

NRCD Annual Plan of Work

District Name: Winkelman NRCD

Mission Statement: To promote sound and wise use of soil, plant, water, wildlife and other resources

Supervisors

Member: Bill Dunn_____ **Title:** Chairman

Member: Steve Turcotte_____ **Title:** Vice-Chairman_

Member: Frances Meyer_____ **Title:** Supervisor

Member: Gary Vinson_____ **Title:** Supervisor

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Staff: Chris Fletcher_____ **Title:** SunZia Liason

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Location of Regular Board Meetings: General Kearny Inn, Box O Ranch (Florence), Aravaipa Canyon Ranch, Trowbridge Hall (Oracle).

Date and time of Regular Board Meetings: 3rd Wed (February, May, August, November) at 10 a.m

District History/Powers/Authorities: Created in 1948, the Winkelman District has gone through one boundary withdraw and two boundary expansions. NRCD enabling statute A.R.S. § 37-100, It is declared the policy of the legislature to provide for the restoration and conservation of lands and soil resources of the state, the preservation of water rights and the control and prevention of soil erosion and thereby to conserve natural resources, conserve wildlife, protect the tax base, protect public lands and protect and restore this state's rivers and streams and associated riparian habitats, including fish and wildlife resources that are dependent on those habitats, and in such manner to protect and promote the public health, safety and general welfare of the people

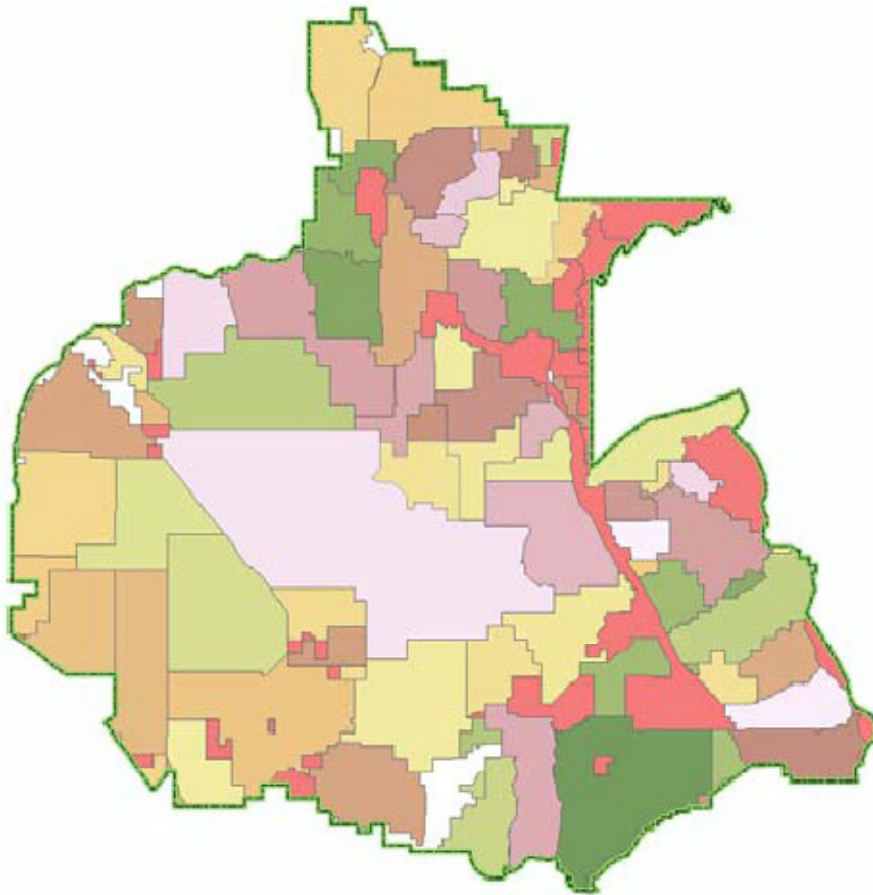
Priority Natural Resource Concerns for our District:

- **Defensible fire-space** Remove Salt Cedar & restore native vegetation (San Pedro & Gila River watershed)
- **Soil erosion** – sheet, rill, wind, concentrated water flow, excessive bank erosion;
- **Soil condition** – compaction, degradation from salts and other contaminants;
- **Water quantity** – inefficient water use;
- **Water quality** – excessive nutrients, pesticide transportation and excessive sedimentation;
- **Air quality** – inefficient energy use, emission of particulate matter and precursors;
- **Wildlife** – fish and wildlife habitat degradation, inadequate feed and forage, inadequate water;
- **Rangeland** - improve management of uplands

Partners/Collaborators/Volunteers: Arizona State Forestry, ASU Landscape Architecture School of Design, NRCS, U of A Cooperative Extension, Arizona Game & Fish, AZ Depart of Agriculture, BLM, USFWS, AACD, ASLD, ACGA, Asarco, Arizona Land & Water Trust, The Nature Conservancy, Resolution Copper, USFS, SBA, Arizona Farm Bureau.

Becky Dunn, Hattie Hedrick, Miriam Reed, Sam Hosler, Anna Flores, Sam Reidhead, Rick Bader

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OVERARCHING ONE YEAR GOALS

1.) Kearny River Fire Restoration Project: Awarded FEMA/AS State Forestry grant. Grant is being rewritten to provide defensible space for the Town of Kearny resulting in funding of \$40,500.

2.) Tonto National Forest Plan Coordination: Waiting for US Forest Service to release its plan.

3.) District Coordinator: In cooperation with Redington District, hire a coordinator to work with district landowners who wish to make management plans for their operations, find grant opportunities to implement conservation practices district wide and small scale. Because of a long term funding opportunity, we will be able to see what the potential is for conservation districts in Arizona with a full-time person working on conservation. \$24,000.

4.) SunZia Transmission Project: Continue working with SunZia Transmission Project to protect the district resources and district cooperators from undue disturbance from the construction of this district wide development. \$6,500.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- 1.) Kearny River Fire Project:** Finalize permitting process; Secure Grant & in-kind matching funds; Contract with vegetation removal crews; Continue restoration project
- 2.) Tonto Coordination Plan:** Provide input for plan development; Review plan draft for content, consistency and accuracy; Provide input as necessary.
- 3.) Planning for Rangeland Restoration Project:** Inform cooperators/ranchers regarding the requirements to participate in the project; Create pilot projects to test brush management techniques, continue searching for grant opportunities for this project.
- 4.) SunZia:** Continue working with Sunzia on Plan of Development to protect district resources.
- 5.) District Coordinator:** Hire a shared District Coordinator in partnership with Redington District to work with agencies, help cooperators develop management plans, find and develop grant opportunities to do large and small scale conservation projects.

Funding Sources

- 1.) Kearny River Fire Project:** FEMA/AZ State Forestry Fuels management grant, District funds, in-kind matching funds from Town of Kearny, WNRCD, Contractor donations, and volunteer labor.
- 2.) Tonto National Forest Plan Coordination:** District funds
- 3.) Planning for Rangeland Restoration Project:** Grant source unknown at this time; District Funds; Cooperator Funds;
- 4.) SunZia:** Sharing costs of contractor with Redington district. District funds.
- 5.) District Coordinator:** SunZia, District funds shared with Redington.

Who will do the work?

- 1.) Kearny River Fire Project:** District personnel, agency staff, contractors, volunteers, students, Town of Kearny employees.
- 2.) Tonto National Forest Plan Coordination:** District personnel & supervisors, agency staff, volunteer advisors;.
- 3.) Planning for Rangeland Restoration Project:** District personnel & supervisors, agency staff, contractors, cooperators, volunteer landowners; volunteer advisors.
- 4.) SunZia:** Contract labor.
- 5.) District Coordinator:** This will be a contract position

When will the work be done?

1.) Kearny River Fire Project: District was awarded the grant but is being revised due to reduced acreage. Work started this spring and stopped with the arrival of the Southwestern Willow Flycatcher.



Clearing the Salt Cedar

Work will begin again when Flycatcher leaves in the fall. Salt cedar removal is planned to be completed by the spring of 2018; then, rehabilitation will begin.

2.)Tonto National Forest Plan Coordination: All year through finalization of plan, draft plan is scheduled to be published in September, 2017.

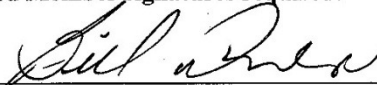
3.) Planning for Rangeland Restoration Project: All year long.


4.) Hiring of District Coordinator: Search for candidate has begun. Plan on hiring coordinator before the end of summer 2017.

5.) SunZia: We have hired a contractor to be liason. Work is ongoing with meetings coordinating planning of project with affected landowners.

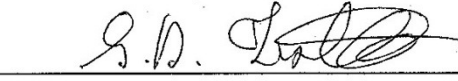
This Annual Plan of Work for the WinkelmanNRCD was accepted and approved on this
19th day of June, 2017.

Three Board Member signatures required:

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