

Payette

Soil and Water Conservation District Performance Report 2022



Payette Soil and Water Conservation District is a political subdivision of the State of Idaho authorities, powers and structure contained in Soil Conservation District Law, Title 22, Chapter 27, and Idaho Code. Payette SWCD was organized in February 26, 1958 in order to make available technical, financial and educational resources, whatever their source, and focus or coordinate them so that they meet the needs of the local land manager with conservation of soil, water and related natural resources. The district serves all of Payette County which is located within legislative district 9 and includes the cities of Payette, Fruitland and New Plymouth.

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Board meets: 3rd Wednesday
of each month

Our District Priorities

1. Information & Education
2. Water Quality
3. Irrigated Cropland
4. Fish & Wildlife
5. Rangeland

Funding 2022

Local Government	\$	7,000
ISWCC		25,722
Grants		129,200

TOTAL		\$161,922
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Board of Supervisors:

Jo Anne Smith, Chairman
Allen Schmid, Vice-Chairman
Jennifer Riebe, Supervisor
Art Filice, Supervisor
Vacancy: 1 position

Employees:

District Manager – current vacancy
Shelby Nicoletti, Administrative Assistant (Jan - Oct)

Mission of the Payette Soil and Water Conservation District

Payette Soil and Water Conservation District will work towards conserving and enhancing all natural resources for the economic and environmental benefit of present and future generations in Payette County using educational, financial, and technical assistance to promote voluntary resource conservation practices.

*Designing sprinkler irrigation to convert
surface irrigated lands near Snake River,
Payette County, Idaho*



*Payette SWCD board field tour
of completed project for
State Ag 319 Grant funds
Payette, Idaho*



2022 District Accomplishments

- **Annual Soil Health Symposium:** Due to continuing risks to gather for large events during the COVID-19 pandemic, plans for a 12th Annual Soil Health Symposium were cancelled for 2022, but organization for a 2023 symposium began in 2022 with an event committee.
- **Lower Payette River, Mid-Snake Hells Canyon, and Little Willow Creek TMDLs:** Two State Ag 319 grant projects, that replaced surface irrigated ag lands with center pivots, were completed in 2022. The district facilitated a tour of these completed projects with IDEQ and other interested community members. A Federal 319 grant was awarded to the district by IDEQ and project implementation is to begin in Fall 2022. With continued assistance from ISWCC staff, the district applied twice for an Idaho Water Resources Board Aging Infrastructure grant on behalf of one of the Payette County drainage districts. The Chairman voiced district concerns in a USEPA virtual public hearing regarding the first proposed oil and gas waste water injection well in Payette County.
- **Outreach and Education:** The district worked at revising its website www.payetteswcd.org. District supervisors attended and provided input to USDA NRCS in a virtual Local Working Group meeting to identify local natural resource priorities for the federal agency. The district provided an educational display at the Payette County Fair in August. District supervisors updated their board on Payette County Planning & Zoning issues as related to local agriculture and natural resources. Community members were invited and attended the district projects tour.
- **District Operations:** The district maintained an independent, viable district office to provide efficient and effective service to the public. Supervisors attended IASCD Division III meetings, a Soil Health Conference in Burley, ID, reviewed and approved their 5-Year Plan, and completed required district reports. The district appointed a new supervisor and is engaged in recruiting another.

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

**PERFORMANCE
REPORT
CERTIFICATION**

DISTRICT:

Payette SWCD

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

Jo Anne Smith

Printed Name

December 19, 2022

Date

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DATE OF CONFIRMATION: