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CODY CONSERVATION DISTRICT FY 20/21 SUMMARY December 1, 2021

The Cody Conservation District (CCD) continues to make strides in program development and having more of a presence in the community. The District successfully obtained an FY2020 National Association of Conservation District Technical Assistance Grant, went through the interview process, and hired a Conservation Field Technician. This is a major accomplishment for the CCD since it has been unstaffed for an extended period. The District secured further funding through this same organization that will allow the District to remain staffed through December 2022.

Water Quality: The CCD continued monitoring bacteria in two tributaries to the Shoshone River under a 2020 Wyoming Department of Agriculture (WDA) Water Quality Grant. The District received a 2021 WDA Water Quality Grant, which the District will use to expand monitoring efforts and begin a rural well water testing cost assistance program in 2022. New District staff also became fully trained and state-certified in water quality monitoring. The CCD partnered with the Powell Clarks Fork Conservation District (PCFCD) to implement the Shoshone Camera Study. The Districts have 12 cameras monitoring sediment inputs from tributaries to the Shoshone River during precipitation events, irrigation season, and non-irrigation season. Finally, the District and the PCFCD co-sponsored a Level 1 Watershed Study application through the Wyoming Water Development Office.

Outreach: The District Board of Supervisors and staff worked to fulfill grant requirements and to build public relations within Park County. District Board of Supervisors and staff attended several outreach events including the local Farmers' Markets, the Spring Home and Garden Show, two radio shows, and local civic group meetings. The District partnered with the Park County Library and University of Wyoming Extension Office to construct the Extension Outreach Garden. The District provided funding for the fence and provided labor for construction. The District will use this space for soil health and urban agriculture workshops. The District also received funding through the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality Water Division, Clean Water Act Section 205j funding. Funding will be used to enter into a contract with the U.S. Geological Survey to process sediment samples collected from tributaries to the Shoshone River. The District will use remaining 205j funds to assist Willwood Working Group 3 with outreach development.

Subdivision Soil Reviews: The district provided a total of 6 subdivision soil reviews.

Technical Assistance: District staff provided technical assistance to 75 recorded landowners. Staff also assisted NRCS in the field with a total of 18 projects.

Tree Program: The district planned its Seedling Tree Program. This program will allow staff to provide technical assistance to landowners and generate income. This program will begin in Fall 2021.













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Board of Supervisors Approval

We, the Supervisors of the Cody Conservation District, as duly authorized by the Wyoming Conservation District Law, hereby approve the 2020-2021 Annual Summary, as a reflection of Cody Conservation District accomplishments.

Russ Dwyer, Chairman	/ Dec 2021 Date
Bobbie Holder, Vice-Chairman	1 - Dec. 2021 Date
Vincent Vanata, Treasurer	1Dec 2001 Date
Joe Kondelis, Secretary	12/7/21 Date
Richard Jones, Member	