

# *NRCD Annual Report*

Welcome to the Santa Cruz Natural Resource Conservation District's (NRCD) Annual Report. My name is Mark Larkin, as Chair of the Santa Cruz NRCD I would like to take a moment and explain what an NRCD is and inform you about the mission of our Board.

NRCD history is rooted in the problems of soil erosion from agricultural production of the Dust Bowl era. The Federal Government established the now Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to develop and demonstrate improved farming methods to help conserve our nation's soil resources. NRCDs were conceived as the mechanism to involve and coordinate with local landowners on the voluntary implementation of NRCS conservation practices on private lands. States were encouraged by the Federal Government to adopt a "Standard Soil Conservation District Law" that allowed for the establishment Conservation Districts as entities of state government. Arizona passed its Conservation District Law in 1942 (Laws, 1941, Ch. 43, § 2).

Arizona NRCD Law grants its Conservation Districts the authority to:

Provide for the restoration and conservation of lands and soil resources of the state, the preservation of water rights and the control and prevention of soil erosion, and thereby to conserve natural resources, conserve wildlife, protect the tax base, protect public lands and protect and restore this state's rivers and streams and associated riparian habitats, including fish and wildlife resources that are dependent on those habitats, and in such manner to protect and promote the public health, safety and general welfare of the people. (A.R.S. § 37-1001 (A))

As mandated by the State of Arizona, our mission statement addresses the conservation of our State's natural resources:

supporting policies and practices that are economically feasible, socially acceptable, and environmentally responsible; and, helping provide financial and technical assistance to cooperators through collaboration with others, adopted on this date: July 10, 2018

In past year, we have focused our efforts on:

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| 1.) <u>workshops</u>            | 4.) <u>water well monitoring</u> |
| 2.) <u>grazing mangement</u>    | 5.) _____                        |
| 3.) <u>drought preparedness</u> | 6.) _____                        |

We are most proud of accomplishing the following project(s):

conducting three workshops to inform cooperators about funding opportunities for conservation projects.

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The Board is always looking ahead. If you have any concerns or comments on natural resource related issues you would like us to address, the Board can be reached by contacting:

Name: Stephen Williams

Phone: 602-820-0191

Email: smw85611@gmail.com

Address: PO Box 3247

Nogales, AZ 85628

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Other: \_\_\_\_\_

We look forward the hearing from you and welcome you to our next board meeting.

Sincerely,

Mark Larkin, Chair of the Board

**This past year's goals were:**

conducting workshops

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grazing management

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drought preparedness

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water well monitoring

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**This past year's objectives to meet these goals were:**

To have subject matter experts address the workshop audiences.

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To monitor 20 key areas for vegetation and soil attributes.

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To maintain weather stations/rain gauges across the District.

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To "sound" water wells and record results.

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**These goals and objectives were our priorities because:**

A poll of district cooperators indicated that they were

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desirous of pursuing them.

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**We accomplished the following projects and have attached pictures:**

Held workshops

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"Sounded" water wells

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Monitored 20 key areas

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Repaired weather stations

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**We were provided funding for our projects this last year by:**

State funds

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District funds

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Donations

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**Volunteers:**

Cooperators

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Supervisors

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AZ Game and Fish Department

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Santa Fe Ranch Ed. Center

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Arizona Revegetation and Monitoring

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Santa Cruz County Fair Association

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**The benefits of accomplishing our goals are the following:**

Functional water and mineral cycles, succession and energy flow  
in the district's ecosystem foundation blocks, and better informed  
and engaged cooperators.

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**Those who benefited the most from our accomplishments were:**

District livestock and ag producers

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District supervisors

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District volunteers

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Cooperating NGOs

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State and Federal agency personnel

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**This last year the Board partnered with the various federal, state, and local government agencies, individuals and businesses listed below.**

- 1.) Natural Resources Conservation Service
- 2.) Arizona State Land Department
- 3.) Arizona Game and Fish Department
- 4.) Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Management
- 5.) UofA Cooperative Extension
- 6.) Borderland Restoration
- 7.) Arizona Land and Water Trust
- 8.) Santa Fe Ranch Education Center
- 9.) Arizona Revegetation and Monitoring Company
- 10.) Santa Cruz County Flood Control District

## NRC D Financial Statement

July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

INCOME	State Account	Local Account	
State Funds	\$ 12,980.00	Beginning Balance	\$
		Contributions	
		Grants	Income \$1,106.91
		Sales	
		Other (itemize)	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 12,980.00</b>	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$</b>
EXPENSES:	State Account	Local Account	
Salaries	\$ 1,705.00		0
Office	2,254.72		200.00
Supervisor			0
Program:			
Dues	1,000.00		
Contributions			
Conference attendance			
Workshop expenses	3,518.20		63.53
Field day expenses			
Newsletter / Annual Report			
Election expenses	406.98		
Range Monitor			Transfer 1,000.00
Other (Describe)	5,000.00		
<b>TOTAL STATE EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 12,984.90</b>	<b>TOTAL LOCAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 1,263.53</b>

BALANCE  
STATE ACCOUNT           \$

BALANCE  
LOCAL ACCOUNT           \$

If you would like to attend one of our meetings, they are held continuously at the following location(s):

**Wild Horse Restaurant, 303 McKeon Avenue, Patagonia, AZ**

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Month: Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct,

Date: Fourth Wednesday

Time: 12:00 pm

NRCD supervisor elections and appointments take place every two years on even number years. The Board also accepts individuals as advisors for anyone interested in offering their skills and expertise for conservation. If anyone is interested in serving on the board or working with the board please contact us. Our current board members serve in various capacities in the community and personally own several businesses. Below are their names and capacities on the Board.

Member: Mark Larkin Title: Chairman

Member: Stephen Williams Title: Vice-Chairman

Member: Dan Bell Title: Treasurer

Member: Bill Schock Title: Past Chairman

Member: Barbara Neville-Johnson Title: Supervisor

This Annual Report of the Santa Cruz NRCD was accepted and approved on this 10th day of July, 2018, 20.

Three Board Member signatures required:

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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