

**IDAHO SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

PERFORMANCE REPORT
CERTIFICATION

DISTRICT: WEST SIDE SWCD

FOR FISCAL YEAR:
2021-2022

PERIOD:
July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

DUE :
DECEMBER 20, 2022

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 and supporting documents shall be Kept at the District office and is available for public inspection.


Board Supervisor Signature

WADE BECKMAN, Chairman
Printed Name

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Date

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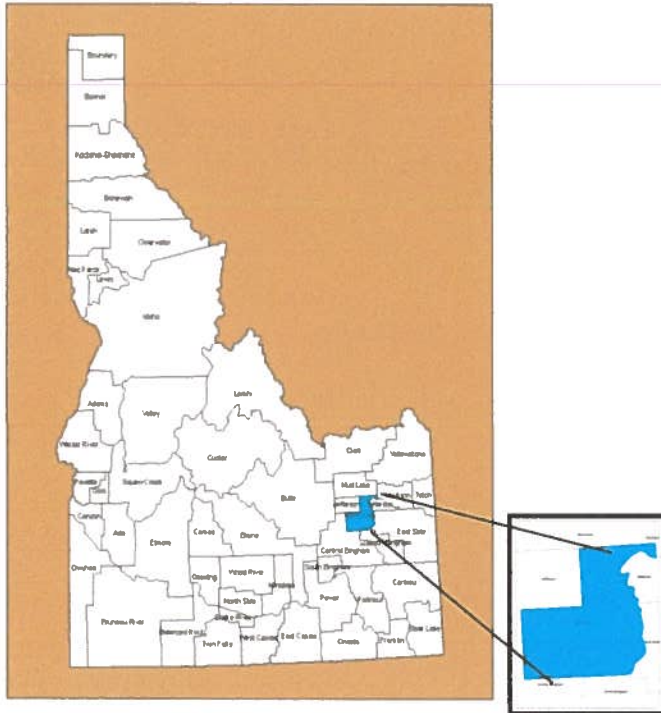
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DATE OF CONFIRMATION:

West Side

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SWCD Board Meeting: 1st Tuesday of Month

Top 5 Natural Resource Concerns

1. Wind Erosion Control
2. District Operations
3. Irrigation & Non Irrigation
4. Education & Out Reach
5. Water Quality

West Side Soil Conservation District

Board of Supervisors

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| Wade Beckman | Chairman |
| Gary Dixon | Vice Chairman |
| Louis Thiel | Supervisor |
| Mark Hyndman | Supervisor |
| Eugene Johnson | Supervisor |
| Jeff Gihring | Supervisor |
| Corey Dixon | Supervisor |
| Joyce Smith | District Admin Assistant |

Recent Project

The East Side SWCD along with the West Side SWCD attended the Earth Day event at the Happyville High Tunnel Project, people were able to go thru the new High Tunnel and see how it is set up for planting, recording ground Temperature's inside, as well as outside Temperatures, and total operation controlled by solar panels



Starting off the day with gates open and staff
Ready to start the tour of the farm



Inside High Tunnel with plants already growing



Touring the different areas of the farm and plots



Checking the bee hives for the Queen, and how many
survived the winter

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District Operations Accomplishments

- District Administrative Assistant will continue to attend all available training and provide training to other employees of Division VI. The District Employee and Supervisors will attend or hold public work group meetings, workshops and work with staff from the NRCS, FSA, IASCD, and ISWCC.
- The West Side SWCD will continue to work with the East Side SWCD, local media, and other partners to promote District programs in order to reach the public to encourage participation on community projects.
- The District will continue to provide information and assistance on the Natural Resource Camp, Speech Contest, Poster Contest, Envirothon and IDEA. The District will provide all necessary materials and scholarship funds as needed for students to be able to participate and attend these functions.

District Information & Education Programs

The Adopt-A-Canal will be in its 30th year. Canals did not get cleaned in 2020, and 2021 due to the early release of water and Covid Virus, But 10 teams did clean areas in Idaho in April of 2022



Westside Chairman Jim Dixon with Poster Winner from the American Heritage Charter School 2021



Jim Dixon retired from West Side Chairman, but still works with a group of young adults with disabilities on a tour of his potato fields to show them where their food comes



Jim Dixon with the group of young adults seeing firsthand how the spuds are dug by riding on the digger, Jim plans to continue this project, although retired from the board.

Continued Projects

New Outreach Project and Partnership formed with West Side & East Side SWCD'S and The Community Basket Food Group, Both District's supported the full cost of the project



Ribbon Cutting December 4th, Matt Woodard East Side, Joyce Smith Dist Admin, Claudia Pine Happy Ville Farm, Wade Beckman, West Side Nick NRCS

Future Projects



East and West in conjunction with the Snake River Cutthroats are Partnering on a new fish screen project located in Swan Vqalley on Rainey Creek



Modifying the irrigation diversion to allow fish to return to the stream and avoid being caught in the irrigation ditch. This is a typical drum screen installation, and how the project will look after completion.

The West Side Soil & Water Conservation District used capacity building funds during the 2020 year to hold a Soil Health Workshop February 4th, 2020, no workshop was held in 2021 or 2022 due to Covid Restrictions

- **At this Time Both East Side and West Side SWCD's have planned a workshop for 2023 , it will be on Regenerative Agriculture**
- All of the Yearly Outreach Projects that Both the East Side and West Side SWCD's participate in were continued with most all of the schools, etc.
- In June 2021 The East Side SWCD joined with the West Side SWCD in a partnership with The Community Food Basket nonprofit Group called Happyville Farms and will continue with the partnership and hold tours and educational outreach projects.

Happy Ville Farms.

This group grows large amounts of fresh vegetables, fruit, etc. and provides to all local food basket groups as well as local food kitchens, Both West Side and East Side donated \$ 7000.00 for the group to purchase a high tunnel that will allow them to produce larger quantities of food as well as a longer growing season. The high tunnel site will provide access for district tours and educational learning for everyone that wishes to tour the Farm.

September 30, 2021 High Tunnel arrived and starting to go up,
Solar panels have been Installed and attached to batteries to provide power
A Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was held on December 4th, 2021, for the public to tour.



Frame work complete and covered



Tunnel fully enclosed



**Inside the Tunnel with plants growing
December 4th, 2021
Ribbon Cutting**