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WE ARE VERY EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THAT CARLSBAD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT IS CELEBRATING ITS 75TH YEAR OF SERVICE!

To celebrate that milestone, we are hosting an open house for our community, partners, and friends

Wednesday October 28th from 12:45 to 3:30pm.

We are working on setting up virtual attendance options. Our website and Facebook page will be updated with the login information as it becomes available. We will have demonstrations with some of our new equipment set up outside and in large capacity areas.

In a year that has held uncertainty and stress with upended schedules and events, we look forward to the opportunity to share an important moment with our neighbors.



There have been some changes in the Carlsbad SWCD office in the last year. Longtime District Manager Judy Bock and Information and Education Specialist Judith McCollaum both moved out of the Carlsbad area. Judy is now the District Manager in the Upper Hondo SWCD in Carrizozo. Judith moved to Odessa and is pursuing her leathercrafting full time. While some of the faces have changed, CSWCD's mission remains the same. In September and October of 2019 Sandi Wilkie and Riki Lopez were hired.

Sandi Wilkie has been a ranch wife for 28 years. She and her husband Mark run a small commercial cow herd. She has been a 4H and FFA volunteer and sponsor for 27 years. She served as a member and an officer of the NMSU Extension Support Council. Sandi and Mark also owned and operated The Recycled Cow until April of this year. Together they are trying to find ways to preserve and promote agriculture sustainability for their grandchildren's futures.

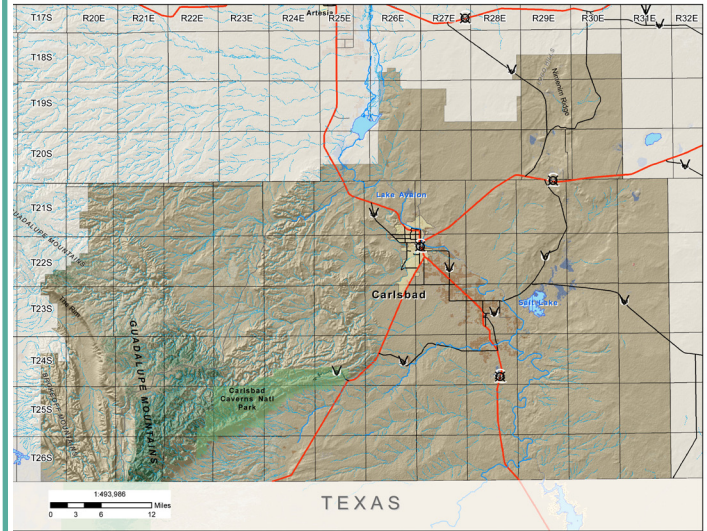
Riki Lopez is from local farming and ranching families. She was an active 4H and FFA member and is a current 4H Leader. Her children are 4H members. She and her family live on a 200-acre farm, producing alfalfa and cotton. They have a small cattle herd and numerous show animals. Riki is a certified CoCoRaHS observer and holds a pesticide applicator's license. She is a current member of the Eddy County Extension Service Advisory Panel. In the past she has worked at the NMSU Ag Science Center in Artesia as well as at the NMSU Extension office in Carlsbad.

Together with Natural Resource Specialist Ray Keller, the ladies have hit the ground running, knowing that they have big shoes to fill. They look forward to the challenge.

One of the projects that CSWCD worked on with partners at the BLM and in the oilfield this last year was the Sunset Reef Campground. This project took an abandoned well site on BLM lands and converted it to 5 RV and 6 tent capacity dry campground. It has overhead shelters and ADA picnic tables at each camping spot. While there is no water or electricity, there is a vault type restroom. The view is amazing! And is remarkably well hidden from the highway even though it is just off of US 62/180 and Washington Ranch Rd.

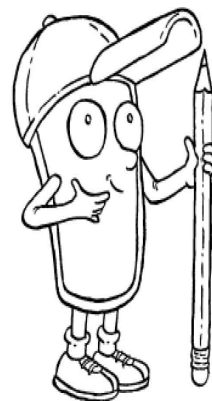


Ribbon Cutting at Sunset Reef Campground



Carlsbad SWCD

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The Healthy Soil Program (HSP) was created when the Healthy Soil Act was signed into law in 2019. The purpose of the HSP is “to promote and support farming and ranching systems and other forms of land management that increase soil organic matter, aggregate stability, microbiology and water retention to improve the health, yield and profitability of the soils of the state.”

This purpose is achieved through grant-funded projects aimed at improving soil health. 84 proposals were submitted for FY19-20, totaling \$1.37 million requested. 19 proposals were selected in FY19-20 totaling about \$178,000. Proposals were recommended by a Technical Review Committee that NMDA convened, consisting of scientists as well as individuals from the state’s farming and ranching community. Out of those 19, the Carlsbad SWCD is administrating one.

Applications have already been submitted for FY21-22, but it is not too early to be preparing for next year’s round. All applications must go through an "eligible entity." Your SWCD is one such entity. We would be more than happy to assist with the process. Check out the NMDA's Healthy Soils Program webpage here: <https://www.nmda.nmsu.edu/nmda-homepage/divisions/apr/healthy-soil-program/>

New Mexico Department of Agriculture's **HEALTHY SOIL PROGRAM** based on the 2019 Healthy Soil Act



Healthy Soils Program Grant: Restoring Urban Interface to Native New Mexico Grassland-
Integrating livestock and reseeding with native grasses



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Remember: The SWCD meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:00pm at 3219 S Canal, on the Pecos Hwy. Please join us!



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Our district board meetings are on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:00pm. Meetings are held at 3219 S Canal in the district building.

The current Board of Supervisors are:
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