



## Socorro Soil & Water Conservation District



# Summer 2022 Newsletter



### Cost Share Programs Available

With the start of the new fiscal year (July 1, 2022), the Socorro SWCD has funding available for the Cost Share Program. This year the maximum payment will be increasing to \$6,000/year. This is up from the previous year's \$4,000. The Socorro SWCD hopes this increase will help with larger projects and/or more expensive projects such as and concrete ditch lining and irrigation pipe-line. We have also increased the standard cost of all projects in order to attempt to correct for inflation.

#### HOW DOES IT WORK?

If you intend to install an eligible practice, contact our office first. Staff will assist you with any surveying, designing, or planning necessary. In many cases we will provide you with contractor-ready plans for your project. Once you have decided on a design/plan, please submit an application for cost share assistance and the necessary supporting documentation. Your application will be approved at the next monthly board meeting. Board meetings are held once per month on the second Monday. Once your application is approved, you select a contractor and hire them, or do the work yourself. Upon completion of the project, staff will verify the work meets the required specification of your design. For agricultural practices this means before irrigating, planting or in the case of leveling land, before the contractor removes equipment off the field. This step is important and establishes functionality and accuracy. You will then need to submit copies of your receipts for reimbursement by the Socorro SWCD. The cost share program remains at fifty percent (50%) of eligible receipts.

#### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

If you live within our district boundaries and own land, you are eligible. If you lease or rent your land, a letter from the owner giving permission for you to install the practice must be submitted. A copy of your property tax bill is necessary for verification. You must be current on payment of your property taxes to the County of Socorro Treasurer.

#### WHAT PRACTICES QUALIFY?

**Agricultural:** Examples of practices include laser leveling, underground irrigation pipeline, concrete ditch lining, and many more. Please check with our office for a complete list.

**Residential:** We cost share on drip irrigation systems, low flow devices such as toilets and showerheads, and rain water harvesting systems. The residential program maximum assistance is \$600/project.

#### HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

This service, like all of our services, is FREE. We are funded through a mil levy, which is a portion of the property tax bill you pay every year so we work for YOU!

*Please note that it is the cooperators job to read, ask questions and adhere to the cost share application guidelines.* The new fiscal year begins July 1, 2022. Call our office at 575-418-5979 or 505-440-9488 or check out <http://www.socorroswcd.org/> for more information and applications.

The table below shows our most commonly applied for cost share practices, the new standard costs for each, and the increase applied for the new fiscal year. The Socorro SWCD recognizes that the costs of materials have skyrocketed, and we have responded quickly in order to meet the needs of our constituents.

## Socorro SWCD

Cost share limits for common practices  
 More practices are eligible than are listed here

Practice	Unit	Standard		Cost Share Paid	Increase
		Cost	Cost Share %		
Laser Land Leveling	Cubic Yard	\$4.00	50%	\$2.00	17.64%
Concrete Lined Ditch	Lineal Foot	\$40.00	50%	\$20.00	14.29%
Underground Irrigation Pipeline 12"-15"	Lineal Foot	\$27.50	50%	\$13.75	27.27%
Underground Irrigation Pipeline 15" +	Lineal Foot	\$60.00	50%	\$30.00	31.57%
Livestock Pipeline Up To 1.25"	Lineal Foot	\$3.00	50%	\$1.50	35.77%
Interior fencing for livestock management	Lineal Foot	\$4.00	50%	\$2.00	26.58%

MRGCD Turnout Replacement**	Receipt Total	50%
Windmill Conversion To Solar *	Receipt Total	50%
Livestock Well Drilling *	Receipt Total	50%

\*Work must be performed by a licensed contractor

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Labor, Landowner or Hired	Hour	\$30.00	50%	\$15.00	20.00%
Equipment, Heavy (backhoe, dozer, etc)*	Hour	\$125.00	50%	\$62.50	25.00%
Equipment, Light (trencher, cement mixer, etc)*	Hour	\$42.00	50%	\$21.00	20.00%

\*Equipment costs include fuel and operator expenses

### Items NOT Eligible for Cost Share:

Mileage reimbursement

Tax

Maximum reimbursement is \$6,000



## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

- **July 4**      **Office closed in for July 4th**
- **Independence Day**
- **July 7**        **Socorro SWCD Board Meeting**
- **August 8**     **Socorro SWCD Board Meeting**
- **September 5** **Labor Day-Office Closed**
- **September 13** **Socorro SWCD Board Meeting**
- **October 10**   **Socorro SWCD Board Meeting**