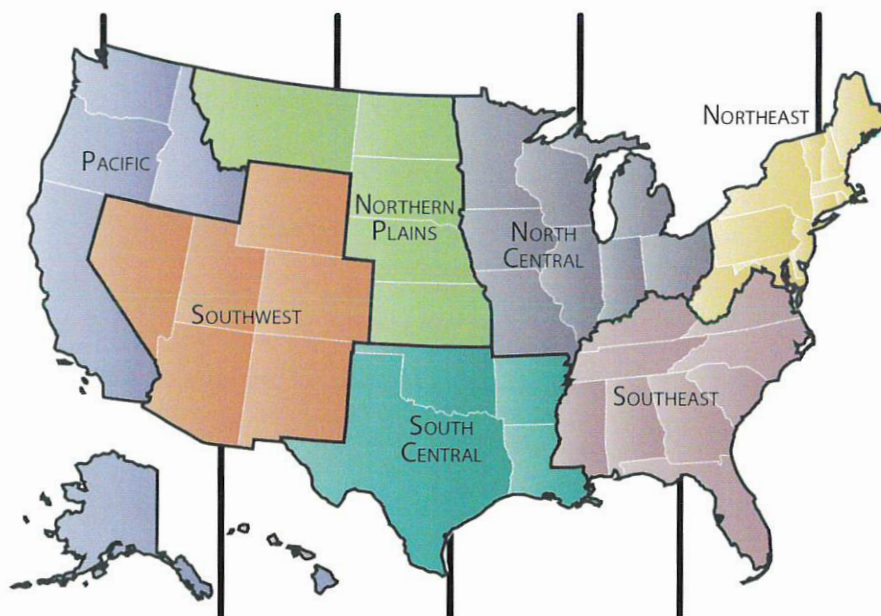
2020 NASCA Region Directors

Shana Joy
Regional Manager Coordinator
Washington

Cindy Pulse
Program Manager
Kansas

John Switzer
Conservation Program Manager
Michigan

Frank Minch
Executive Secretary
New Jersey



RJ Spencer
Manager
Utah

Trey Lam
Executive Director
Oklahoma

Tyler Brown
CD Program Manager
South Carolina

State Agency Representatives

Alabama - Dr. William E. Puckett
Executive Director

Alaska - Franci Havemeister
Interim Executive Director

Arizona - Jacqueline Thomas
Resource Conservation Manager

Arkansas - Ryan Benefield
Deputy Director

California - David Shabazian
Director

Colorado - Cindy Lair
Program Manager

Connecticut - Lilian Ruiz
Executive Director

Delaware - Marcia Fox
Program Administrator

Florida - Christopher Pettit
Director Office Of Ag Water Policy

Georgia - Mitch Attaway
Executive Director

Hawaii - Suzanne Case
Chairperson

Idaho - Teri Murrison
Administrator

Illinois - Brian Rennecker
Acting Bureau Chief

Indiana - Jordan Seger
Director

Iowa - Susan Kozak
Division Director

Kansas - Andrew Lyon
Executive Director

Kentucky - Paulette Akers
Division Director

Louisiana - Brad Spicer
Assistant Commissioner

Maine - Tom Gordon
Program Coordinator

Maryland - Alisha Mulkey
Program Manager

Massachusetts - Tom Anderson
Executive Secretary

Michigan - John Switzer
Conservation Programs Manager

Minnesota - Kevin Bigalke
Assistant Director

Mississippi - Mark Gilbert
Executive Director

Missouri - Kurt Boeckmann
Program Director

Montana - Mark Bostrom
Administrator

Nebraska - Kent Zimmerman
Projects Director

Nevada - Zachery Ormsby
Program Manager

New Hampshire - Linda Brownson
Chair

New Jersey - Frank Minch
Executive Secretary

New Mexico - Julie Maitland
Division Director

New York - Mike Latham
Director

North Carolina - Vernon Cox
Director

North Dakota - Aaron Field
Program Coordinator

Ohio - Kirk Hines
Chief

Oklahoma - Trey Lam
Executive Director

Oregon - Stephanie Page
Program Area Director

Pennsylvania - Karl Brown
Executive Secretary

Rhode Island - Dick Went

South Carolina - Tyler Brown
CD Program Manager

South Dakota - Bill Smith
Division Director

Tennessee - John McClurkan
Water Resources Administrator

Texas - Rex Isom
Executive Director

Utah - RJ Spencer
Director Of Conservation

Vermont
Vacant

Virginia - Clyde Cristman
Director

Washington - Carol Smith
Executive Director

West Virginia - Brian Farkas
Executive Director

Wisconsin - Lacey Cochart

Wyoming - Chris Wichman
Manager

[Back to Memo](#)

[Back to Agenda](#)



**SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION
COMMISSION**

H. Norman Wright
Chairman

Cathy Roemer
Vice Chairman

Erik Olson
Secretary

Gerald Trebesch
Commissioner

Wendy Pratt
Commissioner

Teri Murrison
Administrator

MEMO

**TO: CHAIRMAN WRIGHT AND COMMISSIONERS TREBESCH,
ROEMER, OLSON, AND PRATT**
FROM: TERRY HOEBELHEINRICH, LOAN OFFICER & PROGRAM MANAGER
DATE: MAY 12, 2021
**RE: RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND RANGELAND DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAM STUDY**

Loan Program Review Committee Progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gathered & Studied Historical Loan Data Compared of Treasury and RCRDP Interest Rates Evaluated Loan Application Process
Steps to Be Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further Exploration of Marketing Efforts Review Credit and Collateral Standards Equipment Loan Rates (Commissioner Olson) Review by Representative Youngblood
Preliminary Recommendations Being Considered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce Loan Interest Rates To Be More Attractive to Producers, Project Specific Rates Broaden Marketing Efforts (District Zoom Meetings, IASCD Division Meetings, NRCS meeting). Promote RCRDP At New Conferences. (Tri-State Grain Growers)

ACTION: For information only

Attachments:

- RCRDP Loan Statistics (2 pages)
- Comparison of Treasury and RCRDP Rates (4 pages)

[Back to Agenda](#)

FY Year	# of loans	\$'s	Ave Loan Amt
1988	6	\$ 128,440	\$ 21,407
1989	7	\$ 227,950	\$ 32,564
1990	10	\$ 420,466	\$ 42,047
1991	9	\$ 259,550	\$ 28,839
1992	9	\$ 302,100	\$ 33,567
1993	20	\$ 688,874	\$ 34,444
1994	17	\$ 722,414	\$ 42,495
1995	25	\$ 980,994	\$ 39,240
1996	20	\$ 841,587	\$ 42,079
1997	15	\$ 571,434	\$ 38,096
1998	12	\$ 435,030	\$ 36,253
1999	28	\$ 1,185,692	\$ 42,346
2000	43	\$ 2,461,186	\$ 57,237
2001	34	\$ 1,506,541	\$ 44,310
2002	18	\$ 867,367	\$ 48,187
2003	13	\$ 572,827	\$ 44,064
2004	16	\$ 955,469	\$ 59,717
2005	20	\$ 876,515	\$ 43,826
2006	58	\$ 3,923,381	\$ 67,645
2007	35	\$ 2,609,891	\$ 74,568
2008	44	\$ 2,455,724	\$ 55,812
2009	6	\$ 424,809	\$ 70,802
2010	5	\$ 355,100	\$ 71,020
2011	8	\$ 512,617	\$ 64,077
2012	10	\$ 496,871	\$ 49,687
2013	8	\$ 262,724	\$ 32,841
2014	12	\$ 841,624	\$ 70,135
2015	6	\$ 338,218	\$ 56,370
2016	9	\$ 575,593	\$ 63,955
2017	6	\$ 507,900	\$ 84,650
2018	10	\$ 956,114	\$ 95,611
2019	9	\$ 413,903	\$ 45,989
2020	6	\$ 382,124	\$ 63,687
2021	6	\$ 341,619	\$ 56,937

560 \$ 29,402,648

Average/Yr	Average \$'s /Year
16	\$ 864,784

Division	# of Loans	Amount Funded	% of Loans	% of \$'s Loaned
1	1	\$ 75,820	0%	0%
2	38	\$ 2,129,950	7%	7%
3	74	\$ 3,813,276	13%	13%
4	347	\$ 17,253,699	62%	59%
5	40	\$ 2,073,323	7%	7%
6	60	\$ 4,056,583	11%	14%
	560	\$ 29,402,651	100%	100%

Project	# of Loans	Amount Funded	% of Loans	% of \$'s Loaned
CAFO	9	\$ 302,974	2%	1%
Irrigation	512	\$ 26,935,075	91%	92%
Grazing	6	\$ 199,950	1%	1%
Drill	31	\$ 1,819,849	6%	6%
Rangeland	1	\$ 140,800	0%	0%
Riparian	1	\$ 4,000	0%	0%
	560	\$ 29,402,648	100%	100%

Loan Amount	Range	Quantity	%
\$3,400	\$9,999	22	4%
\$10,000	\$19,999	43	8%
\$20,000	\$29,999	66	12%
\$30,000	\$39,999	69	12%
\$40,000	\$49,999	82	15%
\$50,000	\$59,999	119	21%
\$60,000	\$69,999	41	7%
\$70,000	\$79,999	35	6%
\$80,000	\$89,999	21	4%
\$90,000	\$99,999	11	2%
\$100,000	\$109,999	21	4%
\$110,000	\$119,999	4	1%
\$120,000	\$129,999	11	2%
\$130,000	\$139,999	2	0%
\$140,000	\$149,999	2	0%
\$150,000	\$159,999	4	1%
\$160,000	\$169,999	3	1%
\$170,000	\$179,999	2	0%
\$180,000	\$189,999	0	0%
\$190,000	\$199,999	0	0%
\$200,000	\$712,500	2	0%

560

Term in Years	Quantity	%
1.2	2	0%
3	4	1%
4	9	2%
5	91	16%
6	18	3%
7	110	20%
8	19	3%
9	2	0%
10	117	21%
11	5	1%
12	13	2%
13	3	1%
14	1	0%
15	158	28%
16	6	1%
17	1	0%
18	1	0%

560

Interest Rate	Quantity	%
2.00%	11	2%
2.50%	36	6%
2.75%	16	3%
3.00%	77	14%
3.25%	1	0%
3.50%	3	1%
4.00%	127	23%
5.00%	173	31%
6.00%	116	21%

560

District	# of Loans	Amount Funded	Division
BALANCED ROCK	94	\$4,851,926.00	4
GOODING	55	\$2,431,554.00	4
NORTH SIDE	53	\$2,158,693.00	4
MINIDOKA	37	\$1,913,036.00	4
WOOD RIVER	39	\$1,752,421.00	4
TWIN FALLS	26	\$1,566,591.00	4
SNAKE RIVER	27	\$1,533,923.00	4
FRANKLIN	13	\$1,508,474.00	6
BRUNEAU RIVER	17	\$1,084,759.00	3
JEFFERSON	12	\$1,047,975.00	6
LEWIS	13	\$949,791.00	2
OWYHEE	17	\$926,899.00	3
NEZPERCE	10	\$706,632.00	2
ELMORE	13	\$669,871.00	3
MADISON	12	\$515,116.00	6
WEST CASSIA	7	\$465,496.00	4
ONEIDA	13	\$454,287.00	5
CARIBOU	5	\$403,450.00	5
CUSTER	6	\$400,042.00	5
EAST CASSIA	4	\$400,000.00	4
GEM	8	\$318,382.00	3
CANYON	8	\$305,724.00	3
IDAHO	12	\$275,050.00	2
LEMHI	6	\$245,500.00	6
PORTNEUF	5	\$222,119.00	5
SOUTH BINGHAM	2	\$215,800.00	5
YELLOWSTONE	5	\$209,754.00	6
PAYETTE	2	\$206,949.00	3
LATAH	3	\$198,477.00	2
WEISER RIVER	4	\$187,194.00	3
EAST SIDE	4	\$172,979.00	6
BEAR LAKE	4	\$139,625.00	5
WEST SIDE	3	\$135,212.00	6
NORTH BINGHAM	2	\$127,300.00	5
BUTTE	3	\$121,573.00	6
BLAINE	4	\$111,554.00	4
CLARK	2	\$100,000.00	6
POWER	2	\$97,000.00	5
BOUNDARY	1	\$75,820.00	1
VALLEY	2	\$73,508.00	3
CAMAS	1	\$68,505.00	4
ADA	1	\$25,000.00	3
CENTRAL BINGHAM	1	\$13,700.00	5
ADAMS	1	\$8,000.00	3
SQUAW CREEK	1	\$6,990.00	3
TETON	0	\$0.00	6
CLEARWATER	0	\$0.00	2
BENEWAH	0	\$0.00	1
BONNER	0	\$0.00	1
KOOTENAI-SHOSHONE	0	\$0.00	1

560 \$29,402,651.00

Division	# of Loans	Amount Funded	% of Loans	% of \$'s Loaned
1	1	\$ 75,820	0%	0%
2	38	\$ 2,129,950	7%	7%
3	74	\$ 3,813,276	13%	13%
4	347	\$ 17,253,699	62%	59%
5	40	\$ 2,073,323	7%	7%
6	60	\$ 4,056,583	11%	14%
	560	\$ 29,402,651	100%	100%

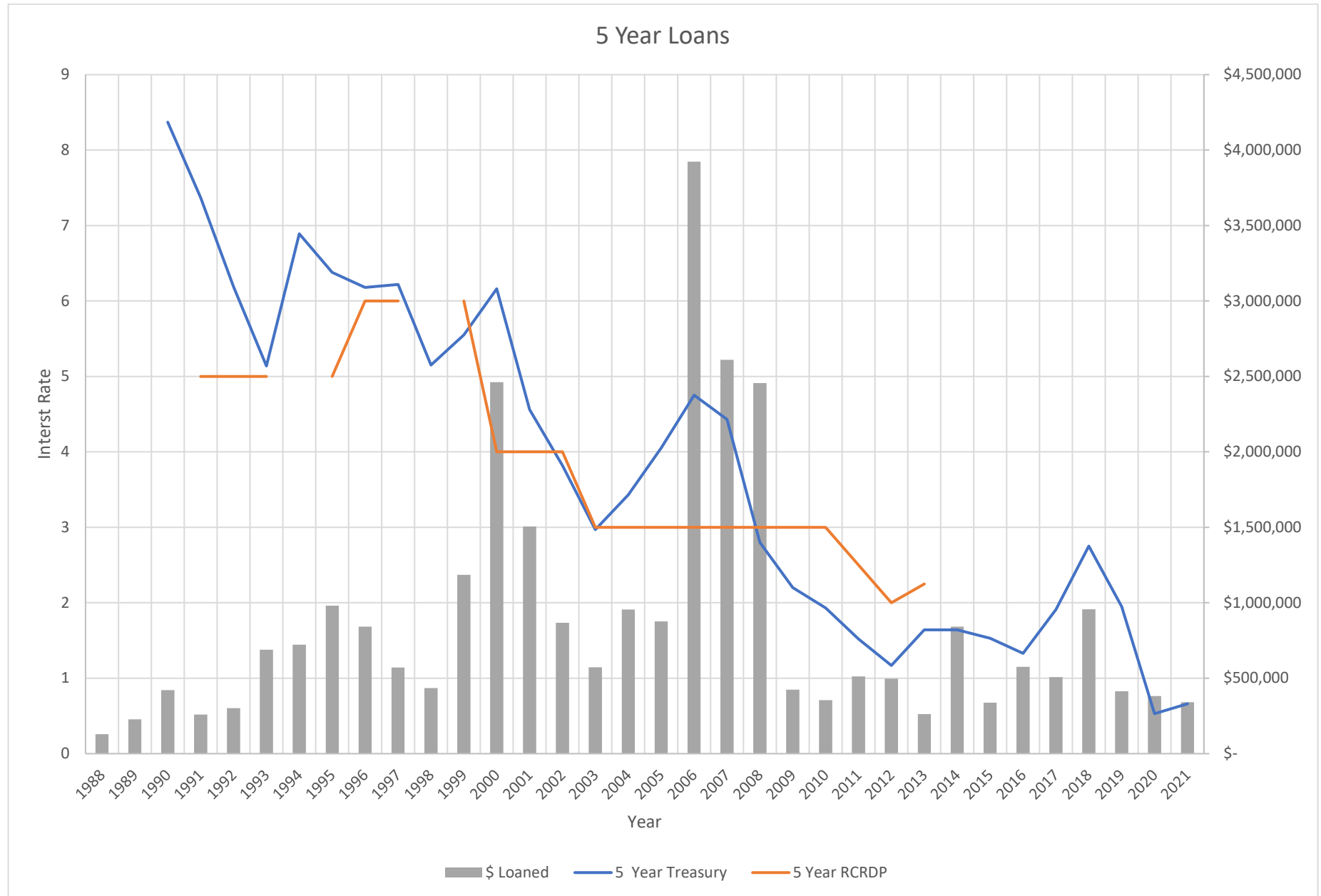
Project	# of Loans	Amount Funded	% of Loans	% of \$'s Loaned
CAFO	9	\$ 302,974	2%	1%
Irrigation	512	\$ 26,935,075	91%	92%
Grazing	6	\$ 199,950	1%	1%
Drill	31	\$ 1,819,849	6%	6%
Rangeland	1	\$ 140,800	0%	0%
Riparian	1	\$ 4,000	0%	0%
	560	\$ 29,402,648	100%	100%

FY Year	# of loans	\$'s	Ave Loan Amt
1988	6	\$ 128,440	\$ 21,407
1989	7	\$ 227,950	\$ 32,564
1990	10	\$ 420,466	\$ 42,047
1991	9	\$ 259,550	\$ 28,839
1992	9	\$ 302,100	\$ 33,567
1993	20	\$ 688,874	\$ 34,444
1994	17	\$ 722,414	\$ 42,495
1995	25	\$ 980,994	\$ 39,240
1996	20	\$ 841,587	\$ 42,079
1997	15	\$ 571,434	\$ 38,096
1998	12	\$ 435,030	\$ 36,253
1999	28	\$ 1,185,692	\$ 42,346
2000	43	\$ 2,461,186	\$ 57,237
2001	34	\$ 1,506,541	\$ 44,310
2002	18	\$ 867,367	\$ 48,187
2003	13	\$ 572,827	\$ 44,064
2004	16	\$ 955,469	\$ 59,717
2005	20	\$ 876,515	\$ 43,826
2006	58	\$ 3,923,381	\$ 67,645
2007	35	\$ 2,609,891	\$ 74,568
2008	44	\$ 2,455,724	\$ 55,812
2009	6	\$ 424,809	\$ 70,802
2010	5	\$ 355,100	\$ 71,020
2011	8	\$ 512,617	\$ 64,077
2012	10	\$ 496,871	\$ 49,687
2013	8	\$ 262,724	\$ 32,841
2014	12	\$ 841,624	\$ 70,135
2015	6	\$ 338,218	\$ 56,370
2016	9	\$ 575,593	\$ 63,955
2017	6	\$ 507,900	\$ 84,650
2018	10	\$ 956,114	\$ 95,611
2019	9	\$ 413,903	\$ 45,989
2020	6	\$ 382,124	\$ 63,687
2021	6	\$ 341,619	\$ 56,937

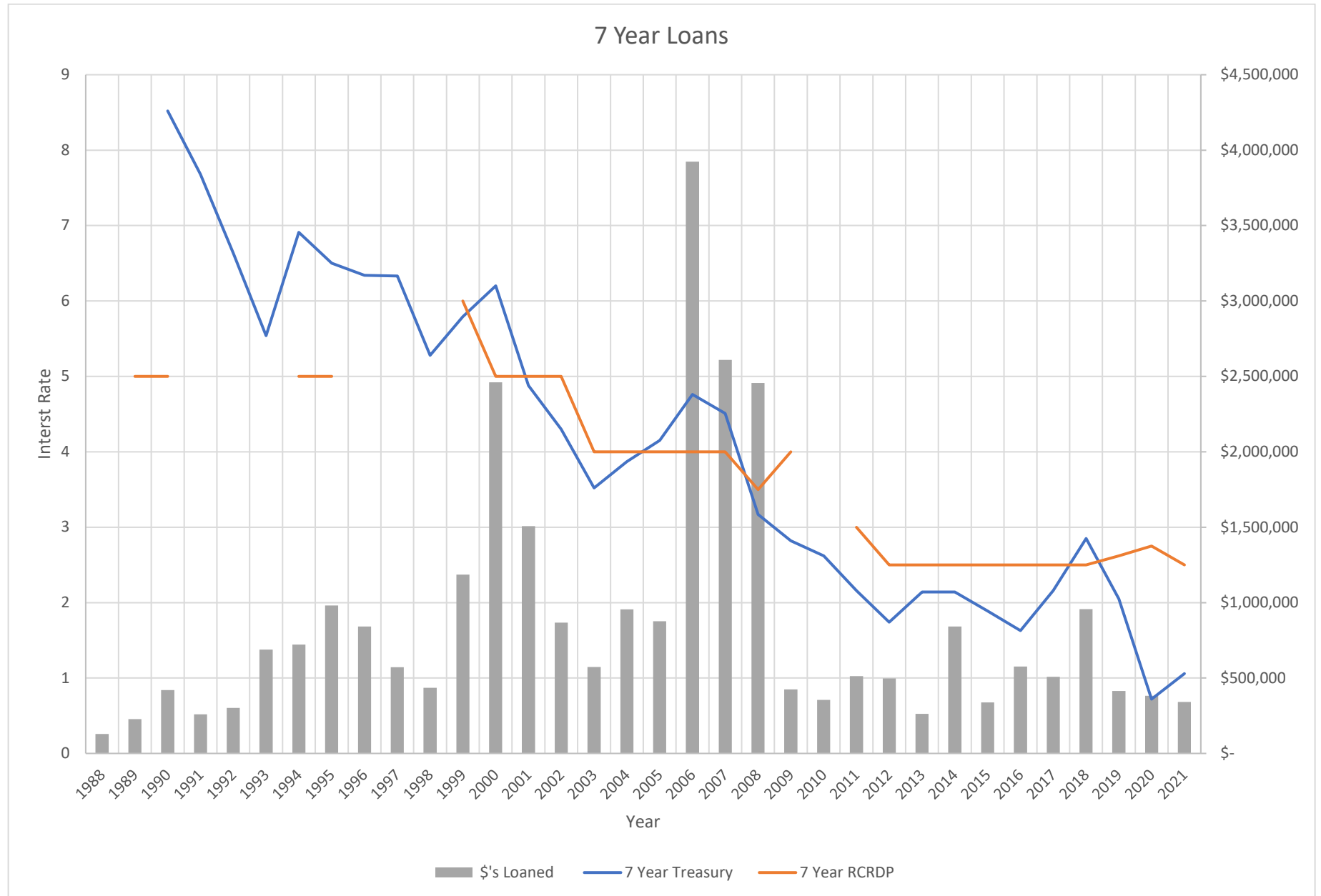
560 \$ 29,402,648

Average/Yr	Average \$'s /Year
16	\$ 864,784

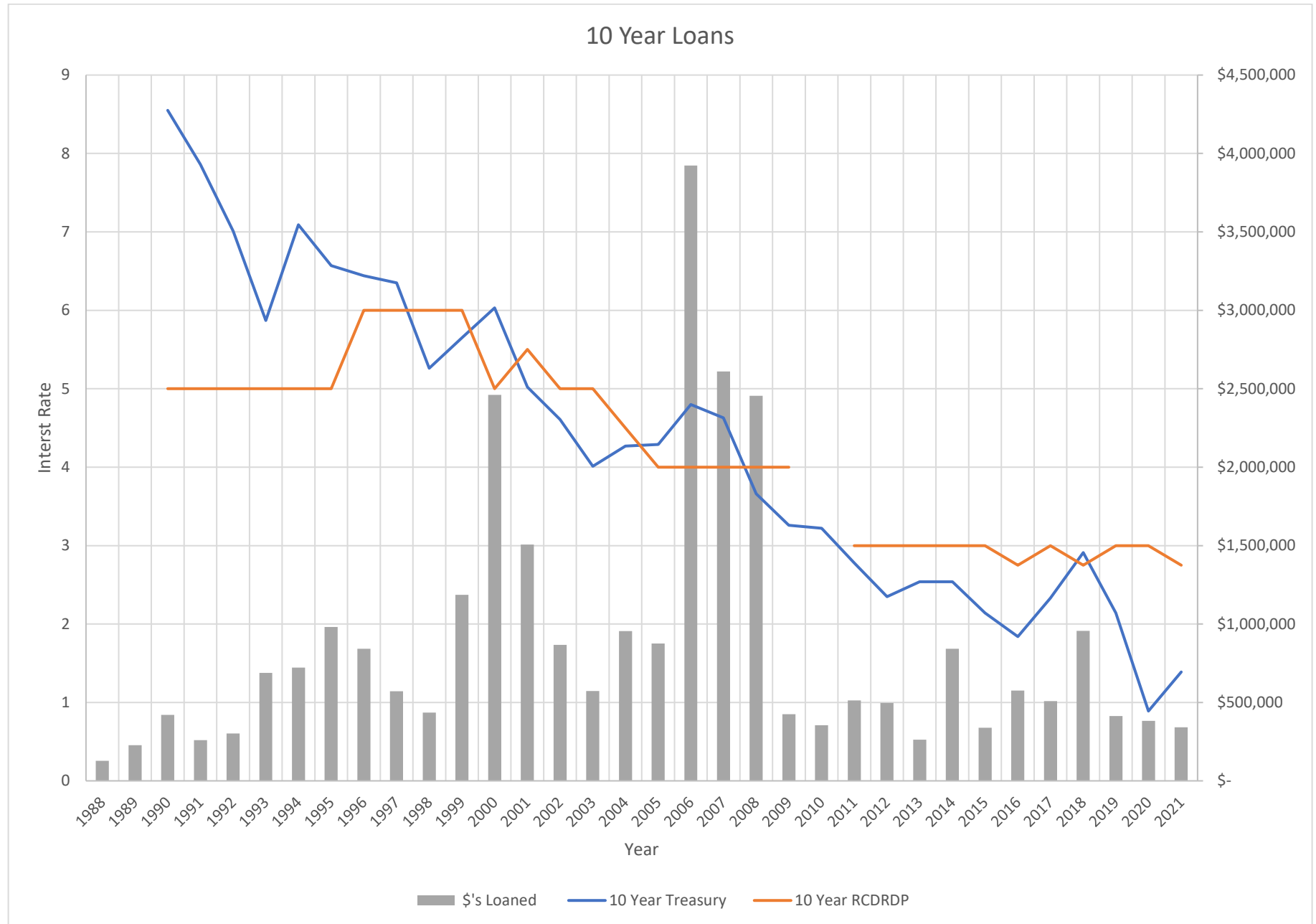
COMPARISON OF TREASURY AND RCRDP RATES



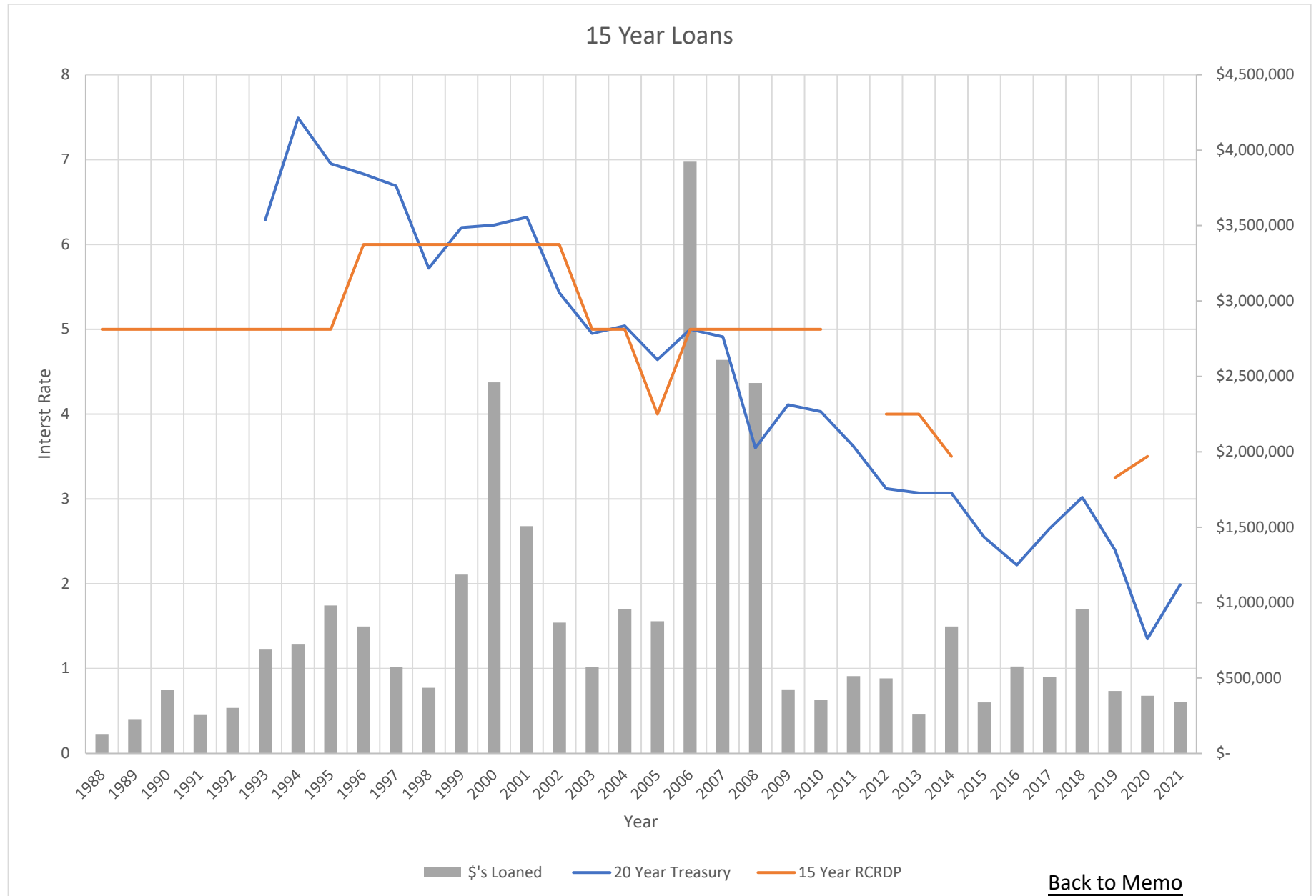
COMPARISON OF TREASURY AND RCRDP RATES



COMPARISON OF TREASURY AND RCRDP RATES



COMPARISON OF TREASURY AND RCRDP RATES



[Back to Agenda](#)



**SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION
COMMISSION**

H. Norman Wright
Chairman

Cathy Roemer
Vice Chairman

Erik Olson
Secretary

Gerald Trebesch
Commissioner

Wendy Pratt
Commissioner

Teri Murrison
Administrator

MEMO

**TO: CHAIRMAN WRIGHT AND COMMISSIONERS
ROEMER, OLSON, TREBESCH, AND PRATT**
FROM: DELWYNE TREFZ, DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR
DATE: MAY 5, 2021
RE: DISTRICT SUPPORT SERVICES UPDATE

District Trustee and Benefits Outreach Effort Update:

Since February, staff have been participating in District meetings to ask them for direction regarding which, if any, changes they would like to see made to the District allocations statute and rule. Staff met with forty-seven Districts, thirty-seven of which formally voted on the changes they would most like to see implemented. Results of the actions taken by District Boards are shown in the following table.

RESULTS OF DISTRICT VOTING ON SUGGESTED REVISIONS TO THE STATUTE AND RULE THAT GOVERN ALLOCATION OF STATE FUNDS TO DISTRICTS	
REVISIONS SUGGESTED BY DISTRICTS	VOTES IN SUPPORT
EQUAL DISTRIBUTION	16 (39%)
REDUCE CAP ON MATCH	
Suggestions varied--\$15k (1 vote), \$25k (4 votes), \$30k (5 votes), unspecified (1 vote)	11 (27%)
INCREASE BASE	
Suggestions varied--\$10,000 (1 vote) \$18-20k (1 vote), unspecified (4 votes)	6 (15%)
STATUS QUO	4 (10%)
COMPREHENSIVE RESTRUCTURE:	
\$2.5M split evenly between Districts, \$5M RCRDP funds transferred into an equal access District leverage fund for use for projects that require them to provide matching funds.	3 (7%)
BASE MATCH FUNDING ON PERFORMANCE (TIERED APPROACH)	1 (2%)
TOTAL	41

Note that four Districts voted to support two revisions equally, resulting in 41 votes from 37 Districts. Two of these four Districts favor raising the base *and* reducing the cap on match, one favors raising the base *and* basing match on unspecified District performance criteria, and one favors equal distribution *or* reducing the cap on match.

These results were distributed to Districts April 23rd.

For statutory changes initiated by us to be introduced during the 2022 legislative session we must provide some form of our proposed changes to the Governor's Office by early June. If your Board wishes to proceed with agency legislation it will be necessary to direct staff to begin work on legislative changes immediately to meet this deadline. However, because Districts' voting results show that none of the proposed revisions are supported by a majority of the Districts, staff recommend not proceeding with state agency legislation at this time so Districts can continue to discuss possible changes which can then be advanced by IASCD during the 2022 legislative session.

Eastern Idaho Engineer Hiring Update:

Because the Staff Engineer position announcement which ran February 24th through April 16th did not attract a qualified applicant, we reevaluated, determined that an Associate Engineer would serve our purposes and are now advertising for an Associate Engineer. The announcement closes May 17th. Until the position is filled, Bill Lillibridge is providing the engineering assistance we have committed to provide Districts, statewide.

Distribution of Withheld Trustee and Benefit Funds:

April 15th the Governor's Office informed your board you could distribute the \$116,317.40 of Trustee and Benefit funds withheld last year in preparation for potential recissions. Staff distributed those funds to Districts before the end of April.

District Budget Hearing in June:

Idaho Conservation District law, section 22-2727, requires your board to hold a public hearing prior to June 15th of each year to give Districts an opportunity to present their needs. This year the hearing, which we refer to as the District Budget Hearing, will be held during your June 10th meeting. Districts have been invited to present their needs at that time in person or via telephone or Zoom.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: For consideration and possible action.

[Back to Agenda](#)



Idaho Soil & Water Conservation Commission

322 E Front St, Suite 560 • Boise Idaho 83702
Telephone: 208-332-1790 • Fax: 208-332-1799

ITEM: # 8

IDAHO SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING & TELECONFERENCE

Date and Time:

Thursday, April 15, 2021
10:00 AM – 12:02 PM MT

Location:

322 E. Front St., Suite 560
Boise, Idaho 83702

MINUTES

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Norman Wright (Chair) (Zoom)	Cathy Roemer (Vice-Chair) (teleconference)
Erik Olson (Secretary) (Zoom)	Wendy Pratt (Zoom)

COMMISSION STAFF PRESENT:

Teri Murrison	Crystal Rosen
Rachel Misnick	Delwyne Trefz
Amanda Fuhrman	Joe Peterson (Zoom)
Brenda Charles (Zoom)	Chuck Pentzer (Zoom)
Terry Hoebelheinrich (teleconference)	Loretta Strickland (Zoom)

PARTNERS AND GUESTS PRESENT:

Frances Perkes, Butte SWCD (Zoom)	Rob Sepich, LSO (Zoom)
Mike Sommerville, Canyon SWCD (Zoom)	Curtis Elke, NRCS (Zoom)
Shantel Chapple Knowlton, OAG (Zoom)	Nate Fisher, Governor's Office (Zoom)

ITEM #1: WELCOME AND ROLL CALL

Chairman Wright called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Roll call: Chairman Norman Wright, Commissioners Cathy Roemer, and Wendy Pratt were present. Commissioners Olson and Trebesch were absent.

ITEM #2: PARTNER REPORTS

Action: None taken

Commissioner Olson joined the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

ITEM #3: AGENDA REVIEW

Action: None taken.

ITEM #4: ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Action: None taken.

ITEM #5: CONSERVATION RESERVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM CONTRACT RENEGOTIATION UPDATE

Action: None taken.

ITEM #6: RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND RANGELAND DEVELOPMENT LOAN PROGRAM UPDATE

Action: None taken.

ITEM #7: REPORTS

Action: None taken.

ITEM #8: DISTRICT SUPPORT SERVICES UPDATE

Action: None taken.

ITEM #9: MINUTES

Action: Commissioner Olson made a motion to *approve the March 18, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes as submitted*. Commissioner Roemer seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ITEM #10: FINANCIAL REPORTS

Action: Commissioner Pratt made a motion to *approve the Financial Reports for the month ended March 31, 2021 with a correction that \$50,000 moves from Capacity Building to Local Match Allocations*. Commissioner Olson seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ITEM #11: FY 2022-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN

Action: Commissioner Olson made a motion to *approve the FY 2022-2025 DRAFT Strategic Plan as presented, authorizing staff to make minor adjustments if necessary*. Commissioner Roemer seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 AM. The next Commission Meeting will be held on May 20, 2021 in Boise.

Respectfully submitted,

[Back to Agenda](#)

Erik Olson, Secretary



**SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION
COMMISSION**

H. Norman Wright
Chairman

Cathy Roemer
Vice Chairman

Erik Olson
Secretary

Gerald Trebesch
Commissioner

Wendy Pratt
Commissioner

Teri Murrison
Administrator

MEMO

**TO: CHAIRMAN WRIGHT AND COMMISSIONERS
ROEMER, OLSON, TREBESCH, AND PRATT**
FROM: RACHEL MISNICK, SENIOR FINANCIAL SPECIALIST
DATE: MAY 13, 2021
RE: FISCAL MATTERS

Fiscal Memos and Attachments will be sent under separate cover prior to the meeting. Due to schedule conflicts items were not available prior to Mrs. Misnick being away from the office.

This applies to:

- Item 9: FINANCIAL REPORTS
- Item 10: PROPOSED FY 2022 BUDGET BLUEPRINT

[Back to Agenda](#)