



# **Socorro Soil and Water Conservation District**

## **Newsletter**

**December 2022/2023**

**In the fiscal year of 2023 The Socorro SWCD contracted for the clearing of 12.7 acres of dense Salt cedar on the Davis Property in Contreras, New Mexico. This project will be completed with restoration funding provided by the New Mexico State Legislature. Following a Request for Quotes and site visit, the Socorro SWCD received 3 bids for this project. The project was awarded to Lanford Excavation, LLC from Monticello, NM. Lanford will provide labor and equipment for the mechanical removal; extraction of root crown and severing of lateral roots. This will be followed by mastication of all trees. The purpose of this application is to provide for the initial treatment of non-native phreatophytes, to include Salt cedar, Russian olive, Siberian elm, Tree of Heaven, and other non-native riparian species deemed by the State of New Mexico to be noxious and/or invasive.**

**Mrs. Davis is wanting to remove these non-native species to accommodate native habitat restoration and to improve livestock forage. The Socorro SWCD agreement requires the landowner to maintain the land for 10 years after removal project is finished, with revegetation materials after 2 years of successful resprout treatment. The expected completion date for this project is December 11, 2022.**





Lanford Excavation, LLC









## Need a new toilet?

Socorro SWCD offers Cost share on low flow toilets to help conserve water. Replacement toilets must use no more than 1.1 gallons per flush or be a dual flush.

## What steps do I take to complete Application?

If you intend to install a low flow toilet, come by our office or simply go to our website and click the Residential Cost share tab. Print out our application. Fill out, attached should be a copy of your property tax bill for verification. 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 will then need to (Submit copy of receipt) for Toilet only for reimbursement by the Socorro SWCD. The Residential cost share program remains at Seventy Five percent (75%) 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 a low flow toilet must be submitted. You must be current on payment of your property taxes to the County of Socorro Treasurer.

## High Efficiency Toilets vs. Regular Toilets

HIGH EFFICIENCY

**1.08**  
gpf\*

REGULAR

**1.6**  
gpf

BEFORE 1992

**5-7**  
gpf

\*gallons per flush

**75%**

**Money back**

# **Important Upcoming Dates**

## **December**

**12th- Monthly Board meeting**

**24th- Christmas Eve**

**25th-Christmas Day**

**23rd-Jan2nd (office closed)**

## **January**

**1st-New Year's Day**

**2nd-New Years Day Observed (office closed)**

**9th-Monthly Board Meeting**

**16th-Martin Luther King Jr. Day (office closed)**

## **February**

**13th-Monthly Board Meeting**

**14th-Valentine's Day**

**20th-Presidents' Day (office closed)**

## **March**

**12th-Daylight Saving Time**

**13th- Monthly Board Meeting**

**17th -St. Patrick's Day**