

# Snake River Soil & Water Conservation District



## Recent Projects



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*Meets second Tuesday of each month*

### Top Five Natural Resource Concerns

1. Water Quantity
2. Cropland
3. Groundwater Protection
4. Animal Waste Management
5. Fish and Wildlife

### 2023 Revenue

State Grants and Services:	\$14,500.00
County General Services:	\$8,500.00
City General Services:	\$2,000.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$25,000.00</b>

### WQPA: Sprinkler Conversion

The Snake River SWCD sponsored a state Water Quality Project for Agriculture (WQPA) to convert a 50-acre field that had previously been irrigated using gravity to sprinkler.

One benefit to the cooperator is the ability to use enhances soil health practices.

Sprinkler irrigation also reduces the potential for irrigation induced erosion, which is projected to reduce the amount of dissolved and suspended soil particles reaching the Snake River. Less runoff also means less nutrients and herbicides transported from the field.

# **Educational Efforts**

- Held the poster contest for 4th, 5th and 6th grade students in which over 150 students from four schools participated
- Sponsored an environmental education day for the Murtaugh and Hansen 3rd classes at the historic Stricker Ranch/Rock Creek store.
- Held a speech contest for high school students in the fall of 2023.
- Participated in the 2023 Twin Falls County Fair, featuring the Soil and Water Stewardship theme — “One Water”
- Supervisor Ron Jones serves as an irrigated agriculture representative to the Mid-Snake WAG, which is updating the Mid-Snake/Rock TMDL (pollution loading plan).
- Provided funding to the Southern Idaho Water Quality Coalition. The SIWQC is a coalition of stakeholders in the Magic Valley composed of representatives from local cities, canal companies, the aquaculture industry and others. This group provides a unified voice to speak up for the quality of the Snake River and create a better water quality plan. Supervisor Ron Jones serves as a representative to the SIWQC.



*Students learn about soils (above) and aquatic bugs (below) during the environmental education days.*



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