

# Twin Falls Soil & Water Conservation District



## Recent Projects



### Salmon River Canal Co. Canal Lining WQPA project

The Twin Falls SWCD is sponsoring a Water Quality Project for Agriculture to help the Salmon River Canal Co. line approximately 2.5 miles of canal in southern Twin Falls County. The project is expected to save 1.25 acre-feet of water on a historically water short irrigation system. WQPA is providing \$150,000 towards the effort, with shareholders picking up well over half the cost.



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*Meets first Wednesday of each month*

### Top Five Natural Resource Concerns

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

### 2023 Revenue

State Grants and Services: \$0.00  
County General Services: \$8,500  
WQPA: \$300,000

Total \$308,500

## **Educational Efforts**

- Continued to administer a five-year project to collect soil testing data from across the Magic Valley. The data will help identify trends and help educate producers.
- Sponsor the Magic Valley Soil Health Forum, held in January 2023 with over 50 attending.
- Approximately 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grade students from two schools participated in the 2023 poster contest.
- Sponsored an environmental education field day for Hollister 4th and 5th graders at the Stricker Ranch/Rock Creek Store historical site.
- Sponsored an environmental education day for Filer 4th graders at Rock Creek Park.
- Sponsored a speech contest winner for high school students



## **Clover Pump Co. Phase I complete**



Over 50 people attended a tour of the Clover Pump Co. in June 2023 to see the completion of phase I, which was funded in part by the State WQPA (Water Quality Program for Agriculture).

Twin Falls SWCD earmarked part of the administrative funds from the WQPA to offer a soil health cost share program for cooperators. Five cooperators utilized the program to plant about 400 acres of cover crop, some of which was grazed (see picture on the left).

Work continued on the project in 2023 utilizing funds from a Water Smart grant. The third and final phase is set to begin in 2024 and Twin Falls SWCD hopes to utilize WQPA again.

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