



Socorro Soil & Water Conservation District

Summer 2021 Newsletter



Cost Share Programs Available

With the start of the new fiscal year (July 1, 2021), the Socorro SWCD has funding available for the Cost Share Program. The maximum payment will continue to be \$4,000/year/landowner. There are several changes this year to the cost share program. The first change is that irrigation well rehab is no longer an eligible practice. Determining whether or not an irrigation well is permitted with State of New Mexico Office of the State Engineer has become a monumental task without any answers. The second change is that cost share projects on acreage that has no water rights and the landowner participates in the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District's Water Bank Lease Program will not be eligible for cost share when the Water Bank Lease Program is in curtailment. Currently, the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District has the Water Bank Program in curtailment. The last change to the cost share program is that Middle Rio Grande turnout upgrades and repairs are not eligible for cost share as the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District is no longer charging for this. An application must still be submitted to the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District to have your turnout repaired or upgraded to a larger size. Information regarding the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District Policies can be found at: <https://www.mrgcd.com/>.

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, 2021. Call our office at 575-838-0078 or check out <http://www.socorroswcd.org/> for more information and applications.

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IMPORTANT DATES:

- **July 4 Independence Day**
- **July 5 Office closed in observance of July 4th**
- **July 12 Socorro SWCD Board Meeting**
- **August 9 Socorro SWCD Board Meeting**
- **September 6 Labor Day-Office Closed**
- **September 13 Socorro SWCD Board Meeting**
- **October 11 Socorro SWCD Board Meeting**