

# NRCD Annual Report - 2021

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NRCD-445

District or Center  
Hereford NRCD

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## District Supervisor

District Supervisor  
Name:John Ladd|Title:Appointed; Name:Lucinda Earven|Title:Elected; Name:Jim  
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Paid Staff

Contracted Support  
Clerk of the Board

Local Working Group Meeting Date  
2021-06-08

Photo 1 Project or Program  
Tombstone High School Welding Program

Photo 1 Caption  
Student Lucy Agee practicing her welds with former welding inspector Rodney Bynam.

**Photo 1 Credit**

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**Photo 2 Project or Program**

Local workgroup and public input meeting was coordinated with the Hereford, San Pedro, and Whitewater Draw NRCDs in support of the local NRCS Douglas Field Office.

**Photo 2 Caption**

Supervisors Jim Lindsey and Lucinda Earven taking a break during the workgroup meeting in which the Hereford NRCD prioritized nine resource concerns.

**Photo 2 Credit**

Joanne M. Roberts, Hereford NRCD

**Affiliation or Job Title**

Tombstone High School Agriculture Teacher

**Key Partners**

In-Kind;Volunteer;Financial

**Quote**

"We are very appreciative of the generosity and support that the Hereford NRCD Board has demonstrated in the past, along with their commitment to furthering agricultural education, and we hope that our organizations can move forward together with the common goal of strengthening agricultural education for the next generation of agricultural stewards. "

**Quoted Source**

Amber Ford

**State Financial Information**

**Beginning Balance (State)**

\$6379.94

**Salary (State)**

\$0.0

**State Income**

\$12980.0

**Office Expenses (State)**

\$440.25

**Special Plate Fund**

\$5433.0

**Supervisor Expenses (State)**

\$0.0

**Total Income (State)**

\$18413.0

**Program Expenses (State)**

\$8291.84

**Contract Labor (State)**

\$6850.0

**Other Expenses (State)**

\$0.0

**Local Financial Information**

**Beginning Balance (Local)**

\$41900.79

**Salary (Local)**

\$0.0

Total Income (Local)  
\$0.0

Office Expenses (Local)  
\$175.51

Local or District Income  
\$2500.6

Supervisor Expense (Local)  
\$0.0

Sources of Income

Cooperator fees, cooperator additional donations, Arizona Community Foundation grant, sale of field guides, and cooperator signs.

Program Expenses (Local)  
\$483.81

Contract Labor (Local)  
\$0.0

Other Expenses (Local)  
\$0.0

Other Expenses Description

printing, postage, website, conservation program support, newsletter.

Explanation for No Projects

The District strives to sponsor, at a minimum, two workshops annually. Last year was an exception. A Wildlife Attractor's Workshop was scheduled in 2020 and was cancelled due to the SARS-CoV-2 restrictions. This workshop will be rescheduled to a later date in 2021 with our key partners, University of Arizona Sierra Vista Campus, Arizona Game and Fish Department, AACD and NRCS.

## **NRCD Program Projects**

### **NRCD-Proj-Program-856**

Type  
District Program

Title  
Small Acreage Land Owner Invasive Species  
Technical Support

Summary

A trustee for land that was transferring into new ownership contacted the District. The new owners were unfamiliar with range property. The trustee contacted the District Board for guidance on treatment and potential funding to combat an invasive plant species. While the District was unable to provide funds, the Board coordinated efforts between the trustee and the local NRCS field office. The District Soil Conservationist conducted a site visit of the property, provided an analysis of the vegetation condition, and a report to the trustee of best management practices for future land planning by the new owners.

Importance

This was important for the District's exposure to a potential new cooperator and ability to provide technical support and contact resources for the landowner. It is important to expose the HNRCD name to the public as much as possible and in multiple venues for purposes of encouraging land owners to participate in land management conservation practices that are economically feasible and environmentally responsible.

Key Partners  
USDA-NRCS Douglas Field Office

### **NRCD-Proj-Program-857**

Type  
District Program

Title  
Tombstone High School FFA and Local 4-H Programs

#### Summary

The Hereford NRCD has been a supporter of Tombstone High School agriculture program for many years. Due to the SARS-CoV-2 restrictions, much of the planned use for the funds was delayed until 2021-2022 school seasons. Limited advancement in the school's welding program was achieved while the Board of Supervisors reached out to the San Pedro Spirits 4-H Club to discuss how the District may be able to assist the youth in 4-H. Through this contact, an animal tattoo kit was donated to the Club and discussions are ongoing for future collaboration in 2021 and 2022 to support the eight 4-H Participation Pathways for youth engagement programs.

#### Importance

This program is an essential investment in the local FFA and 4-H student programs. District funds provide extra funding for the agriculture and FFA programs so the students can accomplish classroom and outdoor activities that they would otherwise be unable to do. For instance, required clothing assistance, welding equipment, classroom materials, greenhouse and livestock assistance.

Key Partners  
Tombstone High School, Agriculture Program, San Pedro Spirits 4-H Club, and Brookline Ranch.

### **NRCD-Proj-Program-858**

Type  
District Program

Title  
Cooperator, Stakeholder, and Interested Party Resource Concerns

#### Summary

While this is an on-going effort, the District sent out a questionnaire to 180 individuals, organizations, municipalities, department of defense, and county and state agencies in an effort to identify resource concerns within the District across landowner communities. Responses were received from four cooperators in good standing, one non-governmental organization, USAG- Fort Huachuca, and three state agencies. While the response was timid for the effort exerted, the responses that were received provided a good picture of similar resource concerns across the various land managers.

#### Importance

Identifying the resources of greatest concerns will enable the District to work more effectively with the local NRCS Soil Conservationist when looking for funding to implement individual and land-scale projects.

Key Partners

USDA- NRCS Douglas Field Office and Arizona  
Association of Conservation Districts

## **NRCD-Proj-Program-859**

Type  
District Program

Title  
The National Association of Conservation  
Districts Technical Assistance Grant Award

Summary  
The Hereford and Whitewater Draw NRCDs  
sought funding through NACD's grant to hire a  
contractor to assist its local District  
Conservationist with the backlog of required  
cultural resource surveys, rangeland inventories,  
and data collection, designing practices, GIS  
mapping, and other contracting work.

Importance  
Because the numbers of technical assistance  
requests that come into the local NRCS field  
office, which is one of the highest in the state for  
support requests, this grant was important to  
support the field office with greatly needed  
technical assistance and staff support to improve  
customer service and reduce workload pressure on  
the District Soil Conservationist.

Key Partners  
Arizona Association of Conservation Districts,  
National Association of Conservation Districts,  
NRCS Douglas Field Office, Whitewater Draw  
NRCD.