

NRCD Annual Report

Welcome to the __Winkelman__ Natural Resource Conservation District's (NRCD) Annual Report. My name is __Bill Dunn____, as Chair of the __Winkelman__ NRCD, I would like to take a moment and explain what an NRCD is and inform you about the mission of our Board.

NRCD history is rooted in the problems of soil erosion from agricultural production of the Dust Bowl era. The Federal Government established the now Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to develop and demonstrate improved farming methods to help conserve our nation's soil resources. NRCDs were conceived as the mechanism to involve and coordinate with local landowners on the voluntary implementation of NRCS conservation practices on private lands. States were encouraged by the Federal Government to adopt a "Standard Soil Conservation District Law" that allowed for the establishment Conservation Districts as entities of state government. Arizona passed its Conservation District Law in 1942 (Laws, 1941, Ch. 43, § 2).

Arizona NRCD Law grants its Conservation Districts the authority 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. (A.R.S. § 37-1001 (A))

As mandated by the State of Arizona, our mission statement addresses the conservation of our State's natural resources:

_____To promote sound and wise use of soil, plant, water, wildlife and other resources_____,
adopted on this date: _July 16, 2018_____

In past year, we have focused our efforts on:

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| 1.) Kearny River Fire Project | 5.) RCPP & FEMA HMGP Grant |
| 2.) Sunzia Transmission Project | 6.)BLM 2.0 Planning Rule |
| 3.) Native Plant Nursery | 7.)Tonto National Forest Plan Coordination |
| 4.) Create a District Coordinator Position | 8.) |

We are most proud of accomplishing the following project(s):

- Hired a consultant to represent the interests of the District and cooperators on the Sunzia Plan of Development, participated in on-site review and organized site visits with coordinators and SunZia to facilitate conflicts and recommend mitigation measures. We were able to keep the SunZia project away from some undisturbed petroglyphic sites, detour some construction roads away from sensitive areas and help SunZia procure water for cooperators for project construction.
- Applied for Fema/AZ Forestry grant to create a defensible space around Kearny & other river communities. Grant was awarded to WNRCD; then, it was modified & resubmitted. We have been awarded the grant and are awaiting final environmental clearances to begin work. Anticipate to begin work in October.
- Worked with one of our cooperators, two firebreaks were created in the riverbottom for the Town of Kearny.
- Hired a part-time district coordinator position.
- Working with Central Arizona College, Arizona Game and Fish Department, Oracle Community Learning Garden, and Redington NRCD to fund, build and operate a native plant nursery.
- Tonto National Forest Plan Coordination, waiting for USFS to release its plan.
- Stock tank cleaning has been a priority resource concern for the district and we have had our District Coordinator working with cooperators to get some of their tanks cleaned and sealed before summer monsoon begins.

The Board is always looking ahead. If you have any concerns or comments on natural resource related issues you would like us to address, the Board can be reached by contacting:

Name:___Bill Dunn_____
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Email:___dunnranches@yahoo.com_____
Address:___PO Box 486_____
_____Kearny, AZ 85137_____

We look forward the hearing from you and welcome you to our next board meeting.

Sincerely,

_____Bill Dunn_____, Chairman of the Board

This past year's goals were:

- Successfully apply for FEMA grant for Kearny River Fire restoration
- Work with SunZia and cooperators on Suzia's Plan of Development
- Build a native plan nursery
- Hire a part-time District Coordinator

This past year's objectives to meet these goals were:

_See Plan of Work _

These goals and objectives were our priorities because:

Consistent with our mission statement to protect our natural resources and the rights of our cooperators.

We accomplished the following projects and have attached pictures:

- Participated in Sunzia's Plan of Development.
- Applied for a FEMA HMGP Grant.
- Catalyst for creating community action plan to address the problems created by the Kearny River fire. The first step was to create a fire break around Kearny, see the following pictures.



Bill Dunn discussing the plan with Jerry Tomerlin



Rick Bader dozing the Salt Cedar.

We were provided funding for our projects this last year by:

_State Legislature, Agencies_____

_Volunteers, Cooperators, Partners____

Volunteers:

_Hattie Hedrick, Becky Dunn_____

Rick Bader, Jerry Tomerlin, Patrick Granillo_

_Jane Turcotte, Amber Barton_____

Donna Woods_____

The benefits of accomplishing our goals are the following:

__The District is helping our cooperators stay in business and for them to be able to protect the district resources and tax base. _____

Those who benefited the most from our accomplishments were:

__Producers, State Land Trust, Town of Kearny _____

This last year the Board partnered with the various federal, state, and local government agencies, individuals and businesses listed below.

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| 1.) Arizona Game and Fish department | 7.) U.S Fish and Wildlife Service |
| 2.) Oracle Community Learning Garden | 8.) BLM |
| 3.) NRCS | 9.) FEMA |
| 4.) Arizona State Land Department | 10.) AZ State Forestry |
| 5.) Redington NRCD | 11.) Town of Kearny |
| 6.) Arizona Assoc. of Conservation Districts | 12.) Asarco |

Winkelman NRCD Financial Statement

July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

INCOME		State Account	Local Account
Beginning Balance	\$11,627.09	Beginning Balance	\$35,063.74
		Contributions	0
Legislature	17,759.00	Legislature	0
		Other	
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 29,386.09	TOTAL INCOME	\$ 0
EXPENSES:		State Account	Local Account
Contract Labor	\$4,601.95	Contract Labor	\$4,930.78
Office	1,086.66	Office	2,717.45
Pass Thru	3,677.00		1,102.00
Program:			
Dues	1,950.00	Dues	1,200.00
Contributions	5,000.00		
Conference attendance			
Workshop expenses			
Field day expenses			
Newsletter / Annual Report			
Election expenses			129.76
Other (Native Plant Nursery)		Other (Native Plant Nursery)	\$ 600.00
TOTAL STATE		TOTAL LOCAL	
EXPENSES	\$ 16,315.61	EXPENSES	\$10,679.99
State Account Balance		Local Account Balance	\$ 24,383.75

If you would like to attend one of our meetings, they are held at the following location(s): ____

General Kearny Inn, A Diamond Ranch, Aravaipa Canyon Ranch, Trowbridge Hall

(Oracle)_____, or other locations from time to time.

Month: _February, May, August and November_____

Date: ___3rd Wednesday_____ Time: ___10 a.m._____

NRCD supervisor elections and appointments take place every two years on even number years. The Board also accepts individuals as advisors for anyone interested in offering their skills and expertise for conservation. If anyone is interested in serving on the board or working with the board please contact us. Our current board members serve in various capacities in the community and personally own several businesses. Below are their names and capacities on the Board.

Member: ___Bill Dunn_____ Title: _Chairman_____

Member: ___Steve Turcotte_____ Title: _Vice-Chairman_____

Member: ___Gary Vinson_____ Title: _Supervisor_____

Member: ___Carol DuBois_____ Title: _Supervisor_____

Member: ___Amber Barton_____ Title: _Supervisor_____

This Annual Report of the _____Winkelman_____ NRCD was accepted and approved

on this ___16th___ day of ___July_____, 2018__.

Three Board Member signatures required:

Signature_____

Signature_____

Signature_____

Signature_____

Signature_____