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District Priorities

1. Promote Sustainable Agriculture and Soil Health
2. Provide Community Information and Education
3. Protect Water Quality and Quantity
4. Improve the Urban/Rural Interface
5. Farmland Preservation

FY 2022 Revenue

State Funding	\$ 64,500
County Funding	\$ 60,000
NRCS – Innovation Farm	\$ 30,729
No-Till Drill Rental	\$ 9,658
Treasure Valley Pollinator Project	\$ 42,234
Avimor Easement Management	\$ 5,000
5 th Grade Field Day Partners	\$ 1,000
TOTAL	\$ 213,121

Soil Outreach Education

This year the District received the National Association of Conservation District's Urban Agriculture Grant to fund a new position, a Soil Education and Outreach Coordinator.

This new employee is tasked with outreach to schools in Ada County to provide soil health education to classrooms at no cost. The position also coordinates soil presentations for community outreach events with partner organizations such as Idaho Botanical Garden, the MK Nature Center, homeowners' associations, and local nurseries.

The Conservation District is a key partner in a program organized by the Boise School District that will provide a week-long field trip experience to each 6th grade student in the district. This experience provides hands-on lessons that include science and environmental components.

In just the first eight months, the new coordinator has reached over 2,100 students in 91 classrooms, and 500 adults at 20 community outreach events.



Treasure Valley Pollinator Project

The Treasure Valley Pollinator Project (TVPP) is an ambitious regional effort to educate the community about the importance of pollinators and to increase pollinator habitat. **In total, over 400 people participated in the project by purchasing flowers to plant and attending classes.** This year the TVPP highlighted the plight of Monarch Butterflies, Idaho's state insect. Milkweed was included in each flower kit available for purchase.

Participants were invited to attend a variety of both virtual and in-person classes about gardening, monarchs, and milkweed harvesting. Many also completed community science surveys by observing and documenting the pollinators visiting their gardens.



Rainwater Catchment Classes

Ada SWCD partnered with Veolia and the Boise WaterShed to host two rainwater catchment classes that taught local homeowners about how to use rain barrels and other systems to use rainwater to supplement their use of groundwater for their lawns and gardens. **The workshops had over 40 participants and were also recorded and shared via social media to reach a broader audience.**

Innovation Farm

Farm tours were hosted across the Treasure Valley that highlighted the diversity and seasonality of agriculture in Idaho. Over 80 participants

The District also piloted a **Summer Camp** for elementary school students that highlighted a different Conservation topic for four weeks that included pollinators, soil, watersheds and local food.



No-Till Drill Rentals

No-till farming reduces erosion, energy use and particulate emissions, and increases soil quality organic matter content, and plant available moisture. It can also provide habitat for beneficial insects and wildlife and improve soil biological activity and diversity. Increased soil diversity has been shown to reduce the need for fertilizers and pesticides, improving farm profitability.

Ada SWCD leases two no-till drills to producers. In 2022, **10 producers** used the drills on nearly **350 acres** throughout the Treasure Valley.

Ada Soil & Water Conservation District

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**PERFORMANCE
REPORT
CERTIFICATION**

DISTRICT: Ada

FOR YEAR:

2022

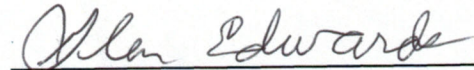
DUE :

December 20, 2022

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

Glen Edwards

Printed Name

12/19/22

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