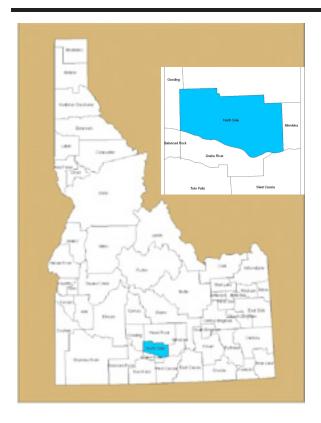
### North Side Soil & Water Conservation District



**Address:** 1441 Fillmore St. #A

Twin Falls, ID 83301

**Phone:** (208) 944-3736

Meets 4th Tuesday of every other month (Jan., Mar., May, July, Sept & Nov)

#### Top Five Natural Resource Concerns

- 1. Soil Health
- 2. Water Quality & Quantity
- 3. Education Youth
- 4. Education Adult
- 5. District Relationships & Operations

#### 2023 Revenue

State Grants and Services: \$8,500 County General Services: \$10,000

Total

\$18,500

## **Recent Projects**

#### North Side Pump Co. WQPA

The North Side SWCD is sponsoring a State Water Quality Program for Agriculture (WQPA) project with the North Side Pump Co. to replace unlined laterals and pumps installed in the 1920s.





The project is expected to save annual approximately 6,286 acre-feet annually of water. This will keep the unused water in storage in the Snake River system.

The 14.5 miles of irrigation laterals provide service to approximately 4,790 acres of agricultural lands owned by 30 individual landowners.

# Educational Efforts

- Continued to participate in a five-year project to collect soil testing data from across the Magic Valley. The data will help identify trends and help educate producers.
- Sponsored organizations such as the Southern Idaho Water Coalition and educational efforts such as the Magic Valley Soil Health Forum.
- Sponsored two Local Working Group meetings to set natural resource priorities.
- Sponsored a speech contest for high school students.



- Participated in the Jerome County Fair for the first time in several years.
- Gave trees to every 3rd grader in Jerome County.

#### **Water Savings Project**

The City of Hazelton and North Side Soil & Water Conservation District are offered city residents a rebate for upgrading to watersaving appliances!

Rebates range from \$15 to \$100 for dishwashers, clothes washers, toilets and shower heads as well as leak repairs.

The City of Hazelton is experiencing low water pressure within city limits thanks to aging infrastructure. The small, rural community is undergoing studies to identify solutions, but this was an interim step to make water savings more affordable for the community's residents.

## Future Projects Irrigation Efficiency

North Side SWCD is working with Soiltech, a local company, to develop an irrigation efficency project. Soiltech manufactures probes that can monitor parameters such as soil moisture, humidity and temperature to help cooperators better schedule irrigation applications. The program will likely involve costsharing with growers who utilize groundwater to offset the purchase cost of the sensors. As demand for water increases across southern Idaho, irrigators must become more efficient.

#### **North Side SWCD Supervisors:**

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