

**CENTRAL CURRY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
918 PARKLAND DRIVE, CLOVIS, NEW MEXICO 88101 / PH: 575-762-4769, EXT. 3**

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.

Applicant _____ **Date** _____

PLAYA RESTORATION COST SHARE PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Description: This program is intended to restore playa wetlands within the borders of Curry County 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 that lies within the boundaries of the Central Curry Soil & Water Conservation District.

Application: Applications may be received on a continuous basis. Applications will be approved each month with the following rate found by practice below. Until current funds are expended, this program is expected to provide funds for approximately 20-30 playas. Proposed applications/projects will be selected for cost share funding and notified by letter. 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 viability of the project. It is understood that selection for funding is the sole discretion of the CCSWCD and funding availability.

Timeline:

1. Application may be obtained at the NRCS Office located at 918 Parkland Drive or requested by email from centralcurry@gmail.com or by contacting Christopher Rustay with the Playa Lakes Joint Venture at christopher.rustay@pljv.org. Applicant must contact Christopher Rustay. Mr. Rustay will, through a visit and in conference with applicant, develop and submit application to the Central Curry Soil and Water Conservation District.
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 2nd Thursday of each month.
4. Project is expected to be completed in accordance with prior approval within six months of acceptance or provide a reason this cannot be completed.
5. Applicant will notify CCSWCD upon project completion.
6. CCSWCD supervisors and/or Christopher Rustay, PLJV will inspect the completed project and recommend approval or disapproval of payment.
1. 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. \$3,000 (for pits smaller than 0.5 acres)
 - b. \$5,000 (for pits greater than 0.5 acres)
 - c. \$10,000 (for pits greater than 1.75 acres)
2. Buffer planting
 - a. Cover Crop \$85.49/acre
 - b. Range Planting \$270/acre
3. Sediment Removal
 - a. \$3.53/ cubic yard of sediment removal (based on PLJV/NMDGF soil survey)
4. Channel Remediation
 - a. Cost determined during review average expected payment ~\$20,000 per channel

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- 1) Landowner requests an application from CC SWCD
- 2) Landowner contacts Christopher Rustay (a pre-approved CC SWCD agent for this project) at christopher.rustay@pljv.org or 505-414-0342.
- 3) Landowner fills out an application to perform agreed-upon activities 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 CC SWCD.
- 6) Landowner must allow 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 six months after the archaeological survey is complete.
- 8) Landowner notifies CC SWCD and/or agent that the project is complete.
- 9) CC SWCD or agent visits project site with landowner to ensure compliance and CC SWCD is informed of satisfactory result.
- 10) CC SWCD authorizes payment to landowner at next CC SWCD meeting and check is sent, within approximately two months of completion, and dependent upon CC SWCD receipt of payment of CC SWCD invoices to funding partners.