

Balanced Rock Soil Conservation District



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Meets third Wednesday of each month

Top Five Natural Resource Concerns

1. Water Quality
2. Groundwater Quality
3. Cropland
4. Animal Waste Management
5. Rangeland

2022 Revenue

State Grants and Services: \$14,500.00
County General Services: \$9,000.00
Water Quality Program for Agriculture:
\$103,045.00

Total: \$126,545

Recent Projects



WQPA to help improve irrigation efficiency

Balanced Rock SCD sponsored a Water Quality Program for Agriculture project to convert pivot corners from surface irrigation using gated pipe to mini pivots. This conversion addressed two of the Balanced Rock SCD's top natural resource concerns — water quality and cropland — by improving irrigation water efficiency and reducing irrigation-induced soil erosion.

Improving irrigation water efficiency helps both water quality and water quantity. Less irrigation water is lost through the soil profile through leaching which can also push nutrients into ground water supplies. Less water is lost from the crop canopy through evapotranspiration meaning less water must be applied.

Educational Efforts

- Approximately 70 third, fourth, fifth and sixth grade students from two schools participated in the 2022 poster contest. One poster advanced to place first at the IASCD state contest.
- Held an in-person speech contest for high school students in the fall.
- Provided one college scholarship.
- Provided one Natural Resources Camp Scholarship.
- Kirk and April Loomis were selected as a Featured Farm Family during the 2022 Twin Falls County Fair.
- Helped sponsor and plan the 2022 IASCD Conference held in Burley in mid-November.
- A supervisor spoke at the IASCD State Convention about the importance of recruiting new board members.

No-Till Drill

Balanced Rock SCD purchased a no-till drill in 2020 that is available for cooperators to rent. Approximately 750 acres was covered by around eight cooperators in 2022.



Reaching non-farm folks

Balanced Rock SCD also participated in the 2022 Twin Falls County Fair, featuring the Soil and Water Stewardship theme — “Healthy Soil, Healthy Life.” Minute-to-Win-It games were adapted to incorporate a fun message about soil health.

The Balanced Rock, Snake River and Twin Falls conservation districts also have a representative on the Twin Falls County Ag Pavilion Advisory Committee. This Committee helps the Ag Pavilion meet its goal of educating non-agricultural folks about the importance of agriculture and natural resources within Twin Falls County.

Balanced Rock SCD Supervisors:

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PERFORMANCE
REPORT
CERTIFICATION

DISTRICT:

Balanced Rock SCD

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.

Richard Rodgers

Board Supervisor Signature

Richard Rodgers

Printed Name

12-13-22

Date

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DATE OF CONFIRMATION: