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Background

- Organized in 1945
- Primarily in Otero County
- Governed by an elected five-member board

The Mission of EOCD is an organization of private landowners who monitor and solve conservation needs, secure funding, provide education and promote research. Other services include providing direction and advice to various federal and state agencies. The District also influences legislation on conservation issues. These services are provided to the landowners and general public to preserve production of the land and conserve the natural resources.

The function of EOCD is to make available technical, financial and educational resources, whatever their source, and focus or coordinate them so that they meet the needs of the local land manager with conservation of soil, water and related natural resources.

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EQIP

Environmental Quality Incentive Program

YEAR	Active	\$\$	Acres
2014	1	\$107,932	170.4
2018	13	\$1,430,178	9646



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CRP

CRP contracts 11

Acres 3410.04

Expire in 2020 4

Expire in 2021 7
2020 figures



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CSP

Conservation Stewardship Program

Total	\$\$	Acres
7	\$404,402.75	6592.8
CSP -Grassland Conservation Initiative		
3	\$12,848.00	142.7

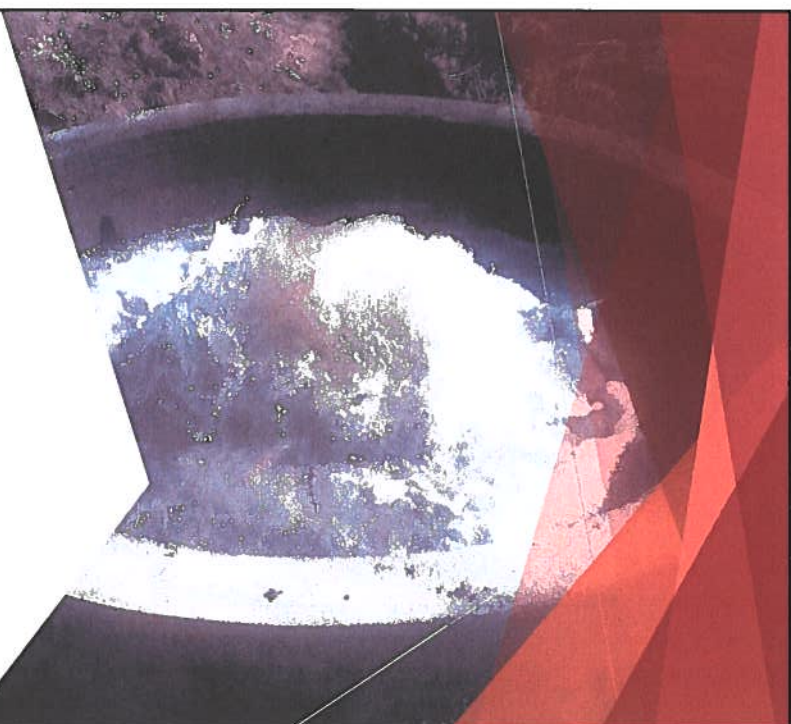
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Matching Grant Self-funded

\$25,000 grant + \$15,000 Stimulus = \$40,000

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Matching Grant

- ▶ 7 landowners
- ▶ 423.44 acres
- ▶ 2640' irrigation pipe
- ▶ 1380' gated pipe
- ▶ \$40,000 grant
- + \$40,000 producer
- + \$12,865 overspent
- = \$92,865

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Local Work Group Meeting

RESOURCE CONCERN

Irrigated Cropland:

1. Source water depletion includes a supply issue, a timing issue, and a storage issue
2. Plant Pest Pressure: weeds do not respond to controls

Rangeland:

1. Source water depletion includes a supply issue, a timing issue and a storage issue
2. Plant pest pressure: weeds do not respond to controls

TOP CONSERVATION PRACTICES

Irrigated Crop Land:

1. Reduced tillage
2. Gated pipe and underground pipe
3. Strip till
4. Center Pivots

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NEW TECHNOLOGIES BEING USED

Apps for irrigation water management: Land PKS, CoAgNet & Eram
Virtual fencing

BARRIERS

1. Some practices require specialized equipment.
2. NRCS expects too much detailed information on small plots.
3. Local lead agriculture does not exist in NRCS.
4. It is easier and cheaper to “do it yourself” without NRCS involvement.

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PRACTICES ATTEMPTED BUT NOT WORK

Irrigated Cropland:

1. Cover crops don't work due to lack of water

Rangeland:

1. Electric fences - the land is too dry to ground the electricity

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Communication is a huge issue in rural areas.
Program deadlines keep changing.
Our local NRCS office is understaffed.

SUGGESTIONS

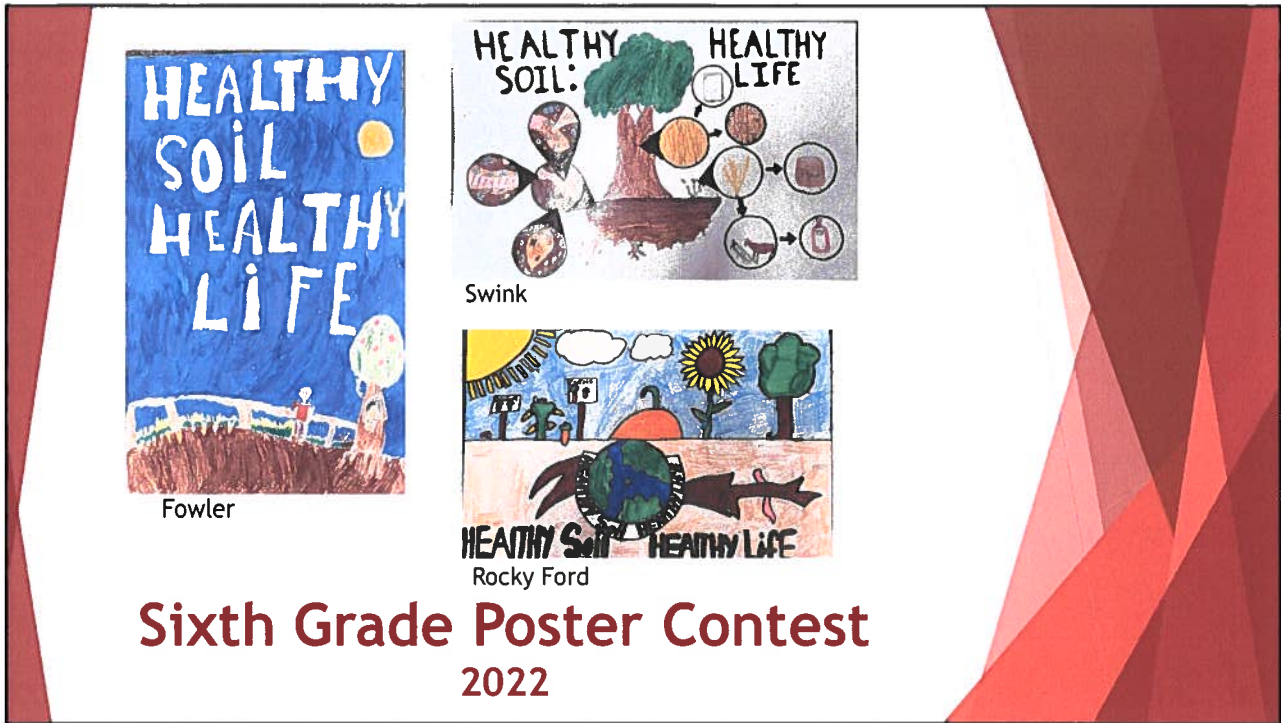
Fall meeting in conjunction with the Long Range Plan and annual meetings would increase attendance.

Local Work Group meeting could be held every three years in conjunction with Long Range Plan.

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► Education

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Rocky Ford 4th Grade

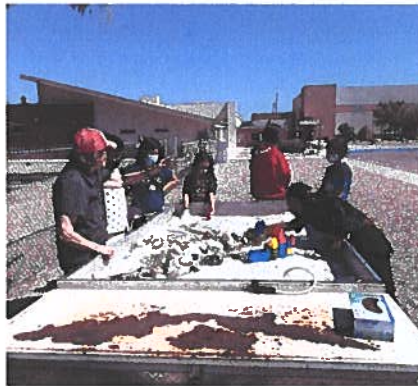


La Junta Primary



Swink Kindergarten

Arbor Day
Canceled in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID-19
And 2022 due to OBCD Election



River Trailer

Entire Jefferson School at Rocky Ford




FFA Range Judging

*Southeast Colorado Regional Event,
La Junta, September 28*

- Fowler & Rocky Ford FFA Chapters Co-hosting;
- Sponsored by Branson-Trinchera, Spanish Peaks-Purgatoire River, Olney Boone, West Otero, and East Otero Conservation Districts

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Student	Course of Study	College
Asaseler Pua-Pasillas	Undecided	Otero College
Morgan McReynolds	Physical Therapy	Kansas Wesleyan
Connor Frantz	Ag Business	West Texas A&M

High School Scholarships

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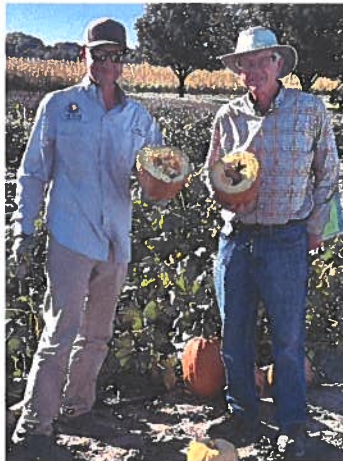
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- ▶ PREVENT DEGRADATION
- ▶ REDUCE EROSION
- ▶ CONSERVE



Review and Sign Conservation Plans

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Host Annual Meeting

Jacob Froese, Conservationist of the Year
2022

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Colorado Conservationist of the Year



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Conservations Triple Crown

EOCD -- Jacob Froese
State Conservationist of the Year
Farmer

OBCD -- Doug Tecklenburg
State Conservationist of the Year
Rancher

WOTCD -- Leif Berg
Soil and Water Conservation Society
Conservationist of Year



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Employees



Jessica Heibert
District Conservation Technician



Nancy Aschermann
District Manager

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Own and Manage the Service Center Building



Built	1964
Addition	1974
Purchased	2008
Paid In Full	2018

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Active Board

Dennis Caldwell, President

Ken Maier, Vice President

Ross Nielsen, Secretary

Eric Hanagan, Treasurer

Chris Tomky, Member

Catlin Canal Board

Holbrook Canal Board

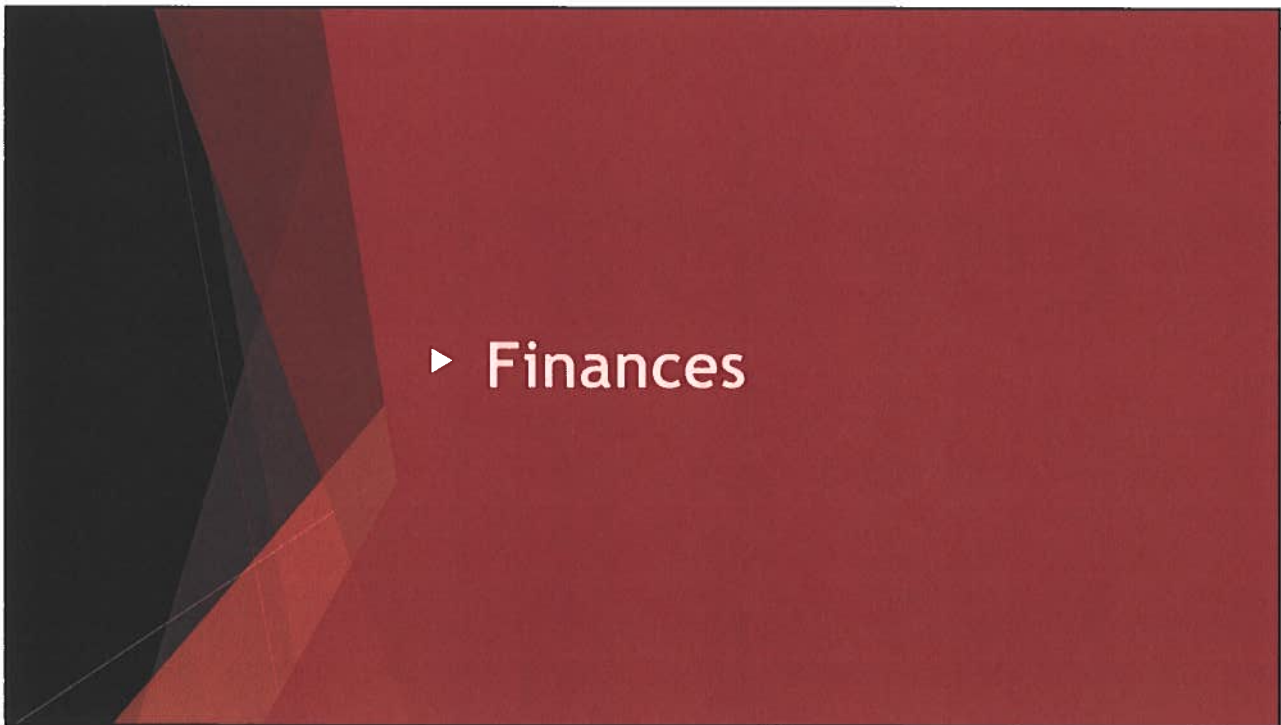
Arkansas Valley Ditch Association

Highline Canal Board

CSU Research Center Board

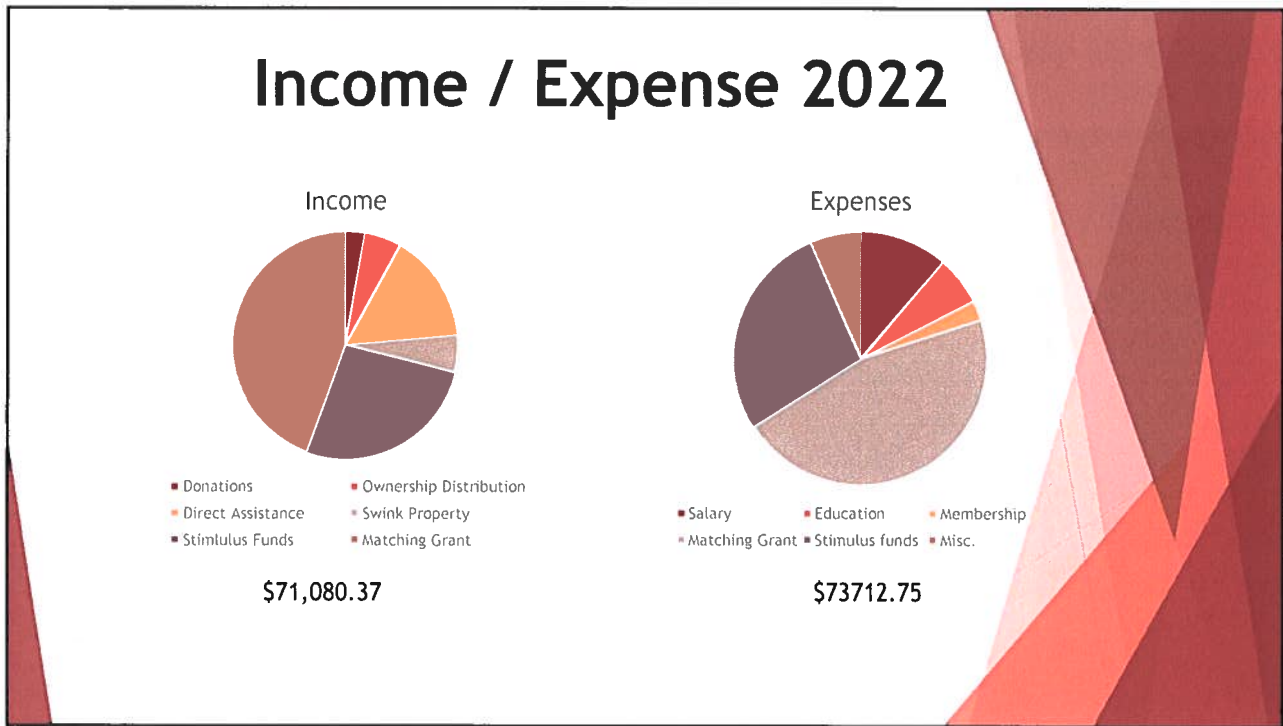
Arkansas Valley Fair

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► Finances

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East Otero Conservation
District makes a valuable
contribution to the economy
and future of Crowley and
Otero County.
We appreciate your support.



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Funding Sources for Canals and PL 566 Projects

Lauren Duncan, Regional Water Plan Grant Manager
Blongshia Cha, NRCS Watershed Program Specialist
Cindy Lair, Colorado State Conservation Board

1:00 pm
Tuesday, January 31st
CSU Extension @ Arkansas Valley Research Center
27901 County Road 21
Rocky Ford, CO 81067



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