

Coordinators Report

Prescott Valley, AZ

May 17th, 2010

The National RC&D Association and the Natural Resources Conservation Service have been working together to strengthen councils across the country. One of the latest ideas has been to develop a rapid assessment of each council to determine if councils have the necessary tools in place to carry out a program. The rapid assessment form looks at things like is there an; annual plan, area plan, annual report, program review, nonprofit status, audit, and dollars leveraged compared to dollars put into the program by NRCS. That was worked on by the executive committee and me and sent in May 4th.

The annual report to the Arizona Corporation Commission was completed by Bill Towler, Treasurer and sent in early April before the 15th deadline. Also Bill sent in an IRS Form 990N electronically to the IRS.

Verde Valley Birding Festival was a successful event. The Verde NRCD gave hand outs with the NRCS logo compliments of the Cocopai RC&D. The handout was a bird feeder that screws onto a 2 liter plastic bottle that can then be hung.

The Western RC&D Association is planning on holding the annual meeting in Arizona in 2013. There will be an opportunity to get together in November at the Hohokam RC&D meeting the 17th or 18th to discuss ways to work together in order to hold the Conference here.

One idea for outreach was to make a presentation to NACOG. Since NACOG covers more than the Cocopai service area I met with the RC&D Coordinator from Holbrook and discussed the idea with him. He was receptive to making a presentation about the program and is going to discuss the idea with the Coordinator for Navajo RC&D.

I will cover the Lynx Creek assessment that Brian Witty, Director P&R, Prescott Valley, Stu Tuttle, Biologist, NRCS and I conducted in mid April.