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Colorado State Conservation Board - District Outreach Initiatives



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Our strategic approach to Colorado's conservation outreach is designed to cultivate meaningful community engagement. We are committed to strengthening partnerships, enhancing public awareness of conservation district priorities, and securing a seat at every table. By increasing our visibility we aim to retain (and expand) our funding, ensuring we are no longer "the best-kept secret."



District Visibility Surveys

JULY 2026 MONTHLY CD SUBMISSION SUMMARY

Enhancing Visibility and Collaboration



1. PERSONNEL & ADMINISTRATION

- New District Managers Appointed (Mesa, San Juan)
- Onboarding new IRA/DCT (Centennial)
- Managing operational challenges & limited staff (Bent, Delta)



2. WATER CONSERVATION & MONITORING

- Algae & Evaporative Control Demo (Shade Balls)
- Soil Moisture Sensor Installations
- Conservation Farming Trials
- Ditch-Lining Project Proposals to NRCS



3. RANGELAND HEALTH & INVASIVE SPECIES

- Active Weed Management Programs
- Adaptive Grazing & Drought-Relief Efforts
- Rangeland Health Monitoring



4. GRANTS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Wildfire Mitigation Grants Secured
- Wool Pellet Prototype Trials
- Community Outreach & Fair Booths
- Heirloom Apple Tree Distribution

A Summary for Conservation Districts and Partners

Each month, districts submit a brief survey highlighting a current success, ongoing project, or challenge. This initiative helps keep a pulse on activities across all 72 conservation districts, providing essential visibility for the state and partners while encouraging districts to learn from one another. Ultimately, these regular updates foster a stronger sense of community.

CSCB Coffee Hours

Born out of COVID, the CSCB needed a way to stay in touch with our local conservation districts. That is where our monthly coffee hours came in. Videos vary from informational trainings, grant opportunities, programs, partner updates, and everything in between. You can watch all of the Colorado State Conservation Board coffee hours on our YouTube channel.

CSCB Coffee Hours

Wednesday, August 12 9:00 AM via Zoom

VaporLock



**Colorado Parks
& Wildlife**

Wednesday, September
16th 9:00 AM via Zoom
CPW Lands Section

[Join the Coffee Hour via Zoom](#)



Matching Grant Fact Sheets

After the grant cycle ends we take the data and create fact sheets.

We post them on our website and distribute them to legislators through our partner state association.

Shavano Conservation District

Sustainable Futures in Ag: Educating for Conservation

Awarded: \$25,000

Reported Match: \$30,534

This grant project successfully promoted conservation education and practices by engaging students, producers, and the community through presentations, events, field tours, and demonstrations. Outcomes included increased knowledge, greater adoption of conservation practices by producers, and stronger community engagement. The District delivered five school programs, supported four partner programs, led four producer field tours, and staffed six community event booths. Grant funds covered supplies, staff time, and the purchase of a Stream Hydrology Trailer, used at five events, significantly expanding the District's long-term outreach capacity for soil health, water conservation, erosion control, and watershed protection.



1036 landowners reached



7300 acres impacted



36 partners participated



2211 youth reached

Mosca Hooper Conservation District

Implementing a Peer-to-Peer Learning Network in the San Luis Valley Year 2

Awarded: \$11,065.55

Reported Match: \$11,458.05

The "Bringing Farmers Together" project in the San Luis Valley addressed drought by establishing a peer-to-peer water conservation learning network. In 2025, four regionally-based groups, led by "Host Producers," focused on different sectors (potato, vegetable, cattle, diversified cropping) to discuss practical techniques, policy, and long-term issues. A July 19th Field Day showcased water-saving practices like crimped rye cover crops, integrated grazing, and diverse forage mixes. The project was highly valued by participants who plan to adopt inspired practices.



32 landowners and 2 students reached



23 attendees surveyed



9 partners participated



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The Scoop Monthly Newsletter

- District stories
- Upcoming deadlines
- Funding opportunities
- Recipe of the month
- Meet the Board
- And more.....!



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THE SCOOP



May 2026

What's inside this issue?

- South Pueblo County CD Success Story
- Meet the Board: Brian Neufeld
- CACD Outreach Initiative
- Important Dates
- Coffee Hours
- District Q & A
- Housekeeping

Colorado Master Irrigator Program Equips Arkansas Valley Farmers for Sustainable Water Use



In January and February 2026, the **South Pueblo County Conservation District** hosted a farmer education and outreach course focused on irrigation management. This initiative was held in collaboration with the CSCB, which provided

Meet the Board

**CSCB Governor's Appointee,
R. Emmett Jordan**



R. Emmett Jordan, CSCB Governor's Appointee, and his wife, Carrie, operate Jordan Angus in Weld County. They were recipients of the CSLB 2021 Bloom Stewardship Award and have been recognized as Conservationists of the Year by the West Greeley Conservation District (2013) and South Platte Watershed (2014), among other awards including the CSSRM Trail Boss (2023) and Excellence in Rangeland Management (2017) awards, and the Colorado Angus Association Promoter of the Year (2009).



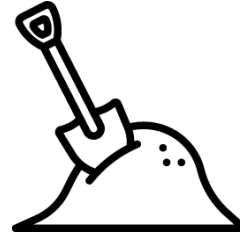
Dig in!!!!



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The Scoop Monthly Newsletter



Conservation District Q & A



We Need Your Help!

How do you keep Board Supervisors engaged?

Send Us Your Responses

Answer for April

We asked what website platforms Conservation Districts use. The responses were the Colorado Statewide Internet Portal Authority (SIPA, Highly recommend), Weebly, and WIX.

Do you have a question for the Colorado State Conservation Board or another conservation district?

Send Us Your Questions

Conservation District Q & A



Conservation District Q & A



We Need Your Help!

What is your districts plan in the event of an emergency?

Send Us Your Responses

In our previous monthly question, we asked: **Does your Conservation District have a policy and procedures manual?** Responding contributors emphasized the importance of having clearly defined guidelines. **Recommended policies include**

- Code of Ethics,
- Conflict of Interest
- CORA
- Social Media
- Computer Use
- Board Expectations & Conduct
- Drugs & Alcohol
- Fiduciary & financial
- Administrative
- Operational
- Personnel
- Artificial Intelligence (A.I.) and more.

The CSCB has several template policies on the [operations website](#).



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Operations Website

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All of our Outreach:

- Policy Templates
- District Job Postings
- Calendars
- Opportunities
- Online Board Supervisor Training
- Watershed Association Contacts
- EVERYTHING

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- CSCB
Conservation
District
Operations**
- Home
- Meet the CSCB Board
- Accessibility
- Online Board Supervisor Training
- ▼ Grant - Applications and Operational Materials
- ▼ Statutory Requirements
- Reference Manual
- ▼ Outreach: Coffee Hours and More
- ▼ Training / Resources
- Emerging Leaders In Conservation
- Conservation District Job Board

CSCB Conservation District Operations

The CSCB program empowers and supports capacity for Conservation Districts to thrive in supporting landowner natural resource concerns.

The Colorado State Conservation Board (CSCB) identified a need for a secure, centralized platform to serve as a training and resource hub for Conservation Districts. This platform facilitates the sharing of forms and applications, allows for the sharing of meeting calendars and deadlines, and securely hosts the online Board Supervisor Training. This upgraded version replaces the former "L.A.N.D.S. site."

This site is not intended to provide any district with legal advice. The effect of any of these guidelines may depend upon the specific circumstances in which they are applied. A district's legal counsel should be consulted when considering adopting these guidelines.

These documents and all publications or handouts we provide are available in alternative formats upon request. Contact cda_cscb@state.co.us or 303-869-9040.

What's new?

Updated yearly, our website has a map that is dedicated to including all of the contact information for each of the districts in our state. This way, fellow conservation districts and people of the public alike are able to have correct information before contacting the district.

Conservation District Interactive Maps

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name

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District Physical Address

145 Commerce Street Craig, CO 81625

Monthly Meeting Date

2nd Tuesday

District Manager

Kacey Green

Supervisor #1

Wayne Counts

Supervisor #2

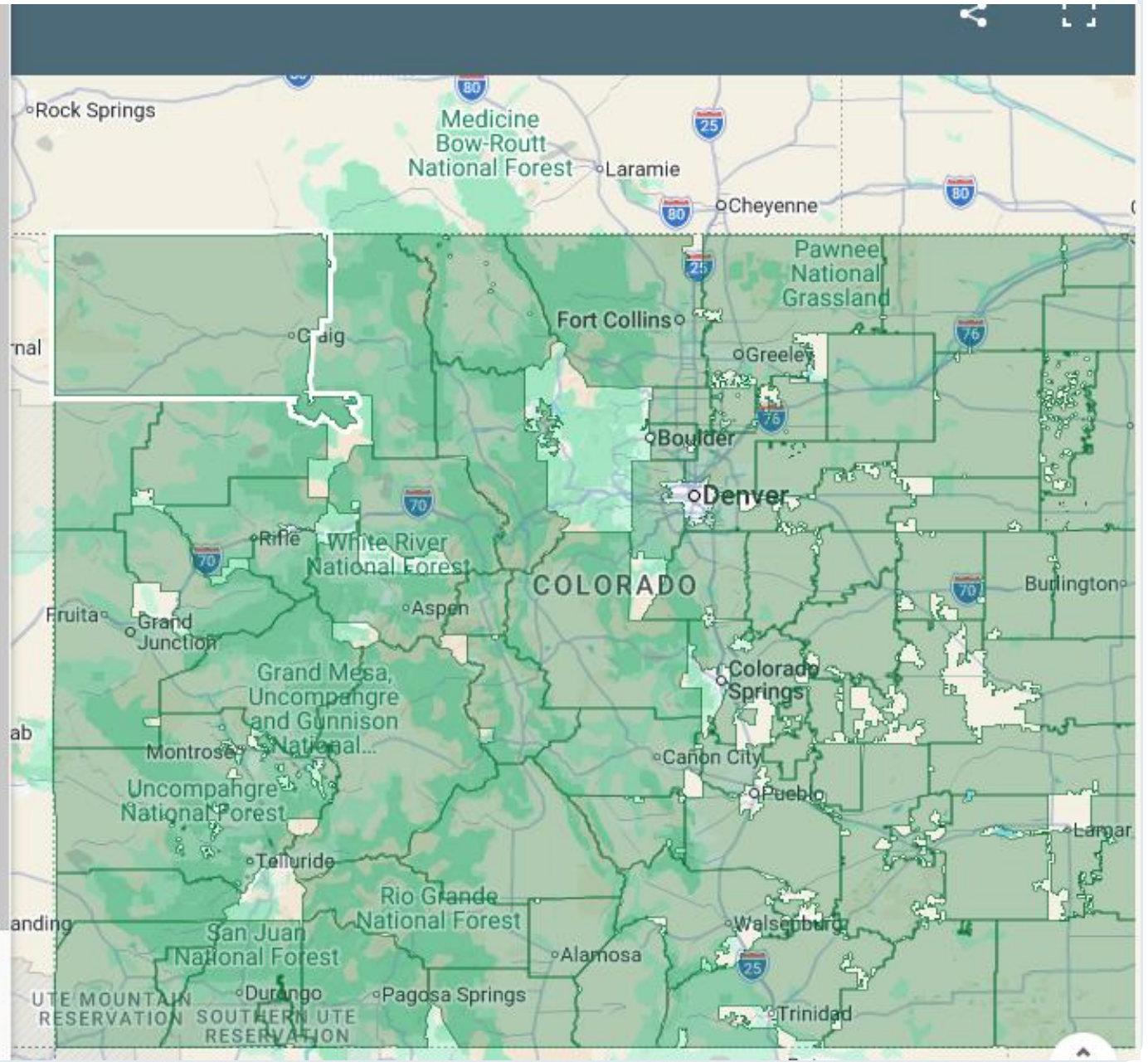
Bill Green

Supervisor #3

Rod Cook

Supervisor #4

Stephen Hinkemeyer





CD's Annual Report

Overview

An Annual Report is a comprehensive report on a District's activities throughout the preceding year. Annual reports are intended to give constituents, landowners, county commissioners, partners, and other interested people information about the district's activities and financial performance. The report is a marketing tool, much like a newsletter or brochure.

Suggested Topics to Include in an Annual Report:

- District Name
- Mission Statement
- Supervisor's names (and the officer positions)
- Employee(s)
- District contact information
 - Physical address
 - Phone number
 - Website

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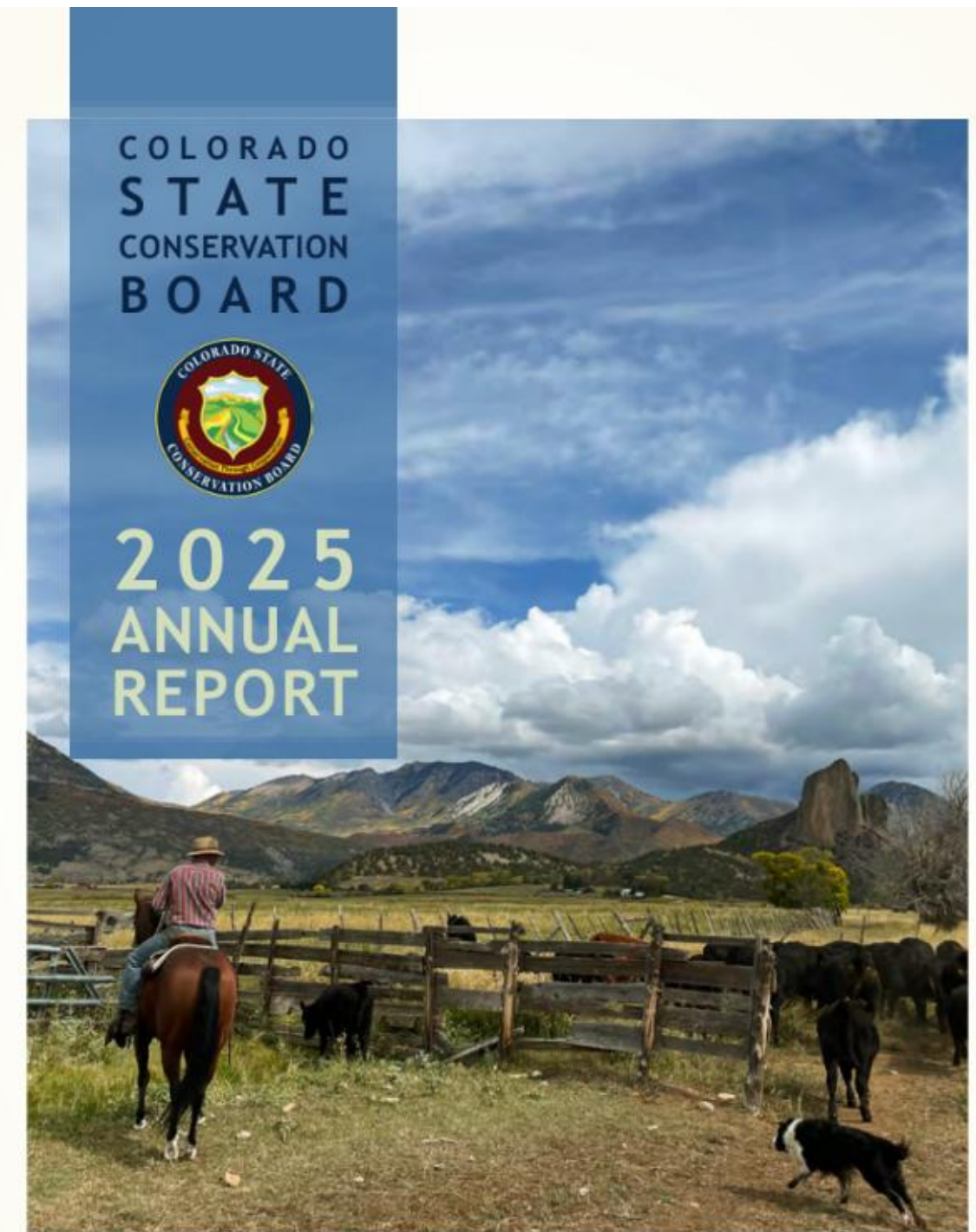
Annual Report Templates

Be sure to download the templates below to your computer. They are word documents, so download, save to your desktop and then open the document from your desktop. Then you will have full edit rights. If you receive a message that says you need to request access, then you have not downloaded the document correctly. Please call us for assistance.

Annual Reports

Colorado's Conservation Districts have the option to submit an Annual Report to receive an additional \$750 in direct assistance.

- Templates and instructions on the website.
- Our partner association takes those annual reports to legislative events.



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May 6th: Colorado Conservation District Day at the State Capitol



A now annual advocacy event where district board members and staff are encouraged to meet with legislators to highlight local conservation successes. For the inaugural 2026 event, CACD provided Colorado-focused one-pagers and districts are encouraged to bring their annual reports to maximize their advocacy impact.



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Emerging Leaders In Conservation Program

A 14-month training cohort tailored for Conservation District Supervisors, staff, and partners to empower them with leadership skills to influence conservation efforts at local, state, and national levels.



Emerging Leaders in Conservation Program



National Association of
Conservation Districts

CACD Public Outreach Initiative

This statewide initiative aims to highlight the narratives of Colorado's conservation districts and the individuals dedicated to this work.

- **Social Media Reels:** "Meet the People of Colorado's Conservation Districts": Features brief video clips showcasing board supervisors and staff.
- **Statewide GIS StoryMap:** An interactive map that demonstrates the value and impact of conservation districts by mapping specific project stories, resource concerns, and key impact metrics provided by local districts.
- **Branding Kit:** The CACD is in the process of creating a brand kit that all of the conservation districts in Colorado can utilize to have cohesive communication with the public across the state.





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Thank you! Any Questions?