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# Conservation District E-News

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*Serving: Southern Santa Fe, Eastern Bernalillo and Northern Torrance Counties*

## Attention Landowners!

**What can the Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District do for you?**

**Free trainings have been held on drip irrigation systems, native grass reclamation and water harvesting construction in the past.**

**Please let staff know of other trainings you would like to see the District hold.**

**Call Brenda or Kelly at 832-1111 with your suggestions today!**

**We appreciate our landowners, and look forward to many more training sessions that benefit you!**

**HELP US CONSERVE OUR MOST PRECIOUS  
NATURAL RESOURCE!**



*Visit our web site for more information  
on district programs!  
[www.eswcd.org](http://www.eswcd.org)*

## *NRCS Presence in Moriarty*

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will now hold office hours in Moriarty at the Edgewood SWCD Office.

District Conservationist, Brad Podoll will be available to visit with any landowner who has questions regarding an existing NRCS contract or for any conservation question.

The Edgewood SWCD looks forward to this new schedule, and hopes many landowners take advantage of this opportunity.

Brad will be available every Thursday from 1:00 PM – 4:30 PM. For more information, call Brad at 384-2272 Ext. 3 or Brenda at 832-1111.

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# Conservation Corner

**GRASS:** *The stockman's crop - How to harvest more of it*

*By: Brad Podoll; District Conservationist*

Yes, grasslands are a crop—a crop that rivals corn, wheat, and soybeans in importance. It's the backbone of our livestock industry, and also provides a cornucopia of other benefits. It's important to wildlife, and as watersheds and for recreation and aesthetics. In a report put together by Harland Dietz, retired NRCS range conservationist, you'll learn the basics about grass and ways to manage it for desired production. This pamphlet has helped many grassland users improve this important resource across many regions of the country. Please contact the Edgewood SWCD (832-1111) or NRCS office at Estancia (384-2272) for a copy.

## JOIN THE CONSERVATION TEAM IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CANCER



**RELAY for LIFE**  
**ESTANCIA VALLEY**  
*August 1<sup>st</sup> - August 2<sup>nd</sup>*  
*Arthur Park, Estancia, NM*

***Want to Volunteer?***

***Call 384-2272 Ext. 3 today!***



## Calendar of Events

**CNMCWMA Meeting – Mountainair**

7/23 - 9:00 AM

**Edgewood SWCD Board Meeting**

8/6 - 6:00 PM

**Torrance County Fair**

8/10 – 8/15

## WATER FACTS

### AVERAGE DAILY WATER USE

Be aware of how much water you use! Awareness is the first step in conservation. The average person uses fifty gallons of water per day on the following activities:

- Toilet - 19 gallons per day
- Bathing & hygiene - 15 gallons per day
- Laundry - 8 gallons per day
- Kitchen - 7 gallons per day
- Housekeeping - 1 gallon per day

Information source:

<http://www.usagreen.org/waterconservation.html>

## District Report Ready

The Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District is at the end of their fiscal year, which runs July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>.

The End-of-Year Report is complete. This report contains highlights of the district cost-share program, sub-committee information, and other on-going district programs.

Any landowner within the district boundaries, who would like a copy of this report, should call the district office at 832-1111, or stop by to pick one up. The office is located at 2506 Route 66, Moriarty, NM.



**Do Your Part.....Recycle!**

## Managing Your Forest

Forests are known for their diversity and beauty. They provide a home to many species of wildlife, improve water quality, filter pollutants from water and air, enhance outdoor and recreational experiences, provide wood products, and supply jobs in local economies. However, all of our forests have changed over the years and their sustainability has been challenged.

Forests, like most natural resources, require proper management to be healthy and productive. Forest management is the practical application of biological, physical, quantitative, managerial, economic, social, and policy principals to the regeneration, management, utilization and conservation of forests to meet specific goals and objectives while maintaining the productivity of the forest. By managing your forest you can protect water quality, increase habitat diversity for wildlife, and increase the growth rate of your trees. In addition, properly managed forests can provide income, reduce the risk of wild-land fire, help protect trees against insects and diseases, and even increase the value of your property.

The Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD) along with the Claunch-Pinto and East Torrance SWCDs has joined forces to acquire funding from the Water Trust Board for Watershed Health Projects. These projects include brush management, forest thinning, diversion construction, native grass reclamation plantings, and grazing management.

The Edgewood SWCD is currently working on acquiring additional funds for this program.

If you would like more information about this program, or would like to apply for these funds, call Kelly or Brenda at 832-1111. You may download the application by visiting our website – [www.eswcd.org](http://www.eswcd.org).

## *District Staff Certified*

The Edgewood Soil & Water Conservation District staff was recently awarded their accreditation as Certified Water Harvesters by the American Rainwater Catchment Systems Association (ARCSA).

The American Rainwater Catchment Systems Association was founded in 1994 by Dr. Hari J. Krishna in Austin, Texas, to promote rainwater catchment systems in the United States.

Kelly Smith and Brenda Smythe attended a 3-day training in Kerrville, TX, which included water concerns, storm-water management, safety concerns, planning, estimating supply and demand, roofing, guttering, storage, use of rainwater, piping, pumping, sanitation, and maintenance.

Both employees passed their exam, fulfilling the requirement for this "Professional Accreditation" designation.

Of the 248 professionals nationwide that have completed their accreditation course, and have a current accreditation status, only 6 are in New Mexico.

The Edgewood SWCD is currently seeking additional funding sources to supplement their current water harvesting programs.



## **NEW MEXICO NOXIOUS WEED LIST UPDATE**

The New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA) has selected the following plant species to be targeted as noxious weeds for control or eradication pursuant to the Noxious Weed Management Act of 1998.

To see the complete NM Noxious Weed List visit: [http://www.nmda.nmsu.edu/animal-and-plant-protection/noxious-weeds/weed\\_memo\\_list.pdf](http://www.nmda.nmsu.edu/animal-and-plant-protection/noxious-weeds/weed_memo_list.pdf)



## *Conservation Quote*

***When the well is dry,  
we know the worth of water.***

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, (1706-1790),  
Poor Richard's Almanac, 1746

*Information Source:*  
<http://jperret.tripod.com/water.html>

## ***The Function of a 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.*

