



MRGCD CONSERVATION PROGRAM

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

For more information on the Conservation Program, contact Gabriella Coughlin (gcoughlin@mrgcd.us), Casey Ish (james@mrgcd.us), or Yasmeen Najmi (yasmeen@mrgcd.us).



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. Contact Gabby Coughlin for more information.
- In partnership with the Village of Los Ranchos Agri-Nature Center, landowners in the Middle Rio Grande Valley have access to a **Soils and Compost Testing Lab**. Contact Gabby Coughlin for more information.
- **Irrigation assessments** - If you're not meeting the MRGCD's irrigation policy of 1 acre/hour and/or would like an assessment of your water delivery system, contact Casey Ish.



Financial Assistance

- **Healthy Soils Program Assistance Grant (due May 19, 2022)**
- **Regional Conservation Partnership Program:** If you're in the South Valley in Bernalillo County, or in Valencia or Socorro Counties, you could be eligible for this 5-year landowner assistance program. 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 Coughlin for more information.



Outreach and Education Events

The MRGCD will host information meetings this summer to provide irrigation season and other updates and listening sessions. If you would like to request MRGCD at your outreach event, contact Yasmeen Najmi.

- **MRGCD Valencia County Information Meeting** - May 25, 2022, 3-6pm, Los Lunas Transportation Center, Los Lunas, NM.
- **Cover Cropping Workshop and San Isidro Blessing** - May 14th 8:30 - noon, Los Ranchos AgriNature Center
- **Soil Issues in NM.** NMSU Extension webinar - May 18th 3:00pm
- **NM Agrifutures Conference** - May 17 - 19th, 2022, Albuquerque, NM.
- **Next Generation Water Summit** - May 20, 2022, 11:30am.
- **Bernalillo County Backyard Farming Series 2022**
- **Coronado SWCD Board meeting** - 3rd Thursday of the month, 9:00am
- **Ciudad SWCD Board meeting** - 3rd Monday of the month, 4:30pm.
- **Valencia SWCD Board meeting** May 24, 2022, 4-7pm
- **Socorro SWCD Board meeting 2nd Monday of the month** at noon.
- **MRGCD Board meetings**, June 13th and July 11th 2022, 3:00pm



Ecosystem and Species Conservation

Summer is a great time to enjoy the bosque and river! **New Mexico is experiencing critical fire danger so please observe MRGCD, local and State restrictions concerning fires and burning.** To learn more about upcoming projects, events, field tours, or wildlife watching opportunities, stay connected to the MRGCD's Conservation Program and the NM Audubon Society.

- **Rio Abajo Conservation Area public meeting** - May 21, 2022, 10-2pm at Rio Abajo Conservation Area, Belen, NM.
- **Keep it Rio River Education Day and Cleanup**- May 21, 2022, 9-1pm Corrales and Albuquerque Bosque.