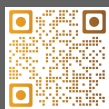


# MRGCD Conservation Program

An overview of the upcoming outreach, technical and financial assistance programs available to MRGCD irrigators, partners, and other public members in December 2022.

For more information on the Conservation Program, contact Gabriella Coughlin ([gabby@mrgcd.us](mailto:gabby@mrgcd.us)), Casey Ish ([casey@mrgcd.us](mailto:casey@mrgcd.us)), or Yasmeen Najmi ([yasmeen@mrgcd.us](mailto:yasmeen@mrgcd.us)).



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## Technical Assistance

- [Community Soil Health Lab and Dynamic Soil Survey Program](#): Schedule a site visit with our new soil scientist/agroecologist to test your soils or develop a soil and irrigation management plan for the next growing season. Email Gabby for more info.

## Financial Assistance

- [Cover Cropping and Environmental Water Leasing Program](#): Interested in learning about the District's Pilot Cover Cropping or Environmental Water Leasing Programs? Open enrollment begins Jan. 18th. Contact Casey Ish for more info.
- [Regional Conservation Partnership Program](#): If you are in the South Valley of Albuquerque, Valencia, and Socorro Counties, you will be eligible for this 5-year RCPP. The estimated program start is Fall 2022. The first step to applying is to have a USDA-Farm Service Agency Farm and Tract number established. Contact Gabby for more info.

## Upcoming Outreach & Education Events

This month, MRGCD is kicking off a series of community "Meet & Greets" to welcome irrigators to participate in a survey which will help us plan for the next irrigation season. Some of these events are occurring before/after other partner events. If you would like to request MRGCD at your outreach event, contact the Conservation Program.

- [Socorro SWCD Monthly Board Meeting & MRGCD "Meet and Greet"](#): Monday, Dec. 13th, 9:00am- 12:00 pm @103 Francisco de Avondo Socorro, NM 87801
- [2021 DPNM Rural Summit](#): Saturday, Dec. 12th, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm; Virtual
- [MRGCD Monthly Board Meeting](#): Monday, Dec. 13th, 3:00 pm - 6:30 pm. Virtual and In-person
- [Coronado SWCD Monthly Board Meeting & MRGCD "Meet and Greet"](#): 11:00 am -1:00 pm @ El Zocalo Center 264 S. Camino del Pueblo, Bernalillo, NM
- [Valencia SWCD Monthly Board Meeting](#): Saturday, Dec. 18th. 9:00 am - 12:00 pm; Virtual
- [Ciudad SWCD Monthly Board Meeting](#): Monday, Dec. 20th. 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm; Virtual
- [MRGCD Community "Meet and Greet"](#): Wednesday, Dec. 15th, 9:00-12:00pm @South Valley Economic Development Center: 318 Isleta Blvd SW, Albuquerque, NM 87105

## Bosque Ecosystem & Species Conservation

- Fall and winter are great times to enjoy the bosque! To learn more about upcoming projects, events, field tours, or wildlife watching opportunities, stay connected to the [MRGCD's Conservation Program](#) and the [NM Audobon Society](#).

