



East Torrance Soil & Water Conservation District Quarterly Newsletter



Annual Meeting 2024

We wanted to thank everyone who attended our annual meeting on November 16th! It was a good turnout.

Our District award went to Ken Leiting for his 11 years of service to the ETS&WCD helping with our treeing thinning program! Thank you, Ken! We hope you enjoy your retirement!

A special thank you to our representative, Stefani Lord for attending and speaking.

Mike and Linda Stogner for donating some of our door prizes.

Our board and Rose's Guns & More in Morarity for providing the other door prizes.

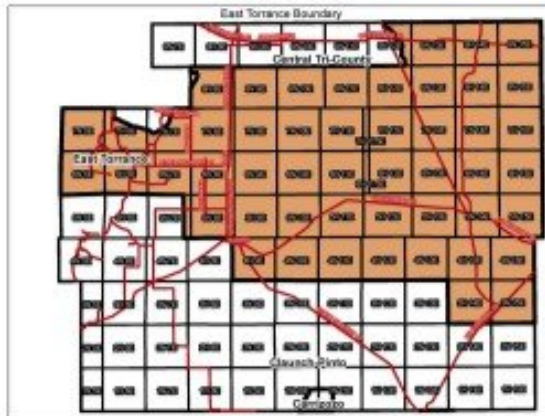


ETSWCD Programs

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| <p>Livestock wells</p> <p>Livestock Drinkers</p> <p>Livestock Cross fencing</p> <p>Brush Management</p> <p>Noxious Weed control</p> <p>Drip Systems</p> <p>Low water use Toilets</p> <p>Shade Balls/Tank covers</p> | <p>Livestock solar pumps</p> <p>Livestock Storage tanks</p> <p>Livestock Waterlines</p> <p>Healthy Soils</p> <p>Windbreaks</p> <p>Rainwater harvesting</p> <p>Wildlife Drinkers</p> <p>Agricultural Irrigation</p> |
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Agriculture Irrigation System



Livestock Solar Pump



Drip System

Why do SWCD exist?

To help provide private landowners- especially farmers, foresters, and ranchers with assistance and services related to local resource concerns such as, soil health, prevent soil erosion, manage water resources and farmland protection.

How it works.

The some of the programs offer up to \$7,500 in a fiscal year (July 1st thru June 30th) in cost share assistance for agricultural soil and water conservation practices. Smaller programs offer up to \$600.

How do I Qualify?

- Are you the landowner or have written permission from the landowner?
- Are you using the cost share program for agricultural purposes?
- Are you in the East Tarrant County district?

If you answered Yes to all of these, you qualify. If you still have questions you can contact:

Leonard Howell
District Manager
Leonard.howell@usda.gov

or

Jennifer Weber
Field Tech
Jennifer.weber2@usda.gov

Update on our Shade ball Program.



The Shade balls will be delivered before mid-December.

The ETSWCD Tank Cover and Shade ball program will cover 85% of the cost of materials required of the projects, up to \$7,500.00.

Producer must supply with application:

- 1) The number of drinkers or tanks and sizes to be included in the program with the application.
- 2) The locations mapped and turned in with the application.
- 3) For tank covers that are premanufactured fiberglass the cover manufacturer's specifications and details.
- 4) All other tank covers need to have a design and materials list to be used submitted with the application.
- 5) Shade balls must be water ballast balls.

When the project is complete East Torrance Soil & Water will inspect and match the specs and details submitted from the application for approval.

When the inspection is complete and approved the producer will submit receipts for the cost of materials only. Labor is not paid through the program.

For more information on availability, pricing and current cost-share programs, please visit us at 715 S 5th St, Estancia NM or call us at (505) 384-2272 Ext. #3287.

Have you Heard About the.....



Agriculture producers wanting to conserve water or address water, air, or animal waste issues; reduce erosion; improve wildlife habitat; obtain a seasonal high tunnel; or just plain improve conservation on their farming operation should consider submitting their application to receive financial assistance through the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) interested?

Begin by filling out eligibility forms. Once you qualify, ensure your application is submitted to your local NRCS office.

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) is a voluntary conservation program for those engaged in livestock, forestry, or agricultural production - including organics.

The program offers financial and technical assistance to implement conservation practices on eligible agricultural land and provides payments for implementing conservation practices that have a positive environmental impact, while protecting long-term agricultural production and sustainability.

Eligible crop production includes - but is not limited to - field grown rowcrops, fruits, orchards, plant materials in greenhouses, row crops, vegetables and vineyards.

To find out more about EQIP or fill out eligibility forms, or obtain an application, contact the Estancia Field Office at 505-384-2272 Ext 3282

Tree Thinning Program



ETS&WCD is currently accepting applications for the Forest Health Projects. This program will reimburse cost share rates depending on what funds you are funded through on cost incurred for forest-stand improvements, thinning and fire break projects.

Proof of ownership of the land that the improvement is wanted on will need to be submitted with the application before planning of the project. Applications are accepted year round. Projects are awarded as funds become available as first come first served. If you would like a site visit to see if your project fits into our funding criteria please come into our office and ask for Jen Weber or you can call or email her to set up a site visit; jennifer.weber@usda.gov/505-384-2272 ext.3296

East Torrance Soil & Water Conservation District Board members and Staff



Left to right: ETS&WCD District Manager, Leonard Howell; ETS&WCD Board members: Christina Estrada, Jason Brunley, Joe Everett, Jennifer Lagan; Chair, Patrick Pachta; Treasurer, Jim Berlier; Vice Chair, Clayton Gardner



Ken Leiting, Jennifer Weber, Jim Berlier, Christina Estrada and Leonard Howell at the NMACD 78th Annual Conference



Welcome to our new Field Tech, Jennifer Weber!

Jen is an Army Veteran, mom of 2 who relocated back to New Mexico this past summer from Colorado.

She has been training with Ken Leiting since she started at the end of July overseeing the Tree thinning program.

Along with that program she is also learning the ropes working alongside Leonard Howell learning the ins and outs of all the cost share programs ETS&WCD has to offer.

If you see her out and about say Hi! She's definitely looking forward to serving all of you and this community!



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