

Taos Soil & Water Conservation District

Annual Report FY 2011-12

“Assuring Our Future Through Conservation”



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District Function & Organization

“Celebrating 71 years of Conservation”

Introduction

Taos Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) serves the citizens and landowners of Taos County by promoting the wise use of land, water and natural resources. In order to accomplish this mission, the District gathers available technical, financial and educational resources and focuses or coordinates them so that they meet the needs of the local populace. Taos SWCD is committed to a productive and sustainable environment for present and future generations.

The District consists of all lands within Taos County excluding the incorporated municipality of the Town of Taos. This corresponds to an area equal to 2,257 square miles or 1.4 million acres. Approximately 550,723 acres are deeded lands while 733,325 acres fall under Federal management. Some 97,144 acres are managed by the State of New Mexico and 62,288 acres are of Tribal jurisdiction, respectively.

Taos Soil and Water Conservation District was created in 1941 and is a governmental subdivision of the State of New Mexico (NMSA Chapter 73, Article 20). The District governing body is composed of a board of seven Supervisors. Five Members of this board are elected biennially in the month of May in even numbered years. Elected supervisors serve staggered 4-year terms. Additionally, two more members may be appointed by the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission. Appointed supervisors serve 1-year terms. The 2011-12 District board of supervisors consists of the following members:

Maureen Johnson	Chairman	Zone 2	Position #2
Stephen Trujillo	Vice Chair	Zones 1 -4 (At Large)	Position #5
Edward Grant	Secretary/Treasurer	Zone 1	Position #1
Anthony Benson	Member	Zone 3	Position #3
Antonio Romero	Member	Zone 4	Position #4
Felix Santistevan	Member		Appointed
Mark Schuetz	Member		Appointed



Pictured left to right:
Maureen Johnson, Edward Grant,
Stephen Trujillo, Mark Schuetz, Felix
Santistevan, Anthony Benson and
Antonio Romero

Taos Soil & Water Conservation District Boundary

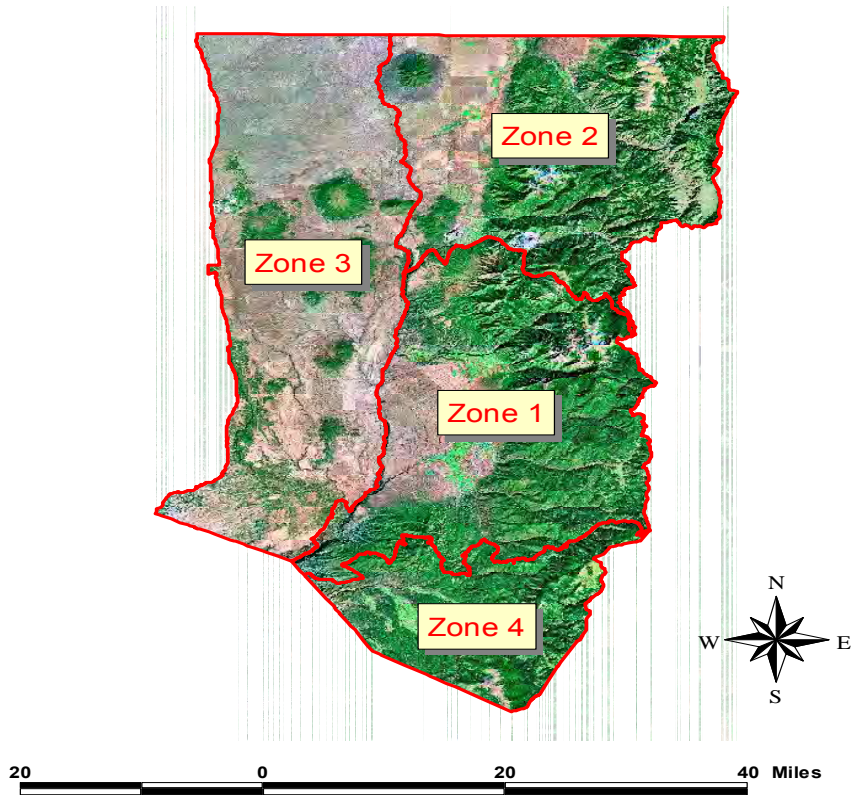


Figure 1 is a representation of current District boundaries and each associated conservation area (zone).

District Staff consists of the following personnel:



Pictured from left to right: Matthew Valerio (Survey & Design Technician), Peter Vigil (District Manager) and Charlotte Martinez (Administrative assistant).

The Taos SWCD office is located in the Juan I. Gonzales Agriculture Center at 202 Chamisa Road in Taos, NM. Regular office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. excluding observed legal holidays. Regular District board meetings take place on the third Wednesday of each month at the Juan I. Gonzales Agriculture Center conference room. The meetings begin at 9:00 a.m.

Taos Soil & Water Conservation District is a member of the New Mexico Acequia Association, New Mexico Association of Conservation Districts, New Mexico Conservation District Employees, Northern Rio Grande Resource Conservation & Development Council and the National Association of Conservation Districts.

Acknowledgements

Taos Soil and Water Conservation District would like to acknowledge the following professionals and entities for their assistance with conservation programs and District operations during the past year:

Max Martinez	Wildlife Services
Kurt Swearingen	Fire Program
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Carla Chavez	Envirothon Coordinator
Taos Valley Acequia Assn.	Acequia Outreach
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Ken Voegelé	Acequia Draftsman
Abeyta Engineering	Acequia Design
Portage Engineering	Acequia GIS
Reynaldo Torres	Vegetation Management
Steve Carson	Stream Restoration
Gerald Nichols	GIS
Art Arias	NRCS District Conservationist
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Melissa Martinez	Farm Bill Specialist
Katie Mechenbier	NMDA Soil & Water Specialist

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Northern New Mexico RC & D Council
New Mexico Association of Conservation Districts
Taos County Commission
Taos County Assessor's Office
Taos County Treasurer's Office
Taos County Clerk's Office
Town of Taos

A special and sincere acknowledgement to all District cooperators and other individuals and organizations that make natural resource conservation possible.

Natural Resource Priorities

“Working Together For A Common Conservation Goal”

The Taos SWCD annual plan of work is developed in the latter part of each fiscal year and establishes guidelines for carrying out both an effective and efficient conservation program. First, critical natural resource issues are identified from questionnaires, surveys and public meetings. Second, resource management strategies are developed to complete specific activities and project objectives. Third, realistic timetables are established and program progress is evaluated. This process is necessary in order for the District to accomplish its mission and is one of inquiry, analysis and observation.

Taos Soil & Water Conservation District relies solely on local tax dollars to fund the following conservation programs and services. NM Legislative appropriations account for only 1% of operating budget revenues. The Taos SWCD Board of Supervisors and Staff operate these programs under the principles of transparency, integrity and accountability and believe that they are essential in order to maintain public trust. It is with this in mind that the District respectfully submits this annual report of activities for your review and comment.

1. Conservation Education and Outreach

- In 2011-12, District Education Coordinator Ernie Lopez continued to work with local schools to promote natural resource conservation. Over 500 students per month in the locations of Ojo Caliente, Penasco, Costilla, Ranchos de Taos, Taos Pueblo, Taos and Questa were introduced to a conservation based curriculum. The curriculum, titled Food, Land & People (FLP) is a nationally accredited educational tool for grades K through 12.
- Taos SWCD uses a variety of places and events to educate the public about soil and water conservation. The District display booth was featured at the following events: Taos County Fair (August 2011), National Association of Conservation Districts Southwest/Pacific Region meeting (September 2011), New Mexico Association of Conservation Districts winter meeting (October 2011), Taos County Economic Development Corporation Rancher Forum (February 2012), Taos SWCD Annual Meeting (March 2012), Taos Valley Acequia Association annual meeting (April 2012) & the New Mexico Association of Conservation Districts summer meeting (June 2012).
- Taos SWCD staff made presentations regarding District activities & programs to the Taos Native Plant Society (July 2011), National Association of Conservation Districts Southwest/Pacific Region (September 2011), Taos County Economic Development Corporation (February 2012), Picuris Pueblo Conservation District (February 2012), Taos SWCD Annual Meeting of Landowners (March 2012), Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Association (April 2012) & the Rio Fernando Fire Department (May 2012).
- Taos SWCD celebrated National Arbor Day (April 27, 2012) by providing tree seedlings to local school children throughout Taos County.
- Taos SWCD participated in National Soil Stewardship Week (April 29 to May 6, 2012). The District visited local 5th and 6th grade students, providing them with conservation materials based on the theme “Soil to Spoon”.
- A USDA Wildlife Service’s consultant was available on Fridays at the District office during the 2011-12 fiscal year. Wildlife Services provides technical assistance to landowners with regard to animal damage problems. The District continued to fund a full-time wildlife damage expert for Taos and surrounding areas during this same time period.

- The District Newsletter was published on a quarterly basis during the past operating year.
- Free noxious and invasive weed identification books and calendars were available at the District office throughout the entire year.
- Taos SWCD co-sponsored the fifth annual New Mexico Envirothon competition held in the Manzano Mountains at the Manzano Mountain Retreat in April of 2012. Taos SWCD sponsored 2 teams to compete from Taos County. The Taos High School team "The Earthletes" and the Questa High School team "The Eco-Eyed Cats" placed seventh and fifteenth at this year's competition, respectively.
- Taos Soil & Water Conservation District received the maximum score allowed for the New Mexico Soil & Water Conservation Commission Point System.
- The District held the 3rd annual Celestino Romero Conservation Education Camp in July of 2011. The event was held at the Loma Verde Presbyterian Camp located east of Taos. The Camp promoted soil & water conservation and had presenters from Taos SWCD, US Forest Service, BLM, NRCS & the Farm Service Agency. The camp attendance was approximately 67 students (middle school) from all areas of the county along with 10 teachers and 12 presenters.
- In July of 2011, Supervisors & staff attended the New Mexico Conservation District Region II meeting.
- Taos SWCD hosted the National Conservation District Southwest/Pacific Region meeting in September of 2011.
- In September of 2011, Taos SWCD hosted the Local Workgroup meeting to provide input for USDA-NRCS programs.
- Employees of Taos SWCD attended the Conservation District Employees Association meeting in September of 2011.
- Taos SWCD & the Quivira Coalition sponsored river restoration workshops in the Comanche Creek watershed in October of 2011.
- In October of 2011, supervisors & staff attended the New Mexico Conservation District winter conference.
- Supervisors attended the Quivira Coalition Conference in November of 2011.
- In November of 2011, Taos SWCD distributed monies to 6 local science fair programs within Taos County.
- Staff attended the PERA training in January of 2012.
- A supervisor attended the Western Resource Conservation & Development meeting in February of 2012.
- Staff attended the National Soil & Water Conservation District meeting in February of 2012.
- Taos SWCD worked with Taos County and other agencies on the Community Wildfire Protection Plan in March of 2012.
- Taos SWCD held its annual meeting on March 23, 2012. The meeting theme was "Forest Health & Acequia Waters" and the event was attended by approximately 100 people.
- In April of 2012 staff volunteered at the New Mexico Envirothon competition.
- Staff attended the Federal Wage Hour seminar in April of 2012.
- Supervisors attended the Taos Valley Acequia Association annual meeting & Water Rights Workshop in April of 2012.
- In June of 2012, a supervisor attended the New Mexico Conservation District summer meeting.

Taos SWCD spent approximately \$54,100 on 29 different conservation education, training and outreach events during FY 2011-12.



Celestino Romero Conservation Education Camp July, 2011. Sponsored by Taos Soil & Water Conservation District for 5th grade students in Taos County.

2. Irrigation Water Conservation

Taos SWCD has a long history of assisting local *acequia* associations and *parciantes* with irrigation improvement projects. In fact, *acequia* projects account for approximately two-thirds of all assistance requests received by the District. The 2011-12 program year was a very successful year. Taos SWCD utilizes experienced staff and consultants as well as state of the art technology to enhance the design and inspection departments contained within its Acequia Construction Program. The following is a summary of the assistance provided to local water users by Taos Soil and Water Conservation District. ***Nuestra agua...nuestra vida!***

Area of County	Project Location	Project Type	Qty	Land Owners	Acres Served
Central	Arroyo Hondo	WCS	3	3	22
	Arroyo Seco	WCS	7	15	78
	Canon near Taos	WCS	2	5	9
		Reservoir Rehab	1	14	72
	La Cordillera	WCS	5	13	40
	La Loma	WCS	3	2	5
	Las Colonias	Flume	1	1	2
	Los Cordovas	WCS	1	1	6
		Diversion Dam	1	1	3
	Pilar	Ditch Lining	1	18	40
	Ranchitos	WCS	1	9	12
		Diversion Dam	2	72	206
	Ranchos de Taos	WCS	4	9	11
		Ditch Lining	1	30	83
	San Cristobal	WCS	1	1	3
	Talpa	WCS	3	506	1053

	Taos	WCS	2	3	4
	Valdez	WCS	2	7	14
		Ditch Lining	1	70	173
		CENTRAL TOTAL	42	780	1,836

Area of County	Project Location	Project Type	Qty	Land Owners	Acres Served
South	Chamisal	WCS	1	3	2
	El Valle	WCS	1	1	1
	Hodges	WCS	1	1	2
	Trampas	WCS	1	2	4
	Llano Largo	WCS	3	4	13
	Llano San Juan	WCS	7	137	969
		Ditch Lining	1	1	12
	Ojito	Ditch Rehab	1	15	150
	Penasco	Ditch Lining	1	61	200
	Placitas	Ditch Lining	1	41	231
	Rio Lucio	Ditch Lining	1	1	8
	Rodarte	WCS	1	2	5
		SOUTH TOTAL	20	269	1,597

Area of County	Project Location	Project Type	Qty	Land Owners	Acres Served
North	Amalia	WCS	1	4	35
		Diversion Dam	2	23	331
	Cerro	WCS	1	1	3
	Costilla	WCS	1	2	13
	La Lama	Ditch Rehab	1	10	200
	Questa	WCS	1	1	11
		NORTH TOTAL	7	41	593
West	Ojo Caliente	Diversion Dam	1	30	300
		WEST TOTAL	1	30	300
		GRAND TOTAL	70	1,120	4,326

During the 2011-12 fiscal year, Taos SWCD provided cost-share assistance for 70 irrigation water conservation projects. Approximately 4,326 irrigated acres and 1,120 *acequia parciantes* benefited from this assistance. The District also helped local Acequia associations by providing technical expertise the State of New Mexico for implementation of the American Reinvestment & Recovery Act (ARRA). Total expenditures for Acequia water conservation projects, including design, inspection and construction were approximately \$294,500.



View of the dissipation box for the Acequias de Chamisal Y Ojito drop structure. This project was designed and inspected by Taos SWCD and funded with ARRA stimulus funds.

Acequia GIS

Taos Soil & Water Conservation District, working in cooperation with Taos Valley Acequia Association (TVAA) and professional engineering firms has developed an Acequia Geographic Information System (GIS) for central and northern Taos County. The purpose of this project is to help local *acequias* manage irrigated lands more effectively as well as to implement conservation programs efficiently. The GIS utilizes existing “on the ground” hydrographic survey information and converts it to electronic layers utilizing state of the art software. Initially, the 2004 project consisted of the Rio Pueblo de Taos hydrographic survey and 1998 aerial imagery. By 2005, the District had added the Rio Grande del Rancho and Rio Hondo hydrographic surveys as well as associated databases. In 2006, aerial imagery of Taos and adjacent areas, Questa and Penasco was obtained through cooperation with Kit Carson Electric. As of 2011, the northern areas of San Cristobal, La Lama, Questa, Cerro, Red River, Sunshine and parts of Costilla have been added to the system. **During 2011-12, approximately \$19,888 was spent on the northern Acequia GIS.**

3. Fire Prevention

Taos Soil and Water Conservation District provides technical and financial assistance to local landowners to develop defensible space areas around homes and structures located in the wild land/urban interface. Utilizing a professional forestry consultant, the District was able to implement fire prevention strategies as well as improve overall forest health in critical areas of Taos County. The following is a summary of the Fire Prevention program.

Area of County	Project Location	Project Type	Quantity	Land Owners	Acres Served
Central	Gallina Canyon	Defensible Space	2	2	4
	Taos Canyon	Defensible Space	7	7	2
	Taos Ski Valley	Defensible Space	1	1	2
	Turley Mill	Defensible Space	1	1	3
		GRAND TOTAL	11	11	11

Additionally, Taos SWCD in partnership with Taos County and NM State Forestry continues to implement the Non-Federal Lands (NFL) grant for Taos Canyon. The grant will assist in reducing the threat of wild land fire to homes and resources in Taos Canyon, provide financial assistance to thin on private lands, and demonstrate the benefits of thinning to the residents of Taos County.

Taos SWCD assisted 11 landowners and improved approximately 11 acres with completed thinning projects in the Fire Prevention program. Technical assistance was also provided to the Taos County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). The District spent approximately \$ 26,600 on fire prevention projects during the 2011-12 fiscal year.



A typical forest thinning project located near Red River, NM. Aspen, a fire retardant species, is left standing as well as a good portion of conifer trees.

4. Stream Restoration

The District continues to monitor, assess and restore the rivers and streams that are the lifeblood of the local community. For the past twelve program years, Taos SWCD has led the way in advocating sustainable and innovative methods for stream channel restoration. The District utilizes natural channel design methods and is currently educating local landowners about the benefits of such practices. These methods not only work better for the ecosystem, they also preserve the aesthetic beauty of the river, improve the adjacent riparian habitat and are more economical than traditional designs. The following is a summary of the activities of the streambank restoration program:

Area of County	Project Location	Stream	Quantity	Land Owners	Length
Central	Taos Canyon	Rio Fernando de Taos	1	1	100'
South	Vadito	Rio Pueblo near Penasco	2	2	900'
		TOTAL	3	3	1,000'

Taos SWCD assisted 3 landowners with Stream Restoration projects during FY 2011-12. The District spent approximately \$ 16,900 on this effort.



A before and after look at natural Stream Restoration in El Valle near Penasco, NM.

5. Animal Damage

Taos SWCD in cooperation with USDA Wildlife Services provides information, training and materials for animal damage problems involving beaver, coyote, prairie dogs, skunks gophers, pigeons, etc. This service includes but is not limited to farmers, ranchers, homeowners and municipalities. Animal Damage experts are available for consultation every Friday during Spring and Summer months at the Taos SWCD office. The following are some facts regarding this program:

- 2011-12 documented estimates for financial losses from wildlife damage within Taos County total approximately **\$812,507**.
- The amount of land affected by Animal Damage problems within Taos County is estimated to be approximately **196,817** acres.
- Approximately **771** people were serviced by this program. This resulted in the District cost-sharing approximately **\$7,289** to **107** local cooperators.

The District spent a total of \$40,800 on the animal damage program during 2011-12.



Animal Damage Consultant Max Martinez.

Taos SWCD contracts with the USDA Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) to provide professional expertise with regard to animal damage problems throughout Taos County.

6. Vegetative Management

Taos Soil and Water Conservation District advocates integrated management strategies with regard to noxious and invasive weed infestations. The District continues to research and fund alternative methods of weed management while continuing to provide vegetative management expertise to private landowners. Partnering with local farmers and ranchers as well as NM State University, Taos Native Plant Society and concerned individuals, Taos SWCD assists local taxpayers with new and innovative strategies for weed control.

Taos SWCD assisted with 44 individuals with Noxious & Invasive Species related projects this past program year. Additionally, the District distributed weed identification books and calendars to hundreds of individuals as part of our Conservation Education program. This in turn, benefited approximately 73 acres at a cost of \$19,500 during program year 2011-12.



A sizeable patch of Hoary Cress a.k.a. “Whitetop” located on the eastern side of Paseo del Pueblo Sur in Taos. This picture illustrates the monoculture capabilities of this species as well as the extent that infestations can grow to when left unmanaged.

7. Rangeland Conservation

Management of privately owned rangelands within Taos County continues to be a District priority. The restoration of native grasses as well as other types of vegetation aids ranchers with their livestock operations as well as providing much needed forage for wildlife. Additionally, the deterioration of this resource by the encroachment of Sagebrush and Pinion/Juniper species is a major concern to local conservationists and land managers. Taos Soil and Water Conservation District provided assistance for the following rangeland-related projects during the past operating year.

Area	Location	Project	Quantity	Land Owners	Acres Served
Central	Los Cordovas	Brush Management	1	1	12
North	Urraca	Brush Management	1	1	60
	Ventero	Stock Tanks	1	180	1,035
West	Cerro Azul	Livestock Pipeline	1	USFS	2,000
		TOTAL	4	>182	3,107

Taos SWCD provided assistance to 4 Range Improvement projects this past year. These projects benefited over 182 landowners and approximately 3,107 acres. The total expenditures for rangeland related projects for 2011-12 were approximately \$18,500.



A rangeland restoration project north of US 64 on the way to the Gorge Bridge. This photo illustrates the benefits for both livestock and wildlife of proper resource management.

Got Grass?

8. Water Studies and Water Planning

Taos Soil and Water Conservation District has continued to assist local governments, municipalities and landowners with water related issues. The District either funded or participated in the following projects:

Taos SWCD Water Program - Taos Soil & Water Conservation District began mapping the water table of Taos County in early 2003. Since that time, the District has located and cataloged over **1,600** water wells using hand held GPS units. Additionally, the District contracted the NM Bureau of Geology to analyze approximately **500** water well samples for **39** different elements and ions. In 2006, the District completed the water quality sample acquisition phase of the study. In 2008, Taos SWCD produced the first versions of these water quality maps. Various updates to those maps are done regularly so that the District has a more accurate idea of what elements and minerals are present in the water table as well as their relative concentrations. In 2010, the District collaborated with UNM-Taos to assist the NM Bureau of Geology in a water availability study of the southern Taos Valley which was commissioned by Taos County. As of 2011, Taos SWCD partnered with the USGS and the office of the State Engineer to monitor water levels in the Sunshine Valley. The District is also looking into establishing a county-wide water level monitoring program. Concurrently, Taos SWCD has analyzed NM Environment Department stream data and its relation to local Acequia water quality. The District utilizes the results of these studies on a daily basis and works with the County in the formulation of the Regional Water Plan, local Land-Use regulations and County subdivision reviews. Water Table/Quality data is available to the public by simply scheduling an appointment with District staff and/or consultants.

Total Groundwater Program expenditures for FY 2011-12 were approximately \$7,700.

Taos County Regional Water Plan – Initiated and mandated by the State of NM, this regional water planning effort is an integral part of the more comprehensive New Mexico Water Plan. The plan is intended to quantify and justify water use specific to local areas and communities within each region. Ultimately, the implementation of the plan will determine the quality of life for the people of New Mexico. Taos SWCD continues to work with Taos County, NM Interstate Stream Commission, US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Native American Tribes, Local Municipalities, Mutual Domestic Water User Associations, Acequia Associations, Environmental Advocacy Groups and interested parties to update and implement the regional water plan. Taos SWCD personnel serve on both the technical and steering committees and provide expertise with regard to both surface and groundwater data. District resources are also utilized to assist in the dissemination of information contained within the Taos Regional Water Plan.



A farmer filling stock tanks in Arroyo Hondo

Water, whether used for domestic or agricultural purposes, is the life blood of our community. Stewardship is an essential part of the strategy needed to ensure the availability of this resource for future generations.

9. Subdivision Review

Over the past two decades, Taos Soil & Water Conservation District has provided Taos County with expertise regarding local development and land use issues. In fact, the District is required via State Statute to provide opinion as to whether a subdivision conforms to County regulations with regard to Terrain Management. Additionally, the local Soil & Water Conservation District must participate in the formulation of local subdivision regulations. In the spring of 2005, with recommendations provided by Taos SWCD, Taos County completed the most recent publication of new and updated subdivision regulations and procedures. Taos Soil and Water Conservation District advocates responsible and sustainable development standards for the community and strives to assist governmental entities and developers with the task of minimizing the impact of development on the surrounding environment. Additionally, the District provides reviews to various entities with respect to natural resource conservation and management.

10. Special Projects

- Taos SWCD assists local *acequias*, governments, associations and private landowners with sandbags for both irrigation and erosion control. Additionally, irrigation tarp is also available at this time. The District distributed approximately **990** sandbags to **30** different cooperators this past operating year as well as **620** feet of irrigation tarp to **26** cooperators.
- Taos Soil & Water Conservation District worked in partnership with the State of NM and Taos Land Trust to complete preliminary acquisition of the **14.7 acre Martinez Conservation Easement** in Arroyo Hondo, NM. This conservation project provides protection from real estate development and land alteration while allowing for sustainable livestock operation, conservation of approximately 1,400 feet of riparian habitat and wetland preservation.
- **Water Test Kits** are available for cost-share at the District office. The kits provide a low-cost alternative to home owners that would like a simple and reliable method to test their private well water for contaminants such as coliform bacteria, nitrates, nitrites and pesticides.
- Taos SWCD continued to collaborate with the Greater Rio Grande Watershed Alliance (**GRGWA**) which consists of the Coronado, Ciudad, Claunch-Pinto, Cuba, East Rio Arriba, Edgewood, Lava, Santa Fe-Pojoaque and Valencia Soil & Water Conservation Districts, respectively.
- Taos SWCD has purchased 3 acres of land near its current location with the help of the NM Finance Authority. This land will be the location of the future Taos Soil & Water Conservation Building. This new infrastructure will provide natural resource conservation services and programs to residents of Taos County in future years.

Total Special Project expenditures for FY 2011-12 were approximately \$12,500.

Financial

“More Conservation Bang For The Buck”

Taos Soil and Water Conservation District completed a very successful program year. Expenditures for District programs for FY 2011-12 totaled approximately **\$886,600**. These funds assisted local landowners in conserving natural resources throughout Taos County. Approximately **66%** of those expenditures were spent on conservation programs, education and capital outlay as opposed to **34%** for administration. During the past year, **95** major cost share conservation projects were completed servicing nearly **1,524** landowners and benefiting approximately **8,737** acres of private land and over **1,000** linear feet of stream bank. The following is a financial summary of the conservation effort put forth by Taos Soil & Water Conservation District this past operating year:

<u>Line Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Program	
Acequia Projects	\$ 294,500
Animal Damage	\$ 40,800
Fire Prevention	\$ 26,600
GIS Mapping	\$ 21,100
Vegetative Management	\$ 19,500
Rangeland Conservation	\$ 18,500
Stream Restoration	\$ 16,900
Special Projects	\$ 12,500
Water Program	\$ 7,700
Program Total	\$ 458,100
Education and Outreach	\$ 54,100
Capital Outlay	\$ 76,100
Administrative Costs	\$ 298,300
Total Expenditures	\$ 886,600

Taos Soil & Water Conservation District complies with all New Mexico statutory requirements regarding surety, bonding and insurance. The District is audited annually.