

**CENTRAL CURRY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**  
**918 PARKLAND DRIVE, CLOVIS, NEW MEXICO 88101**  
**PH: 575-762-4769, EXT. 3412**

**APPLICATION FOR PLAYA RESTORATION COST-SHARE PROGRAM**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHYSICAL ADDRESS OF PROJECT LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_

Or

LEGAL DESCRIPTION (TOWNSHIP, RANGE, AND SECTION) and FSA Map \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF ACRES SERVED \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION OF NATURAL RESOURCE PROBLEM AND PROPOSED PROJECT TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEM (if multiple projects are proposed list each project and proposed payment separately.)

I request cost-share assistance under the program to solve the natural resource problem on the land identified above. If cost-sharing is approved for the practice requested, I agree to refund all of the cost-share assistance paid to me by Central Curry Soil & Water Conservation District, if, before the required lifespan period of 20 years, I destroy the approved practices, or no longer utilize the practices for the original intended purpose.

I certify that I have both read and understand the application, and all items that must be submitted with a complete application and have received a copy of the cost share program guidelines. I also agree to submit a W-9 if selected for cost-share funding.

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**Applicant**

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**Date**

## **PLAYA RESTORATION COST SHARE PROGRAM GUIDELINES**

**Description:** This program is intended to restore playa wetlands within the borders of Central Curry SWCD. These activities are expected to provide benefits to wildlife, including migratory waterfowl, and provide additional water to the underlying aquifer. Included activities will include filling pits in playas, planting native grass buffers around playas, removing excess silt from playa basins, and mitigation of eroded channels delivering excess sediment to playa basins. These practices are intended to maintain or restore natural playa hydrology. Funding for this project is provided by PLJV, NMDGF, and USFWS.

**Who may apply:** A landowner within the boundaries of the Central Curry Soil & Water Conservation District (CCSWCD)

**Application:** Applications may be received on a continuous basis. Applications will be approved each month with the following rate found by practice below. Proposed applications/projects will be selected for cost-share funding and notified after approval. Application cost-share funding will be based on the resource need and the ability of the completed project to address that need as well as the viability of the project. It is understood that selection for funding is the sole discretion of the Central Curry SWCD and funding availability.

### **Timeline:**

1. Application may be requested by email from [centralcurry@gmail.com](mailto:centralcurry@gmail.com) or by contacting Ryan Lenz with the Playa Lakes Joint Venture at [ryan.lenz@pljv.org](mailto:ryan.lenz@pljv.org). The applicant then contacts Mr. Lenz who will, through a visit and in conference with the applicant, develop and submit an application to the Central Curry SWCD. The landowner must allow a NMDGF archaeologist or agent thereof on land to conduct an archaeological survey.
2. Landowners may be requested to attend a meeting of the Central Curry SWCD board of supervisors meeting to present a brief description of the project.
3. District Supervisors approve or disapprove the application and notify all applicants in writing following the meeting scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month.
4. Applicant will notify Central Curry SWCD upon project completion.
5. Central Curry SWCD supervisors and/or Christopher Rustay, PLJV will inspect the completed project and recommend approval or disapproval of payment.
6. Multiple projects may be included in one contract. If so, each project may be completed separately, inspected by Christopher Rustay, and paid for, according to payments listed for each project, after approval by the Board.

### **Playa Restoration Payments:**

1. Filling a pit -
  - a. \$3,500 (for pits smaller than 0.5 acres)
  - b. \$5,750 (for pits greater than 0.5 acres)
  - c. \$11,000 (for pits greater than 1.75 acres)
  - d. \$16,500 (for pits greater than 3.00 acres)
2. Buffer planting
  - a. Cover Crop \$81.42/acre (or Native only cover \$195.81)
  - b. Range Planting \$318.93/acre (3 native perennial grasses and forbs)
3. Sediment Removal
  - a. \$3.95/ cubic yard of sediment removal (based on PLJV/NMDGF soil survey)
4. Channel Remediation
  - a. Cost determined during review average expected payment ~\$23,000 per channel
5. Other restorations - Costs TBD

PLAYA RESTORATION APPLICATION COMPLETION CHECK LIST on next page.

### **PLAYA RESTORATION APPLICATION COMPLETION CHECK LIST**

- 1) Landowner requests an application from Central Curry SWCD
- 2) Landowner contacts Ryan Lenz (a pre-approved CC SWCD agent for this project) at [ryan.lenz@pljv.org](mailto:ryan.lenz@pljv.org) or 575-201-3384.
- 3) Landowner fills out an application to perform agreed-upon activities and W-9 after discussion with CC SWCD agent.
- 4) Application submitted to CC SWCD for approval at the next CC SWCD Board meeting (usually the 2nd Tuesday of each month).
- 5) Landowner is notified of decision by Central Curry SWCD.
- 6) Landowner allows a NMDGF archaeologist or agent thereof on land to conduct an archaeological survey.
- 7) Once survey is completed, and USFWS approves, Landowner completes project. A contractor may be chosen or a landowner may choose to do this themselves. Projects are expected to be completed within a year after the archaeological survey is complete, weather permitting.
- 8) Landowner notifies Central Curry SWCD and/or agent that the project is complete.
- 9) Central Curry SWCD or agent visits project site with landowner to ensure compliance and Central Curry SWCD is informed of satisfactory result.
- 10) Central Curry SWCD authorizes payment to the landowner at the next Central Curry SWCD meeting and a check is sent, within approximately three months after payment authorization, dependent upon Central Curry SWCD receipt of payment of CC SWCD invoices to funding partners.