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# *Conservation District E-News*

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Clines Corners, Cedar Grove, East Tijeras, Edgewood, Moriarty, & Stanley*

## *District Accepting Applications for Water Trust Board Grant*

The Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD), along with the Claunch-Pinto and East Torrance SWCDs are in the fifth year of the Water Trust Board grant program.

The Water Trust Board grant will reimburse landowners for brush management and forest stand improvement. Maximum contract amount is \$10,000 per landowner.

Applications are accepted year-round!

For more information on this program, or to receive an application, please call the office at 832-1111. You may also download the application by logging on to our website at [www.eswcd.org](http://www.eswcd.org).

**You can run a TV for six hours on the amount of electricity that is saved by recycling one aluminum can.**

Information source:

<http://gogreeninitiative.org/content/WhyGoGreen/>

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NATURAL RESOURCE!**



**Visit our web site for more information  
on district programs!**

***[www.eswcd.org](http://www.eswcd.org)***

## **Community Wildfire Protection Plan Public Meeting**

**For**

**Torrance County Residents**

**December 10, 2007**

**6:30 PM**

**Robert Saul Community Center  
Mountainair, New Mexico**

### **The Function of a Conservation District**

To take available technical, financial, and educational resources, whatever their source, and focus or coordinate them so they meet the needs of the local land user.

## *The Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Program*

### What is it and how can it help our Community?

The Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) program was authorized by Congress with the passage of the Food and Agriculture Act of 1962. The act expanded opportunities for state and local units of government, local nonprofit organizations, tribes, conservation districts and individuals to improve their communities through this program of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

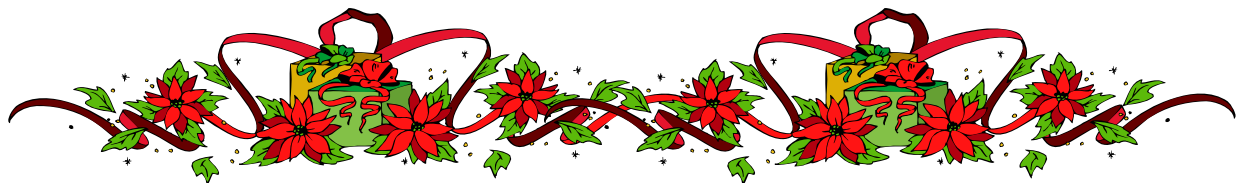
The RC&D program is based on a number of concepts that make it exceptionally well suited to local initiatives. These concepts include:

- Recognizing the value of public/private partnerships to make the best uses of limited resources.
- Using grass-roots involvement to make decisions about local issues.
- Bringing USDA agencies together to focus on problems and opportunities.
- Leveraging limited federal dollars with private funds and other resources to accomplish goals.
- Working toward the goal of community sustainability.
- Promoting rural economic development and stability while protecting natural resources.

In New Mexico, there are eight RC&D areas that are governed by individual RC&D Councils. The Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District falls under the Hub RC&D area.

The Hub RC&D's mission is to promote the conservation, development, and utilization of natural resources to improve the general level of economic activity and to enhance the environment and standard of living in the Hub RC&D area.

For more information regarding RC&D, contact Hub RC&D Coordinator, Maureen Murphy at 761-



### **Calendar of Events**

#### **December 6, 2007**

Edgewood SWCD Board Meeting  
6:00 PM  
District Office in Moriarty

#### **December 10, 2007**

Torrance County Wildfire Protection Plan Meeting  
6:30 PM  
Robert Saul Community Center in Mountainair

#### **December 18, 2007**

Central NM Cooperative Weed Management Meeting  
9:30 AM  
District Office in Moriarty

## **Spring Tree Sale**

**The full deciduous (leaf bearing)  
tree list will be available  
January 2008, and will be mailed  
in the District Newsletter  
mid January.**

**You may also download it  
from our website after January 1<sup>st</sup>  
[www.eswcd.org](http://www.eswcd.org).**

## Envirothon Comes to New Mexico

The New Mexico Association of Conservation Districts (NMACD), along with the New Mexico Conservation District Employees (NMCDE) and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) are joining forces to bring North America's largest high school environmental education competition to New Mexico, the Canon Envirothon.

Canon Envirothon's mission is to develop knowledgeable, skilled citizens who are willing and prepared to work toward achieving a natural balance between quality of life and the quality of the environment. It is an outdoor, team-based program, designed to help students better understand their environment through exploration of ecology, natural resource management, and current environmental issues. The Canon Envirothon combines classroom learning with hands-on field experiences focused around five major topics, which are: Soils & Land Use, Aquatic Ecology, Forestry, Wildlife, and Environmental Issues.

The New Mexico Envirothon will hold a state-wide competition the end of April 2008. The winning team will then attend the national competition in July 2008 in Flagstaff, Arizona.

For more information please contact Kelly at 832-1111 or 705-5444.



**The Edgewood SWCD  
Board Members & Staff  
would like to wish our landowners a  
Safe and Happy Holiday Season!**

**The District Office will be closed for the  
Christmas Holiday from  
December 24<sup>th</sup> – December 26<sup>th</sup>, and  
for the New Year's Holiday from  
December 31<sup>st</sup> – January 1<sup>st</sup>.**

## What Does a Conservation District Do?

Among other things, conservation districts help:

- implement conservation practices to keep farm and ranch lands productive;
- protect water resources;
- plant trees and other land cover to hold soil in place, clean the air, provide cover for wildlife and beautify neighborhoods;
- help developers and homeowners manage the land in an environmentally sensitive manner; and
- reach out to communities and schools to teach the value of natural resources and encourage conservation efforts.

**Remember, the State Land  
Office is now co-located with the  
Edgewood SWCD!**

**Free Firewood Permits for area  
landowners are still available.**

**For more information, or to get  
your permit, call Tye Chesser at  
832-6213.**

