



## HEREFORD CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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**Legislative District:** 14

**Congressional District:** 2

**Acres:** 594,538

## 2019 Accomplishments

Horseshoe Draw is a completed project addressing water recharge to the San Pedro River and is an ongoing monitoring program. Because of the remote physical site of this project, and partnership with the Cochise Conservation & Recharge Network's (CCRN) Palominas Water Recharge Project, HNRCD organized a tour of both projects. The tour included guided site visits followed by a discussion during lunch.

Hereford NRCD co-hosted with Whitewater Draw NRCD a workshop for the general public explaining the use of drones in agriculture, agricultural projects and resource management. Program highlights included; speakers from NRCS, U of A, private company drone users, and the District.

### **Project summary and results:**

Over 50 Arizona State legislators and others attended the Water Recharge tour. The large Drone Workshop turnout emphasized the use of drones as developing technology that cannot and should not be ignored.

### **Key Partners:**

Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), AZ Water Protection Fund (WPF), Howard G. Buffett Foundation, Cochise County, Cochise Conservation and Recharge Network (CCRN), Whitewater Draw NRCD, The Nature Conservancy.



John Ladd demonstrating a typical sized drone



Close up of a drone



Cattle at the productive Horseshoe Draw located on the Ladd Ranch.



Tombstone High School FFA students

## Education Center

Tombstone High School is the only school within the District that has an active agriculture program and an FFA program. HNRCD supervisors feel helping the students in FFA whose interests lie in agriculture, thus natural resources, is a very beneficial educational tool. The rural communities include Sierra Vista, Tombstone, Huachuca City, Whetstone, Palominas, Hereford, Bisbee, and Naco.

# MORE WORK TO DO

- Continue the range/ranch restoration and resources through management of water, soil, brush management, grassland restoration, and solar use.