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Chairman's Notes

Submitted by Charles Kent

The winter rains finally came to the San Pedro River Valley, and what rains they were. The winter growing season has started and the hills have started to turn green. I saw my first poppies yesterday, so it may be a good year for spring flowers. Spring is just about here, as is calving season. It's always exciting to see a new baby trying to survive in a bold new world. What a pleasure it is to live and work in such a beautiful place.

For that single reason alone, I think it is important to the residents that we stay together and stop the SunZia power line that is being proposed to cross through our valley. The Casacabel Working Group has done a great job in keeping all the landowners informed and the opposition organized. In addition, the Redington

NRCD has asked the BLM to coordinate with us to mitigate all the possible conservation issues that a power line could cause. Winkelman NRCD has already had a coordination meeting with the BLM to question them on the need for a new right of way.

If we all keep together and on point we can keep the power line out of the San Pedro River Valley. The power line will be built somewhere, and while it is probably necessary, it should not be allowed to despoil our valley so California can meet its green energy mandate. California needs to take care of California. Let's all remain a cohesive unit so we can take care of our own personal corner of Arizona.

Charles

Photo by Stefanie Smallhouse

Rainfall Measurements for Area

Data from Harold Elliott Casacabel:

Nov -- 0.31"
Dec -- 1.40"
Jan -- 3.37"
Feb -- 1.97"

Data from M Diamond Headquarters near Redington:

Dec -- 2.18"
Jan -- 3.97"
Feb -- 1.72"

Data from Casacabel Clayworks:

Dec -- 0.64"
Jan -- 2.45"
Feb -- 2.16"

Data from Three Links Farm:

Dec -- 0.39"
Jan -- 1.84"
Feb -- 1.72"

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District News

NOTICE OF NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the provisions of the Natural Resource Conservation Districts Law of the State of Arizona, an election for the purpose of electing a Supervisor for the Redington Natural Resource Conservation District will be held on the 1st day of May, 2010, time and polling place TBD.

**One supervisor position is currently open for election within the district:
Six year term (2010-2016)**

A candidate for Supervisor of the Redington Natural Resource Conservation District must reside within the District. Nomination Petitions may be obtained from the District Board of Supervisors. Completed Petitions must be filed with the Natural Resource Conservation Commissioner of the State Land Department, 1616 West Adams, Phoenix, Arizona 85007 at least 30 days prior to the election.

"The governing body of the District may provide a mail ballot to a qualified District Elector for which it has a first class mailing address. Qualified electors of the District who wish to vote by mail ballot shall file a first class mailing address with the District governing body at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the election." Qualified District electors who receive ballots in proper form from the District governing body may cast their votes by mail." (A.R.S. ' 37-1051) To be counted, completed mail ballots must be received by the District Election Board before the closing of the polls on election day.

If a qualified District elector wishes to vote by mail, the elector's request for a mail ballot must be made timely and in writing to the address given below.

QUALIFIED DISTRICT ELECTOR:

"Qualified elector" means a person who is a District cooperator and a qualified elector of the state. "District Cooperator" means any person who has entered into a cooperative agreement with the District for the purpose of protecting, conserving and practicing wise use of the natural resources under his control. (A.R.S. ' 37-1003). A person who is not already a District cooperator may obtain a cooperative agreement form from the Board of Supervisors of the District or download it from the District Website (<http://redingtonnrcd.org/resources.html#cooperator>)

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**Redington NRC Meeting
Schedule**
**Unless otherwise notified, the
Redington NRC Board meets
the 3rd Tuesday of every month
at the Cascabel Community
Center
from 9 AM until noon.**

**Next Meeting Dates:
Tuesday March 16, 2010**

**Agendas are posted 24 hours in
advance at the Cascabel Com-
munity Center. You may also
receive email notification of the
agenda by submitting request to
redingtonnrcd@gmail.com**

Cascabel Volunteer Fire Department News

Submitted by Jim EtsHokin, Fire Chief etshokin@rnsmtc.com

Howdy everyone,

Things have fairly quiet with our VFD for the past month or so, we had one emergency medical service call in December, thankfully it turned out to be a short term injury.

In January our Annual Meeting was held at Gammon's Gulch. It was a record turn out, with about 46+ member/residents of our community attending to support our VFD! Thank you all! Without the support of this community our VFD would not exist. The Board of Directors and I provided the community with a progress update on our VFD's activities for the past year. Many of those activities have been reported to you through this venue also. The community voted to maintain the current Board as is, and all of the current Board members consented to another term. In addition, I was appointed to another term as the Fire Chief, which I accepted.

In February, I called another meeting of our active membership to update our organization chart. We've had additional folks take a more active role in our VFD and I wanted to make sure they have a place in our organization. If there is anyone wishing to be a part of our organization, and was unable to attend the meeting, please feel free to contact me or any of your Board members, about participating in your VFD. Again a huge thank you to all of you for your support!

NRCS Report

Submitted By Dave Matthews, District Conservationist

FARM BILL CONSERVATION PROGRAM UPDATE

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) administers several Farm Bill conservation programs. The following is an update for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP), Grassland Reserve Program (GRP), and Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP).

EQIP is a voluntary program that provides financial and technical assistance to help agricultural producers install needed conservation practices. EQIP assists farmers and ranchers to improve irrigation efficiency, implement new crop management techniques, install rangeland improvements, and apply grazing management. Contracts are currently being approved for several applicants that signed up in 2009. NRCS is now accepting applications for the 2011 EQIP program.

The EQIP program has been expanded to include an air quality and organic program. The air quality program was established to assist farmer and ranchers implement conservation practices that improve air quality in state designated non-attainment areas. Cochise County is one of the seven counties designated in Arizona. The EQIP organic program is designed to help agricultural producers transition into organic production and assist existing organic producers install needed conservation practices on their farms and ranches. NRCS is currently accepting applications for both of these programs. The signup deadline for the air quality program is February 26, 2010. The signup deadline for the organic program is March 12, 2010.

WHIP is a voluntary program providing financial and technical assistance to help agricultural producers implement wildlife conservation measures on private land. NRCS provides WHIP monies on a cost-share basis for the installation of wildlife habitat improvement projects. Applications are presently being evaluated for applicants that signed up in 2009. NRCS is now accepting applications for the 2011 WHIP program.

GRP is also a voluntary program designed to protect our highest value private grazing lands from the threat of development. NRCS offers funds for this program through rental agreements and conservation easements. Rental agreements can vary from 10 to 20 years. Contracts for conservation easements must be permanent. Ranchers are compensated for agreeing to properly manage their grazing lands and not convert these lands to other uses. Ranchers interested in the 2010 GRP program can apply now through February 26, 2010 at their local NRCS office.

CSP is a new farm bill program that offers funding to eligible agricultural producers to conserve and enhance soil, water, air, and related natural resources on their private land. Eligible lands include cropland, irrigated pastureland, rangeland, and nonindustrial private forest lands, on which resource concerns related to agricultural production could be addressed. CSP encourages land stewards to improve their conservation performance by installing and adopting additional activities, and improving, maintaining, and managing existing activities on agricultural land and nonindustrial private forest land. Contracts are now being approved for several applicants that signed up in 2009. It is expected a 2010 CSP program signup will be announced in the near future.

All of these programs are a valuable tool to help our state's agricultural producers continue to be good land stewards. They not only help producers implement conservation practices that protect our natural resources, but also meet environmental requirements. For more information about any of these conservation programs, contact your local NRCS office by calling (520) 384-2229 ext. 3 or visit us at 656 N. Bisbee Ave. in Willcox.

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
THE REDINGTON NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
ASSERTING LEGAL STANDING AND FORMALLY REQUESTING
COORDINATION WITH ALL FEDERAL AND STATE AGENCIES
MAINTAINING JURISDICTION OVER LANDS AND/OR RESOURCES
LOCATED WITHIN THE REDINGTON NRCD
Resolution No. 1001-2010

WHEREAS, Redington Natural Resource Conservation District is a legal subdivision of the State of Arizona its governing body composed of a five member elected Board of Supervisors serving as its chief governing authority; and

WHEREAS, the responsibility of the Redington NRCD is to provide for the restoration and conservation of lands and soil resources of the state, the preservation of water rights and the control and prevention of soil erosion, and thereby to conserve natural resources, conserve wildlife, protect the tax base, protect public lands and protect and restore this state's rivers and streams and associated riparian habitats, including fish and wildlife resources that are dependent on those habitats, and in such manner to protect and promote the public health, safety and general welfare of the people. (ARS Title 37, Chapter 6)

WHEREAS, Redington NRCD desires to assure that federal and state agencies shall inform the Board of Supervisors of all pending or proposed actions affecting lands within the District and coordinate with the Board of Supervisors in the planning and implementation of those actions; and

WHEREAS, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), is intended to ensure that Federal agencies actively participate as cooperating agencies in other agency's NEPA processes. The CEQ regulations addressing cooperating agencies status (40 C.F.R. §§ 1501.6 & 1508.5) implement the NEPA mandate that Federal agencies responsible for preparing NEPA analyses and documentation do so "in cooperation with State and local governments" and other agencies with jurisdiction by law or special expertise. (42 U.S.C. §§ 4331(a), 4332(2)).

WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act contains specific coordinated planning requirements for local, state and federal agencies. Presidential Executive Order 12372 requires federal agencies to coordinate actions and projects with local governments so that local impacts arising from federal projects may be identified.

WHEREAS, coordination of planning and management actions is mandated by federal laws governing land management including the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, 43 US § 1701, and 43 U.S.C. §1712, and requires that the "Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) shall...coordinate the land use inventory, planning, and management activities...with the land use planning, and management programs of other federal departments and agencies and of the state and local governments within which the lands are located"; and

WHEREAS, the coordination requirements of Section 1712 provide for special involvement by government officials who are engaged in the land use planning process; and

WHEREAS, Section 1712 sets forth the nature of the coordination required with planning efforts by government officials and subsection (f) of Section 1712 sets forth an additional requirement that the Secretary "shall allow an opportunity for public involvement" (including local government without limiting the coordination requirement of Section 1712 allowing land or resource management or regulatory agencies to simply lump local government in with special interest groups of citizens or members of the public in general); and

WHEREAS, Section 1712 also provides that the "Secretary shall...assist in resolving, to the extent practical, inconsistencies between federal and non-federal government plans" and gives preference to those which are engaging in the planning process over the general public, special interest groups of citizens, and even those not engaging in a land use planning program; and

WHEREAS, the requirement that the Secretary "coordinate" land use inventory, planning, and management activities with local governments, requires that assisting in resolving inconsistencies to mean that the resolution process takes place during the planning cycle instead of at the end of the planning cycle when the draft federal plan or proposed action is released for public review; and

WHEREAS, Section 1712 further requires that the "Secretary shall...provide for meaningful public involvement of state and local government officials... in the development of land use programs, land use regulations, and land use decisions for public lands"; and, when read in light of the "coordinate" requirement of Section 1712, reasonably contemplates "meaningful involvement" as referring to on-going consultations and involvement throughout the planning cycle, not merely at the end of the planning cycle; and

WHEREAS, Section 1712 further provides that the Secretary must assure that the federal agency's land use plan be "consistent with state and local plans" to the maximum extent possible under federal law and the purposes of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and distinguishes local government officials from members of the general public or special interest groups of citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency, charged with administration and implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), has issued regulations which require that federal agencies consider the economic impact of their actions and plans on local government such as Natural Resource Conservation Districts; and

WHEREAS, NEPA requires federal agencies to consider the impact of their actions on the customs of the people as shown by their beliefs, social forms, and "material traits;" it reasonably follows that NEPA requires federal agencies to consider the impact of their actions on the rural, land and resource-oriented landowners of Redington NRCD who depend on the "material traits" including recreation, tourism, mining, livestock grazing, and other commercial pursuits of their economic livelihoods; and

WHEREAS, NEPA requires federal agencies to consider the impact of their actions on the customs, beliefs, and social forms, as well as the "material traits" of the people; and

WHEREAS, it is reasonable to interpret NEPA as requiring federal agencies to consider the impacts of their actions on those traditional and historical and economic practices, including commercial and business activities, which are performed or operated on federally and state managed lands (including, but not limited to recreation, tourism, timber harvesting, mining, livestock grazing, and other commercial pursuits); and

WHEREAS, 42 U.S.C. §4331 places upon federal agencies the “continuing responsibility...to use all practicable means, consistent with other considerations o national policy to ...preserve important historic, culture, and natural aspects of our national heritage”; and

WHEREAS, Webster’s New Collegiate Dictionary (at 277, 1975) defines “culture” as “customary beliefs, social forms, and material traits of a group; the integrated pattern of human behavior passed to succeeding generations”; and

WHEREAS, in 16 U.S.C. § 1604, the National Forest Management Act, requires the Forest Service to coordinate its planning process with local government units such as Redington NRCD; and

WHEREAS, 43 CFR 1610.3-1 , Department of Interior, Coordination of Planning Efforts, requires that the Bureau of Land Management implement coordination to be accomplished with other Federal agencies, state and local governments, and federally recognized Indian tribes. The objectives of the coordination are for the State Directors and Field Managers to: (1) Keep apprised of non-Bureau of Land Management plans; (2) Assure that BLM considers those plans that are germane in the development of resource management plans for public lands; (3) Assist in resolving, to the extent practicable, inconsistencies between Federal and non-Federal government plans; (4) Provide for meaningful public involvement of other Federal agencies, State and local government officials, both elected and appointed, and federally recognized Indian tribes, in the development of resource management plans, including early public notice of final decisions that may have a significant impact on non-Federal lands; and (5) Where possible and appropriate, develop resource management plans collaboratively with cooperating agencies.

(d) In developing guidance to Field Manager, in compliance with section 1611 of this title, the State Director shall: (1) Ensure that it is as consistent as possible with existing officially adopted and approved resource related plans, policies or programs of other Federal agencies, State agencies, Indian tribes and local governments that may be affected, as prescribed by 1610.32 of this title; (2) Identify areas where the proposed guidance is inconsistent with such policies, plans or programs and provide reasons why the inconsistencies exist and cannot be remedied; and (3) Notify the other Federal agencies, State agencies, Indian tribes or local governments with whom consistency is not achieved and indicate any appropriate methods, procedures, actions and/or programs which the State Director believes may lead to resolution of such inconsistencies.

WHEREAS, Government Code §65070 provides that preparation of state and regional transportation plans be performed in a cooperative process involving local government; and

WHEREAS, federal agencies implementing the Endangered Species Act, the Clean Water Act, and Clean Air Act, and the Outdoor Recreation Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. §4601-1(c) and (d)) are required by Congress to consider local plans and to coordinate and cooperate directly with plans of local government such as Redington NRCD; and

WHEREAS, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality under A.R.S. 49-104 is required to “Stimulate and encourage all local, state, regional and federal governmental agencies and all private persons and enterprises that have similar and related objectives and purposes, cooperate with those agencies.....correlate department plans, programs and operations with those of the agencies, persons and enterprises. Promote and coordinate the management of air resources to assure their protection, enhancement and balanced utilization consistent with the environmental policy of this state. Promote and coordinate the protection and enhancement of the quality of water resources consistent with the environmental policy of this state.” Within A.R.S. 49-703 “The department may cooperate with, coordinate or enter into agreements and memoranda of understanding with appropriate federal, state, political subdivision and tribal governments, and with other appropriate persons, both public and private, in carrying out its duties and promoting its objectives under this chapter; and

WHEREAS, this resolution is a policy that shall be interpreted to be consistent with Redington NRCD General Plan and is a policy to assist in more effectively implementing the District General Plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Redington Natural Resource Conservation District Board of Supervisors does hereby assert legal standing and formally requests coordination status with all federal and state agencies maintaining jurisdiction over lands and/or resources located within Redington NRCD.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors shall cause a copy of this Resolution to be transmitted to local, regional, state, and/or national offices of all federal and state agencies maintaining jurisdiction of lands and/or resources located within Redington NRCD and to all federal and state elected representative serving Redington NRCD.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors directs a copy of this Resolution to be published in the Redington Resource Review a publication circulated to landowners within the Redington NRCD and interested parties.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ___19th___ day of ___January___, 2010 by the Board of Supervisors of the Redington NRCD by the following polled vote:

AYES: ___5___ Supervisors

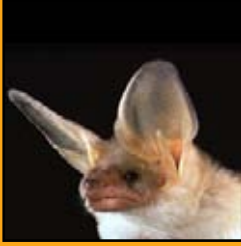
NOES: _____

ABSENT: _____

Charles Kent, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

Local Classifieds

Name that Bat?



Family: Vespertilionidae
Genus: Antrozous
Species: pallidus
Pronunciation: an-tro-zoh-us pal-id-us
Common name: pallid bat

Photo by Bat Conservation International

The pallid bat is known for its unique habit of feeding almost entirely from the ground. Unlike most other North American bats, this species captures little, if any, prey while in flight. With its huge ears, it can detect insects simply by listening for footsteps, and it can respond accurately to a split-second sound from up to 16 feet away.

After swooping down upon its prey, the pallid bat carries the insect to a convenient perch to consume its meal. Its most common prey include crickets, beetles, grasshoppers, and even scorpions. The pallid bat is actually immune to a scorpion's sting! Pallid bats roost in rock crevices, buildings, and bridges in arid regions. They are found from Mexico and the southwestern United States north through Oregon, Washington, and western Canada.

Reference source:
<http://www.batcon.org/news2/scripts/article.asp?articleID=94&newsletterID=67>

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Meeting Minutes

Redington Natural Resource Conservation District
Board of Supervisors Meeting
October 28, 2009
Cascabel Community Center

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 A.M.

Supervisors present: Charles Kent, Les Helfrich, Stefanie Smallhouse

Education Center Director: Jacquie Dale

Guests Present:

Dave Matthews, NRCS, Andrew Smallhouse, Sue Newman

The minutes from the May meeting were presented by Stefanie Smallhouse and approved.

Motion to approve was made by Les Helfrich and seconded by C. Kent.

The financial report was given by Jacquie Dale and approved.
Motion to accept Stefanie Smallhouse, Seconded by Les Helfrich

Dave Matthews from the NRCS gave a report for the Willcox San-Simon office.

Dave presented a privacy agreement and Cooperative Agreement to be held between the Willcox San Simon Field Office of the NRCS and the Redington NRCD. There was short discussion and explanation. S. Smallhouse made the motion to accept and sign both documents. L. Helfrich seconded the motion.

Supervisor Reports:

L. Helfrich had nothing to share at this time.

Stefanie Smallhouse reported on the State Technical Committee meeting in Phoenix:

The meeting was well attended, and was very interactive. Tom Hedt, ASC of Programs presented most of the information. This included responses to Local Work Group comments, program changes, and cost list updates. There was a presentation given by the State Forester, and an explanation of the CSP program and Easement programs.

S. Smallhouse reported on the Pinal County P&Z meeting held in September where she gave a presentation to the P&Z committee concerning the Redington NRCD, their work in the Pinal County portion of the San Pedro River Valley. This included a presentation of some information from the Lower San Pedro River Watershed Assessment. The need to provide incentives to agricultural landowners to stay in agriculture instead of reverting to development. The presentation also included a description of Conservation Districts in general and the AZNRCD.

RCEC Director report:

Jacquie reported that she will be putting out the next newsletter this coming week and needs material. Information about the CREIP will go into the newsletter. Jacquie reminded the Board that she needs to be replaced in the financial reporting position. It is to be a temporary

position for Jacquie. S. Smallhouse asked that this be tabled for now.

She still needs the annual report in digital form for the website.

Old Business:

Ranch Field Day: S. Smallhouse reported that the field day was successful with 87 students. A new presenter this year was Catherine Schroeder a wildlife rehabilitation specialist. She brought a Harris hawk to teach the kids about raptors and presented along with the Game and Fish Dept. about desert wildlife.

Weather Station: The weather station has been down for a couple of months due to a lightning strike. The sensors still work, but some other parts need to be replaced for an estimated \$380.00. Discussion followed as to the fact that many in the community use the information from the station and it is important considering the drought conditions to collect this information. S. Smallhouse made a motion to repair the system for the \$380.00 and include up to \$25 more in insurance for the new equipment if possible. L. Helfrich seconded the motion.

New Business:

Conversion to Renewable Energy Incentive Program: S. Smallhouse reported for the AZNRCD on the latest information for the CREIP. This included information about the promotion of the program and eligible notices.

Redington NRCD will include a notice in the newsletter, post on the website, and use in the display for the Christmas Fair.

Nomination for Board: Andy Smallhouse addressed the board on his interest to fill Ruth Dewel's vacant seat.

Sue Newman was also present to reiterate her interest in serving on the board.

S. Smallhouse had received word the day before the meeting that Anna Lands was also interested in serving, but could not be in attendance. The board expressed concern that she is very committed to several community and area activities. Anna also serves on the CCC board and this brought some concern to the board because in the past this has caused a blurring of the issues between the community and the NRCD. There has been serious difficulty in reaching quorum this summer and a strong commitment to attendance is needed.

S. Smallhouse questioned if Les Helfrich was still interested in retiring from the Board. Les expressed that he would like to retire and has just been waiting for a replacement. S. Smallhouse made the motion that Andy Smallhouse be nominated to fill Ruth Dewel's seat, effective October 31st Les Helfrich's resignation be accepted, and Sue Newman be nominated for appointment to Les Helfrich's seat. Les Helfrich seconded the motion.

Christmas Fair Booth: Jacquie presented the latest on the Christmas Fair and whether we would like to have a booth this year. S. Smallhouse made the motion to buy a full booth this year instead of splitting with the Center for Desert Archaeology to promote the CREIP. Les Helfrich seconded the motion.

SunZia Transmission Line:

There was a discussion as to what actions Winkelman NRCD has taken in response to the SunZia proposed transmission line through the San Pedro River Valley. Winkelman has written a letter for the comment period, and passed a resolution to enter into coordination with the BLM for the process. The discussion involved what action that Redington would like to take. Most of our concerns are focused on erosion and road management as a result of transmission line construction.

S. Smallhouse made the motion that we write a letter for the public comment stating our concerns about the proposed line. This was seconded by L. Helfrich. The letter will be emailed for edits before sent out.

It was determined that further discussion on the matter of coordination would take place at the next CD meeting in November. C. Kent felt that the sooner we get involved as a coordinating agency the better if we do decide to take that route.

Having no further business, S. Smallhouse motioned to adjourn. L. Helfrich seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stefanie Smallhouse, Secretary

How to get in touch with the Redington NRCD:

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PO Box 232,
Pomerene, AZ 85627
redingtonnrcd@gmail.com (email)
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Local NRCS Contact Info

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RC & D News

EROSION CONTROL WORKSHOP

Weekend of April 16-18, 2010-Free Erosion Control Workshop funded by AZ Water Protection Fund. Craig Sponholtz of Dryland Solutions, Inc. will teach the workshop and will be hosted by the Double Circle Ranch in Upper Eagle Creek, north of Morenci, AZ. The workshop will address control of watershed erosion as a factor in improving water quality. The participants will use an "on hands" approach and actually build effective erosion control structures to trap sediment, learning techniques that can be used on your own ranches. For further details, contact Wilma Jenkins at doublecircleranch@hughes.net.

KNOW YOUR NATIVE PLANTS WORKSHOP

Wednesday, March 17, 2010

8:45 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

Double Adobe School

7081 N. Central Hwy., McNeal, AZ

#2 in the series of 5 workshops! Come and learn about the:

- Identification of common native grasses, flowers, shrubs and trees
- How soils influence how and where they grow
- Landscaping possibilities
- Plants that attract wildlife

15.00/person or \$25.00/couple

RSVP Kim Webb at the RC&D

office (520) 384-2229 x124 or kim.webb@rcdnet.net

Mission Statement

The legislation establishing the conservation Districts in Arizona described their mission as follows: ARS Title 37, Chapter 6 37-1001:

It is declared that the policy of the legislature to provide for the restoration and conservation of lands and soil resources of the state, the preservation of water rights and the control and prevention of soil erosion, and thereby to conserve natural resources, conserve wildlife, protect the tax base, protect public lands and protect and restore this state's rivers and streams and associated riparian habitats, including fish and wildlife resources that are dependent on those habitats, and in such a manner to protect and promote the public health, safety and general welfare of the people.