

2010

EAST CENTRAL COLORADO RC&D COUNCIL

ANNUAL PLAN OF WORK

Council President

DATE

State Conservationist

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ECCRC&D believes that this FY 2010 Plan addresses the Chief's Priorities.

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VISION

Neighbors helping neighbors accomplish economic, social and environmental benefits for their communities.

THE MISSION

Provide a continuing program to encourage enrichments of the rural lifestyle for the communities and citizens of the East Central Colorado RC&D region.

| | GOAL | MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE WATER QUALITY/QUANTITY | Target Date | Staff/Hours/Budget | Accomplishments |
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| ELEMENT 1 | OBJECTIVE: 1 | | | | |
| WATER MANAGEMENT | PARTICIPATE IN TWO REGIONAL EFFORTS TO CONSERVE AGRICULTURAL WATER | | | | |
| STRATEGIES | | | | | |
| Cooperative Conservation | 1a | Attend, participate, and monitor water issues at 2 watershed meetings and pertinent Republican River Water Conservation District meetings related to well retirements. | Mar. - Aug 2010 | Coordinator hrs. \$220 | 8 |
| Watershed Planning | 1b | Attend, participate, and monitor water issues at four Republican River Riparian Project (CO, KS, NE) meetings/teleconferences. | Oct. 09, Jan.10 May 10, Aug. 10 | Coordinator 36 hrs. \$990 | |
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| ELEMENT 1 | OBJECTIVE 2 | | | | |
| WATER MANAGEMENT | IMPROVE/PROTECT GROUND AND SURFACE WATER QUALITY WITH THREE CONSERVATION DISTRICTS | | | | |
| STRATEGIES | | | | | |
| Cooperative Conservation | 2a | Work with El Paso CD, Colorado Springs NRCS FO, Colorado Water Conservation Board, and Edison School to seek funding issues to implement flood prevention designs. | Dec-09 | Coordinator - Jim B. 25 hrs. \$687.5 | |
| | 2b | Implement project with Prairie and Cheyenne CD's to develop a rural well water testing program with CSU Cooperative Ext. and Colorado Department of Health. | Apr-10 | Coordinator- 50 hrs. \$1375 | |
| | 2c | Work with town of Hugo/Lincoln County to assess water ponding issues at fairgrounds (as requested). Delayed in 2009 due to budget concerns. | Feb. 2010 | Coordinator - Ted council member 18 hrs. \$495 | |
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| | GOAL | CONTROL EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION | Target Date | Staff/Hours/Budget | Accomplishments |
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| ELEMENT 2 | OBJECTIVE | | | | |
| LAND CONSERVATION | COORDINATE CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP ACTIVITIES WITH CONSERVATION DISTRICTS, LANDOWNERS, WEED BOARDS, OTHERS, THAT RESULTS IN CONSERVATION APPLIED | | | | |
| STRATEGIES | | | | | |
| Watershed Planning | 1a | Continue to collaborate with Double E, Agate, High Plains, and Prairie CDs and NRCS FO staff to coordinate training, grant writing needs, workshops and volunteer efforts for Big Sandy Watershed related to leafy spurge and other noxious weeds. | Jun-10 | CD Board/staff CSU Extension 100 hrs. \$2750 | |
| Cooperative Conservation | 1b | Tri-county Bio-fuels CIG with Flagler CD. Best Management Practices (BMP) development for erosion control on project acres per CIG requirements | Aug-10 | Coordinator CSU Extension 160 hrs. \$4400 | |
| | 1c | Provide grant writing assistance to three or more conservation districts to build capacity for local conservation efforts utilizing Natural Resources Matching Grant funds from the Colorado State Conservation Board. (Flagler, High Plains, Prairie, others) | Nov. 10 | Coordinator 100 hrs. \$2750 | Completed - \$60,000 received to date |
| | 1d | | | | |

| | GOAL | ASSIST COMMUNITIES IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, RECREATION, HISTORIC PRESERVATION, AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURES | Target Date | Staff/Hours/Budget | Accomplishments |
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| ELEMENT 3 | OBJECTIVE | | | | |
| COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT | IMPROVE COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND RECREATION | | | | |
| STRATEGIES | | | | | |
| Cooperative Conservation | 1a | Assist approximately four communities to identify sponsors, and/or assist to develop funding for parks, trails, and recreation development. Cheyenne Wells, Hugo, Rush, Calhan | Sep-10 | Coordinator-Ted, Nancy, Rich, Jim 80 hrs. \$2200 | |
| | 1b | Work with five communities/organizations on sponsor development and grant research for fire department, community buildings, day care center concerns, school building support. Agate, Hugo, Burlington (known) | Jun-10 | Coord. El Paso reps.- Jim, Richard 80 hrs. \$2200 | |
| | 1b cont. | and explore needs/develop contacts in Rush, Yoder, Calhan (El Paso County) | Sep-10 | Coord. El Paso resp- Jim, Richard 80 hrs. \$2200 | |
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| | GOAL | ENERGY CONSERVATION, PRODUCTIVE LAND USE | Target Date | Staff/Hours/Budget | Accomplishments |
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| ELEMENT 4 | OBJECTIVE | | | | |
| LAND MANAGEMENT | EXPLORE THE DEVELOPMENT OF RENEWABLE ENERGY TRAINING, JOBS, OPPORTUNITIES | | | | |
| STRATEGIES | | | | | |
| Market based approach | 1a | Work with cellulosic biofuels study, ARS, Flagler Community Development, Town of Flagler, and Arriba-Flagler FFA to harvest tall grasses and evaluate potential for future biofuels market and industry at Flagler. | Sep-09 | Coordinator - Doris 80 hrs. \$2200 | |
| Cooperative Conservation | 1b | Coordinate at least one workshop related to renewable energy strategies(wind, solar, bio-fuel) | Sep-09 | Coordinator 20 hrs. \$550 | |
| | 1c | Coordinate tour and disseminate progress of Tri County Biofuels project. | Sep-10 | Coordinator 40 hrs. \$1100 | |
| | 1d | Collaborate with East Central Region counties, municipalities, conservation districts, others to apply for regional energy coordinator funds through GEO. | Nov. 2009 | Coordinator, council, partners 160 hrs. \$4400 | Completed 11/2009 |
| | 1e | Coordinate or collaborate on at least one energy audit training to create new job opportunities. | Sep-10 | Coordinator/partners 20 hrs. \$550 | |
| | 1f | Pending funding of regional energy coordinator application; develop regional advisory committee, advertise and hire two energy coordinator positions, and guide GEO program delivery | Sep-10 | Council, Coordinator,partners 160 hrs. \$4400 | |

| | GOAL | NOXIOUS WEED PLANNING/EDUCATION | Target Date | Staff/Hours/Budget | Accomplishments |
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| ELEMENT 4 | OBJECTIVE | | | | |
| LAND MANAGEMENT | COORDINATE WATERSHED PLANNING/FUNDING FOR LOCAL PROJECTS | | | | |
| STRATEGIES | | | | | |
| Watershed Planning | 1a | Continue work with 5 conservation districts/counties on noxious weed training, identification, workshops, and High Plains Invasive species funding possibilities to cost-share control methods for private landowners. (Double E1, Agate, Prairie, High Plains, Kiowa) | Jun-10 | Coordinator 40 hrs. \$1100 | |
| Cooperative Conservation | | | | | |
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| | GOAL | ESTABLISH AN ACTIVE AND INFORMED RC&D EXECUTIVE COUNCIL | Target Date | Staff/Hours/Budget | Accomplishments |
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| ELEMENT 5 | OBJECTIVE 1 | | | | |
| RC&D BOARD DEVELOPMENT | DEVELOP A COUNCIL WITH TWO REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH COUNTY AREA | | | | |
| STRATEGIES | 1a | Communicate with county commissioners-Cheyenne, Kit Carson, Lincoln, Elbert and El Paso. | Feb-10 | Coordinator Council reps. Assist 20 hrs. \$550 | |
| | 1b | Associate with at least 5 municipal leaders/staff and other council sponsors to develop or implement energy coordinator grant or other projects (Elbert, Lincoln, Kit Carson, Cheyenne & El Paso) | Dec. 2010 | Coordinator Council reps. Assist 5 hrs. \$275 | |
| | 1c | Executive Board seats two representatives from each county (vacancies in Cheyenne, Kit Carson) | Jan. 2010 | Council reps. 0/\$0 | |
| | 1d | Appoint and support project committee to review project proposals quarterly | Dec. 2009 | designated 0/\$0 | |

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| ELEMENT 5 | OBJECTIVE 2 | | | | |
| RC&D BOARD DEVELOPMENT | INFORM COUNCIL MEMBERS, ADMINISTRATORS, PARTNERING ORGANIZATIONS, SPONSORS, AND THE PUBLIC ABOUT OFFICE ACTIVITIES | | | | |
| STRATEGIES | | | | | |
| | 1a | Create 2010 electronic annual report to send to sponsors and update ECCRCD website to routinely inform sponsors of activities. | Feb-10 | Coordinator, Verna 50 hrs. \$1350 | |
| | 1b | Meet with each CD or associate on projects-Burlington, Flagler, Cheyenne, High Plains, Prairie, Double EI, Agate, Kiowa, El Paso. | Sep-10 | Coordinator and/or council reps. 80 hrs. \$2200 | |
| | 1c | Utilize marketing tools to recruit council members (fair booths, newsletter, newspapers, community activities) in all counties where council representation is needed. (Kit Carson, Cheyenne) | Jan-10 | council reps. Assisted by Verna 20 hrs. \$550 | |
| | 1d | Provide timely dissemination of information from Colorado League RC&D Council, NARDC, and NRCS sources to council members. | Monthly | President, League rep., Verna 30 hrs. \$0 | |
| | 1e | Maintain ECCRC&D webpage link with Colorado League | Jun-10 | Verna 50 hrs. \$0 | |

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| ELEMENT 5 | OBJECTIVE 3 | | | | |
| RC&D BOARD DEVELOPMENT | PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN LOCAL ACTIVITIES | | | | |
| STRATEGIES | | | | | |
| | 1a | Council members will make every effort to actively participate in quarterly, and annual council meetings including special meetings or meetings via teleconferences/other *as needed. | Oct.09 Dec. 09, Mar. 10, Aug 10 | | |
| | 1b | County update by representatives at quarterly meeting as to assistance needs. | quarterly | Council representatives | |
| | 1c | Council members will make an effort to participate in Colorado League Training and bi-monthly teleconferences | bi-monthly-Jan. 14,15 2010 | ECC delagate/council | |
| | 1d | Council members will participate in training items offered at the annual meeting and quarterly training updates when scheduled | quarterly | League leadership/Council | |
| | 1e | ECC delegate is active in Colorado League activities and reports to council | teleconferen ces/special meetings | Rich & other council members | |

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| ELEMENT 5 | OBJECTIVE 4 | | | | |
| RC&D BOARD DEVELOPMENT | ENSURE PROGRAM DELIVERY | | | | |
| STRATEGIES | | | | | |
| | 1a | Inform all participants about programs and activities. Assessment of program outreach equitability. | Ongoing | Council, Coordinator & staff 12 hrs. \$240 | |
| | 1b | Publish a civil rights statement on all outgoing communications | Ongoing | Council, & staff hr. \$20 | 1 |
| | 1c | Keep brochure and website updated with current information | Ongoing | Coordinator. Staff & council 60 hrs. \$1650 | |
| | 1d | Review USDA-NRCS Memorandum of Understanding | Jan. 2010 | Coordinator, Staff, Council | |
| | 1e | Actively Participate in Quality Assurance Review | scheduled for 2010 | Council, Staff, Council | |

"The East Central Colorado RC&D council agrees that the RC&D Program will be conducted in compliance with the non-discrimination provisions as contained in Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1965 as amended, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 (Public Law 100 -259) and other nondiscrimination statutes; names, Section 504, of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and in accordance with the regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture (7CFR -15, Subparts A and B) that provide that no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, national origin, age, sex, religion, marital status, or handicap/disability be excluded from participation in, or be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial (or technical) assistance from the U.S. Department of Agriculture or any agency thereof."

The East Central Colorado RC&D Council agrees that the signing of this document constitutes agreement to comply with Federal laws concerning restrictions on lobbying, a drug-free workplace, and responsibilities for no procurement, suspension, and debarment, and State review.

The East Central Colorado RC&D Council hereby adopts this RC&D Annual Plan and agrees to use effectively the assistance provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to realize the goals and objective outlined herein.

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| <p>East Central Colorado RC&D Council, Inc. Colorado</p> <p>By: _____, Chairperson</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p>This action authorized at an official meeting of the East Central Colorado RC&D Council on December 3, 2009.</p> | <p>U.S. Department of Agriculture - Natural Resources Conservation Service</p> <p>The State Conservationist hereby acknowledges the attached Annual Plan of East Central Colorado as meeting the requirements under Public Law 97 -98 to receive assistance from USDA.</p> <p>Acknowledged By: _____ State Conservationist</p> <p>Date: _____</p> |
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