*HNRCD Annual Plan of Work*

*2017-2018*

District Name: Hereford Natural Resource Conservation District

Mission Statement: Working together to enhance our natural resources.

Supervisors

Member: James Lindsey Title:Chairman

Member: Lucinda Earven Title: Vice Chairman

Member: Rachel Thomas Title: Secretary

Member: John Ladd Title: Supervisor

Member: David Greenberg Title: Supervisor

Staff: Kathy Morris Title: Board Clerk

District Contact information

Kathy Morris

Board Clerk

Hereford NRCD

P.O. Box 3361

Sierra Vista, AZ 85636

520-220-2028

Location of Regular Board Meetings: Sierra Vista County Complex – Large Conference Room, 4001 E. Foothills Drive, Sierra Vista, AZ85635

Date and time of Regular Board Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of the month, 9:30 a.m.

District History/Powers/Authorities

The Hereford Natural Resource Conservation District, a local division of State Government, is authorized to identify and address resource conservation needs within its boundaries(ARS 37

Chapter 6). The elected District Board of Supervisors has the responsibility for determining those needs, for developing and coordinating long range plans and programs for natural resource conservation and implementing them under the District’s long range plan, and annual plan of work.

The District works with and coordinates its efforts with Federal, State and local governments, organizations, agencies and individuals to accomplish soil, water and species conservation. Arizona’s conservation district law is embodied in legislation and establishes the State’s natural resourcepolicy, carried out on a local level by the District.

The District also promotes a balanced environmental education program in the schools

and with workshops on many natural resource subjects.

Priority Natural Resource Concerns for our District:

Health of our watersheds

 Soil erosion and sediment transport

Noxious Weeds and Invasive Species

 Cultural Resources

Water Resources

Partners/Collaborators/Volunteers:

American Stewards of Liberty

Arizona Association of Conservation Districts

Arizona Department of Environmental Quality

Arizona Game and Fish Department

Arizona State Land Department

Cascabel Ranch & Consulting

City of Sierra Vista

Cochise Area Network for Therapeutic Equestrian Resources (C.A.N.T.E.R.)

Cochise Conservation and Recharge Network

Cochise County

Cochise County Fair

Coronado RC&D

Darling Geomatics

Douglas Field Office, NRCS

FBI Ag Enforcement Group

Fort Huachuca

Freeport McMoran

Howard G. Buffett Foundation

Iroquois Foundation

Sierra Vista Herald

Sierra Vista Ranger District, USFS

Tombstone High School FAA

Tucson Field Office, BLM

University of Arizona Department of Agriculture

Upper San Pedro Partnership

Walnut Gulch, Agriculture Research Service, USDA

Map of district



# OVERARCHING ONE YEAR GOALSand SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

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* Actively seek grants that will benefit the natural resource goals of the District, City, and County governments
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AACD

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* Coordinate with AACD to cultivate the NRCD program in Arizona

# District Cooperators

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LEGAL ACTIONS

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* A party on the Delisting Petition for the Yellow Billed Cuckoo

# EDUCATION CENTER

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*Who will do the work?*

Administration:*District Supervisors and District Clerk*

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* Work with district cooperators on projects for their property*District Supervisors and NRCS*
* Arizona conservation partnership program*AACD, NRCS, State, and District Supervisor*
* Proceed with Phase 2, Horseshoe Draw Project*District Supervisors, ADEQ, and contractor*
* *Water Conservation District Supervisors, and NRCS*
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*When will the work be done?*

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This Annual Plan of Work for the HerefordNRCD was accepted and approved on this21st day of June 2017.

Three Board Member signatures required:

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