

**NRC D Annual Plan of Work****Please Review Your Response****Report Point of Contact**

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**District Information**

Please provide your District's specific Mission Statement

The WNRC D will strive to insure a sustainable natural resource base for future generations by promoting a voluntary culture of conservation according to the following principles:

1. Protecting private property rights
2. Fostering a sustainable and resilient economy
3. Promoting incentive based habitat conservation species diversity

What is the projected Local Working Group meeting date or range of dates for the upcoming year?

May 1, 2023

**Supervisors**

Please list all elected and appointed Supervisors (Check 'Add additional Supervisor' to add more)

\* (required) Name

Bill Dunn

\* (required) Title

Chair

\* (required) Name

Steve Turcotte

\* (required) Title

Vice Chair

\* (required) Name

Gary Vinson

\* (required) Title

Treasurer

\* (required) Name

Carol DuBois

\* (required) Title

Other

\* (required) Name

Sen. Barbara McGuire

\* (required) Title

Other

\* (required) As officials of the Conservation District, identify any external partnership meetings that were attended

AACD Summer Meeting (Aug 8-9), WNRCD & Tonto NRCD LWG (Sep 29), Congressman Tom O'Halloran (March 24), Resource Need Assessment (May 17, 18 & 19)

### Natural Resource Priorities

Identify the District's resource priorities and concerns for the **upcoming fiscal year 2023**.

\* (required) Resource Priorities (Select top 3)

Available

Air Quality

Energy Use

Fish and Wildlife

Hazardous Fuels Mitigation

Range Management

Soil Erosion

Watershed

Selected

Inadequate Livestock and Water Availability

Resource Assessment

Water Conservation

\* (required) Please cite data or scientific studies that you used to develop your upcoming District's priorities:

2012 WNRCD NRCS Field report

i.e. NOAA rainfall data, local examples of rock dam effectiveness, personal observations, professional research.

\* (required) Identify partners you may collaborate with in addressing these priorities:

Available

Arizona Department of Environmental Quality

Arizona Department of Forestry and Fire Ma...

Arizona State Land Department

Arizona State Parks and Trails

Arizona State University

Bureau of Land Management

Fire Districts

Selected

Arizona Department of Agriculture

Arizona Department of Game and Fish

Arizona Department of Water Quality

Local Government

Local NRCS

US Fish and Wildlife Service

\* (required) List all local government partners:

Town of Kearny, Pinal County

**Please upload a photograph/info graph of a resource concern**

Title	File Size
Resource Concern - Fire-ElCapitan-DeadCows	570.62 KB

## 2023 Natural Resource Priority Projects or District Programs

Natural Resource Projects are those intended to address specific, identified natural resource concerns in the district area. This includes cost-share, grant funded, or/and collaborative programs.

District Programs are those supporting basic district operations, education and outreach with landowners, engagement with other processes and entities to advance the work of the district, etc. This includes cost-share, grant funded, or/and collaborative programs.

For questions on Projects or Programs, review the Frequently Asked Guide. You can add as many projects or programs as you like by clicking Add additional project/program at the bottom.

**Note:** These projects/programs can address the priorities listed above.

\* (required) What type is this?

- ☐ Natural Resource Project
- ☐ District Program

\* (required) What is the title for this project/program?

Water Protection Fund - Riparian Restoration

\* (required) Describe in two to three sentences, the goals for this project/program area

The 3-year project is defined below:

- Decrease water loss along the Gila River by removing invasive tamarisk,
- Improve long-term riparian ecosystem functioning and restore native habitat for wildlife,
- Create a long-term tamarisk management plan for the WNRCD and strengthen on-going collaborative conservation between ranchers, farmers, county and town governments, government agencies, non-government organizations, and public citizens.

i.e. Project: Reduce soil loss and improve water quality in the Little Colorado River watershed by November 2022. Program: Facilitate a workshop on range land improvements.

\* (required) Describe the project/program specific measurable objectives

- 1) remove tamarisk along the Gila River on approximately 17-acres of the General Kearny Sheriff's Mounted Posse of Pinal County property;
- 2) remove tamarisk along the Gila River on approximately 3-acres of the DuBoise Ranch private property;
- 3) revegetate approximately 105-acre riparian corridor on Town of Kearny property where tamarisk is currently being removed by other project partners,
- 4) create a Tamarisk Management Plan for the WNRCD outlining future tamarisk treatment methods, priority restoration sites, revegetation goals, and monitoring

i.e. Project: Restore 11 acres in the Little Colorado River watershed by November 2022. Program: Facilitate a total of 3 workshops in the District by November 2022.

Project / Program Plan

\*(required) Does the District or Education Center have a plan for the implementation of the project/program?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Please upload the District's plan

Title	File Size
District Plan - ARIZONA WATER PROTECTION FUND-TaskCosts	229.45 KB
District Plan - Tamarisk Removal	6.26 MB

Anticipated Funding Sources

\*(required) Check all that apply and you'll be required to enter an amount (zero is the default amount)

Available

Federal

Non-Profit

Private Donations

In kind

District

Other

Selected

Local Government

State

Volunteer

All anticipated funding sources should be entered as whole numbers with two decimal places (i.e. 123.44). Do not enter the dollar symbol (\$).

\*(required) Local Government

\$205,000.00

\*(required) State

\$0.00

Total

\$205,000.00

\*(required) # of Volunteer Hours

1,000

\*(required) ☐ This report is a complete and accurate statement of future work

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