



# 2009 PLAN OF WORK

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## OUR VISION

**NATURAL RESOURCES NOW AND FOR THE FUTURE**

## OUR MISSION

**To provide leadership and technical assistance on issues of regional significance which include: planning, coordination, and implementation of long range natural resource conservation initiatives which promote and encourage a quality 21<sup>st</sup> century rural lifestyle.**

|                   | GOAL II   | Reduce soil loss and sedimentation due to irrigation induced erosion   |  | Target Date | Key People   | Accomplishments |
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| ELEMENT           | OBJECTIVE | STRATEGIES   |  |             |  |                 |
| Land Conservation | II.B      | <b>Explore new technologies for decreasing irrigation erosion</b>  |  |             |  |                 |
|                   |           | II.B.1   | Develop project to conduct (3) field demonstrations of direct seed technology within (2) Conservation District areas and on Yakama Reservation.  | 06/09       | Coordinator 40 hrs<br>Kittitas, Klickitat, Benton<br>Cons. Districts<br>Yakama Nation                    |                 |
| Land Conservation | II.D      | <b>Look for other funding sources which may assist landowners in adopting practices which reduce erosion</b> |  |             |  |                 |
|                   |           | II.D.1   | Conduct (1) meeting with (3) conservation districts to develop (1) plan each to administer and carry out a no-till program on non-irrigated farm lands.  | 04/09       | Coordinator 16 hrs<br>Kittitas, Klickitat, Benton<br>Cons. Districts<br>Yakama Nation<br>Upper Col. RC&D |                 |
|                   |           | II.D.2   | Develop an information and education campaign to recruit farmers within participating Conservation District areas to generate participation in a comprehensive no till program on non-irrigated farm lands.  | 06/09       | Coordinator 40 hrs<br>Conservation Districts<br>Yakama Nation  |                 |
|                   |           | II.D.3   | Assist Benton County CD in generating (1) list of potential funding for the purpose of facilitating a partnership between multiple RC&D's and Conservation Districts. Funds needed for 50% cost share to purchase no-trill drill equipment for use by farmers. | 06/09       | Coordinator 20 hrs<br>Benton County CD<br>WA/OR RC&D's<br>WA/OR CD's                                     |                 |
|                   |           | II.D.4   | Contact at least (2) RC&D's and (6) counties to solicit partnerships for funding proposals and above project.  | 09/09       | Coordinator 20 hrs<br>Benton County CD<br>WA/OR RC&D's<br>WA/OR CD's                                     |                 |

|                   | GOAL IIB  | Reduce Farmland and Undeveloped Land Conversion  |  | Target Date | Key People                 | Accomplishments |
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| ELEMENT           | OBJECTIVE | STRATEGIES   |  |             |                            |                 |
| Land Conservation | II.2.A    | <b>Create Farmland Land Protection Education / Outreach Program in Kittitas County</b> |  |             |                            |                 |
|                   |           | II.2.A.1   | Attend (1) meeting with stakeholders to develop outline for farmland protection educ./outreach plan & workshop.  | 03/09       | Kittitas CD<br>Coordinator |                 |
|                   |           | II.2.A.2   | Create (1) farmland protection education / outreach plan, including identifying at least (2) outside expert speakers for future workshops.   | 09/09       | Kittitas CD<br>Coordinator |                 |
|                   |           | II.2.A.3   | Facilitate (1) pilot workshop for landowners to present options for farm land preservation (easements, development purchases, tax breaks, etc.) to identify interested landowners and ease fears of these options. | 11/09       | Kittitas CD<br>Coordinator |                 |

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| <b>Land Conservation</b> | <b>II.2.B</b> | <b>Utilize Land Protection Tools Such as Conservation Easements To Protect Undeveloped Land From Conversion</b> |   |       |  |  |
|                          |               | II.2.B.1  | Facilitate (1) meeting with stakeholders and potential funders to develop a list of potential strategies and protection tools to protect undeveloped shrub-steppe above Prosser and along the Horse Heaven Hills. | 01/09 | City of Prosser<br>WDFW<br>Benton County<br>Coordinator 16 hrs |  |

|                                   | <b>GOAL IV</b>   | <b>Involvement with water quantity issues in the watershed.</b>       |  | <b>Target Date</b> | <b>Key People</b>   | <b>Accomplishments</b> |
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| <b>ELEMENT</b>                    | <b>OBJECTIVE</b> | <b>STRATEGIES</b>   |  |                    |   |                        |
| <b>Water Resources Management</b> | <b>IV.A</b>      | <b>Support projects involved with additional storage in the basin</b> |  |                    |   |                        |
|                                   |                  | IV.A.1  | Create and implement (1) project with Yakama Nation and EarthCorps conducting meadow and wetland restoration activities on the Yakama Reservation.   | 07/09              | Coordinator 80 hrs<br>Yakama Nation<br>EarthCorps             |                        |
|                                   |                  | IV.A.2  | Provide project coordination to increase regional participation of a Pasture Aerator to be purchased by Benton County CD. Increase participation by (10) users throughout (2) additional counties. | 03/09              | Coordinator 20 hrs<br>Conservation Districts<br>Yakama Nation |                        |

|                              | <b>GOAL V</b>    | <b>Develop value-added projects related to agriculture</b>                             |  | <b>Target Date</b> | <b>Key People</b>               | <b>Accomplishments</b> |
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| <b>ELEMENT</b>               | <b>OBJECTIVE</b> | <b>STRATEGIES</b>  |  |                    |                                 |                        |
| <b>Community Development</b> | <b>V.A</b>       | <b>Assist volunteer groups in obtaining success in projects related to agriculture</b> |  |                    |                                 |                        |
|                              |                  | V.A.1  | Create (1) contract with Center For Latino farmers to expand assistance to low-income Hispanic farmers in applying for NRCS program funding. | 02/09              | Coordinator 40 hrs CFLF<br>NRCS |                        |

|                              | <b>GOAL VI</b>   | <b>Work with communities on infrastructure needs</b>                              |  | <b>Target Date</b> | <b>Key People</b>   | <b>Accomplishments</b> |
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| <b>ELEMENT</b>               | <b>OBJECTIVE</b> | <b>STRATEGIES</b>   |  |                    |   |                        |
| <b>Community Development</b> | <b>VI.B</b>      | <b>Assist with issues related to making quality of life better in communities</b> |  |                    |   |                        |
|                              |                  | VI.B.1  | Develop (1) plan to design and implement a Gleaning pilot project on the Yakama Nation Reservation. Plan will include partners and roles, funding needs, volunteer outreach, and implementation. | 02/09              | Local Foods Working Group (Yakama Nation, BIA, Heritage, Harvest Against Hunger, Master Gardeners, Northwest Harvest)<br>Local Food Banks<br>Coordinator 40 hrs |                        |

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|  |  | VI.B.2 | Implement (1) pilot project involving pilot Gleaning Project that will increase available farm food for foodbanks on the Yakama Reservation.  | 09/09 | Local Foods Working Group<br>Coordinator 8 hrs                                    |  |
|  |  | VI.B.3 | Identify and pursue at least (1) funding source for a seasonal staff person to act as project coordinator for Gleaning Project.   | 03/09 | Coordinator 16 hrs<br>Council 4 hrs<br>Local Foods Working Group                  |  |
|  |  | VI.B.4 | Hold (4) meetings of Gleaning Project committee to discuss and identify more local agriculture and community development projects.  | 04/09 | Local Foods Working Group<br>Coordinator 16 hrs                                   |  |
|  |  | VI.B.5 | Recruit (5) new partners into the Environmental Education Committee.  | 06/09 | Coordinator<br>EE Committee   |  |
|  |  | VI.B.6 | Gain commitment and funding Water Pollution and Salmon Education Pilot Project in (3) school districts.   | 03/09 | Coordinator<br>EE Committee<br>YBEEP<br>School Districts                          |  |
|  |  | VI.B.7 | Water Pollution & Salmon Education Project, Phase 1 - Implement funding Water Pollution and Salmon Education Pilot Project in (3) school districts, over school year 2009/2010. Phase 1 is for 2009 only, which includes project planning and ½ implementation. | 12/09 | Coordinator<br>EE Committee<br>YBEEP<br>MESA<br>Yakama Nation<br>School Districts |  |
|  |  | VI.B.8 | Create (1) project to expand on existing funding for Stormwater Outreach in Cle Elum.   | 12/09 | Kittitas CD<br>Coordinator<br>YBEEP<br>Cle Elum School Dist.<br>City of Cle Elum  |  |
|  |  | VI.B.9 | Hold (1) field trip involving public officials (district senators and representatives) and school district superintendants to foster communication and garner governmental commitment to increase resources for environmental education in schools.             | 09/09 | Coordinator 8 hrs<br>EE Committee<br>School Districts<br>YBEEP<br>MESA            |  |

|                              | GOAL VII     | Assist in promotion of recreation and tourism related activities in the area                                     | Target Date  | Key People | Accomplishments              |
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| ELEMENT                      | OBJECTIVE    | STRATEGIES   |  |            |                              |
| <b>Community Development</b> | <b>VII.B</b> | <b>Assist in creation (sustainability) of Kittitas County Park and Recreation District Number 1 (KC P&amp;R)</b> |  |            |                              |
|                              |              | VII.B.1  | Facilitate (1) meeting of Park & Rec. groups and other comparable agencies to develop a job description and hourly rate for a KC P&R part-time staff person. | 04/09      | KC P&R<br>Coordinator 8 hrs  |
|                              |              | VII.B.2  | Provide assistance to the KC P&R in preparing (1) grant proposal for a part-time staff person to be submitted and  | 08/09      | KC P&R<br>Coordinator 16 hrs |

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|  |  |         | administered by RC&D.   |       |  |  |
|  |  | VII.B.3 | Assist KC P&R in the creation of (1) budget for the initiation and completion of a feasibility study for a district wide trail system.                                    | 06/09 | KC P&R<br>Coordinator 8 hrs                |  |
|  |  | VII.B.4 | Prepare (1) grant proposal to conduct above feasibility study.  | 07/09 | KC P&R<br>Coordinator 16 hrs               |  |
|  |  | VII.B.5 | Administer granted funds to contract (1) professional trail designer to initiate above feasibility study.   | 12/09 | KC P&R<br>RC&D Board<br>Bookkeeper         |  |
|  |  | VII.B.6 | Approach the currently ad-hoc John Wayne / Coal Mines Trail Connection group to consider restructuring as a committee under the SCW RC&D Council.                         |       | KC P&R<br>RC&D Board<br>Coordinator 40 hrs |  |
|  |  | VII.B.7 | Solicit at least (2) new partners and increase current commitment of above group to increase consistency and effectiveness of meetings.                                   |       | KC P&R<br>RC&D Board<br>Coordinator 20 hrs |  |
|  |  | VII.B.8 | Assist with creation of (1) plan that will serve as a stakeholder agreement on a finalized location of the trail connection between the John Wayne and Coal Mines trails. | 12/09 | KC P&R<br>RC&D Board<br>Coordinator 16 hrs |  |
|  |  | VII.B.9 | Facilitate (1) meeting with potential funders for land purchase needed to complete the above trail connection.  | 12/09 | KC P&R<br>RC&D Board<br>Coordinator 8 hrs  |  |

|                        | Goal VIII     | Promote and assist in the development of projects dealing with alternative energy opportunities | Target Date  | Key People | Accomplishments   |
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| ELEMENT                | OBJECTIVE     | STRATEGIES  |  |            |   |
| <b>Land Management</b> | <b>VIII.A</b> | <b>Work towards development of a bio-based energy production facility</b>                       |  |            |   |
|                        |               | VIII.A.1  | Create case studies from Woody Biomass Feasibility Study (2008) to define (1) new market infrastructure demonstration project throughout area of Kittitas, Yakima, and Klickitat counties. | 06/09      | Coordinator 20 hrs<br>The Nature Conservancy<br>Tapash Collab. Group  |
|                        |               | VIII.A.2  | Contract (1) coordinator to work with Tapash Collaborative Group and implement (1) new market project for forest health.   | 06/09      | Coordinator 20 hrs<br>The Nature Conservancy<br>Tapash Collab. Group  |
|                        |               | VIII.A.3  | Facilitate (1) meeting to discuss carbon markets for grassland - payments for ecosystem services and identify other likely RC&D councils for participation.                                | 09/09      | Coordinator 20 hrs<br>The Nature Conservancy<br>Wyoming RC&D Councils |

|             | Goal IX     | Explore opportunities to assist in developing projects associated with fire protection in rural areas            | Target Date | Key People | Accomplishments |
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| ELEMENT     | OBJECTIVE   | STRATEGIES   |             |            |                 |
| <b>Land</b> | <b>IX.A</b> | <b>Work with rural fire districts to determine resources and potential application of programs like firewise</b> |             |            |                 |

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| <b>Management</b>      |             |   |  |       |   |  |
|                        |             | IX.A.1  | Complete and submit (1) grant proposal to fund two staff persons that will assist North Yakima CD (conservation district) and Benton County CD in implementing the Highways 410 and 12 and the Benton County CWPP (Community Wildfire Protection Plan).  | 08/09 | Coordinator 40 hrs<br>NYCD<br>DNR             |  |
|                        |             | IX.A.2  | Assist Kittitas CD in facilitating at least (1) community wildfire group / projects.   | 12/09 | Coordinator 160 hrs<br>KCD<br>DNR             |  |
|                        |             | IX.A.3  | Create (1) list of potential funding sources for firewise projects.  | 12/09 | Coordinator 160 hrs<br>Conservation Districts |  |
| <b>Land Management</b> | <b>IX.B</b> | <b>Determine potential application of the “fuels for schools” program in area</b> |  |       |   |  |
|                        |             | IX.B.1  | Create (1) report that identifies the current heating system of each rural school district, as well as other government, hospital, college, and other applicable public and private buildings in Kittitas, Yakima, Benton, and Klickitat counties to assess the potential of a Fuels For School program. | 09/09 | Coordinator 40 hrs                            |  |
|                        |             | IX.B.2  | Identify and apply for (1) funding source to initiate (1) Fuels For Schools feasibility study in all 4 counties.   | 09/09 | Coordinator 24 hrs                            |  |

|                        | Goal X     | Continue to assist landowners/irrigators with issues related to fish recovery and habitat enhancement             | Target Date  | Key People | Accomplishments  |
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| ELEMENT                | OBJECTIVE  | STRATEGIES  |  |            |  |
| <b>Land Management</b> | <b>X.A</b> | <b>Maintain administrative responsibilities and management of the Yakima Tributary Access and Habitat Program</b> |  |            |  |
|                        |            | X.A.1   | Facilitate (12) YTAHP core meetings to pick, plan, design, and implement YTAHP projects.                             | 2009       | YTAHP staff<br>Coordinator<br>YTAHP core team  |
|                        |            | X.A.2   | Facilitate (8) YTAHP technical work group meetings to design new YTAHP projects and critique ongoing YTAHP projects. | 2009       | YTAHP staff<br>YTAHP core team   |
|                        |            | X.A.3   | Conduct (1) tour of current and prior YTAHP and Yakama Nation projects on Ahtanum Creek.                             | 06/09      | Yakama Nation<br>YTAHP core team<br>YTAHP staff<br>Coordinator 16 hrs<br>Landowners          |
|                        |            | X.A.4   | Reecer Creek Floodplain Project – create (1) design and engineering plan.  | 07/09      | RC&D staff<br>City of Ellensburg<br>Mid-Columbia Fisheries<br>YTAHP staff<br>YTAHP core team |

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|  |  | X.A.5  | Jack Creek Culvert Replacement Project – replace existing culvert, .03 stream miles treated, 5 stream miles opened to salmon.  | 08/09 | KCCD<br>YTAHP staff<br>YTAHP core team |  |
|  |  | X.A.6  | Indian Creek Culvert Replacement Projects- replace existing culvert, .03 stream miles treated, 5 stream miles opened to salmon.  | 08/09 | KCCD<br>YTAHP staff<br>YTAHP core team |  |
|  |  | X.A.7  | Lower Reecer Barrier Removal (Durand Diversion) Project – create (1) design plan, remove/modify dam, .85 stream miles opened to salmon.  | 06/09 | KCCD<br>YTAHP staff<br>YTAHP core team |  |
|  |  | X.A.8  | Lower Reecer Creek Barrier Removal and Fish Screen (Jewett, Morgan, Fagalde/Wilson) – install fish screen and pipeline, 0.8 miles opened to salmon.  | 06/09 | KCCD<br>YTAHP staff<br>YTAHP core team |  |
|  |  | X.A.9  | Coleman –Nisbet Diversion Project – create (1) engineering and design plan, install fish screen and remove diversion, 0.5 miles opened to salmon.  | 07/09 | KCCD<br>YTAHP staff<br>YTAHP core team |  |
|  |  | X.A.10 | Coleman- EWC Intersection- create (1) engineering and design plan.   | 12/09 | KCCD<br>YTAHP staff<br>YTAHP core team |  |
|  |  | X.A.11 | Coleman- Olmstead/Poulsen- create (1) engineering and design plan.   | 07/09 | KCCD<br>YTAHP staff<br>YTAHP core team |  |
|  |  | X.A.12 | Parke Creek (Eslinger) – remove fish passage barrier, treat 0.03 miles, opens passage to 0.5 miles.  | 03/09 | KCCD<br>YTAHP staff<br>YTAHP core team |  |
|  |  | X.A.13 | Cherry Creek Fish Screen & Passage Project (2 subprojects, Jacobs & Nisbets) – combined, create (1) engineering and design plan, install fish screens, .2 stream miles opened to salmon, .03 stream miles treated. | 12/09 | KCCD<br>YTAHP staff<br>YTAHP core team |  |
|  |  | X.A.14 | Cherry Creek Fish Screen & Passage Project (Sweetgrass) – create (1) engineering and design plan, install fish screen, 1.8 stream miles opened to salmon, .05 stream miles treated.                                | 10/09 | KCCD<br>YTAHP staff<br>YTAHP core team |  |
|  |  | X.A.15 | Blue Slough Project – install (3) pump intake screens, 1.54 cfs water treated.   | 07/09 | NYCD<br>YTAHP staff<br>YTAHP core team |  |
|  |  | X.A.16 | Cowiche Creek Water Users Piping Project – 7.7 cfs returned to stream.   | 09/09 | NYCD<br>YTAHP staff<br>YTAHP core team |  |
|  |  | X.A.17 | Boyd Brown / Shelley Ward Diversion Removal Project - .35 stream miles opened to salmon.   | 08/09 | NYCD<br>YTAHP staff<br>YTAHP core team |  |
|  |  | X.A.18 | Cowychee Ditch Fish Screen and Metering Project – create (1) engineering plan and obtain necessary permits.  | 07/09 | NYCD<br>YTAHP staff<br>YTAHP core team |  |

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|                        |            | X.A.19   | Lane Hanson / Naches River Project – complete (1) Phase 1 plan and plant 4.6 acres of riparian habitat.   | 12/09  | NYCD<br>YTAHP staff<br>YTAHP core team                       |  |  |
|                        |            | X.A.20   | Greg Swart / Wenas Creek Project – complete (1) Phase 1 plan and plant 3.7 acres of riparian habitat and build 4000 ft of riparian fencing.   | 12/09  | NYCD<br>YTAHP staff<br>YTAHP core team                       |  |  |
|                        |            | X.A.21   | Wilkinson / Cowiche Creek Project – Plant .7 acres of riparian planting.  | 12/09  | NYCD<br>YTAHP staff<br>YTAHP core team                       |  |  |
|                        |            | X.A.22   | N.F. Ahtanum Creek Gauge Station Project – create (1) plan, dependent on geomorphic report on channel condition and risk assessment.  | 011/09 | NYCD<br>YTAHP staff<br>YTAHP core team                       |  |  |
|                        |            | X.A.23   | Herke Fish Screen and Metering / Ahtanum Creek Project – create (1) plan.   | 09/09  | NYCD<br>YTAHP staff<br>YTAHP core team                       |  |  |
| <b>Land Management</b> | <b>X.B</b> | <b>Assist local land owners and managers in Invasive Weed Management and education</b> |   |        |  |  |  |
|                        |            | X.B.1  | Facilitate (1) meeting of potential partners to initiate creation of CWMA (Coordinated Weed Management Area) for lower Yakima Valley, the Klickitat Basin, and other potential surrounding areas. | 06/09  | Coordinator 20 hrs<br>County Weed Boards<br>Yakama Nation    |  |  |
|                        |            | X.B.2  | Facilitate (1) meeting to identify need and application of CWMA within Kittitas County.   | 06/09  | Coordinator 20 hrs<br>Kittitas Weed Board<br>Kittitas County |  |  |

|                              | <b>GOAL XI</b>   | <b>Strengthen the RC&amp;D council</b>                                    |  | <b>Target Date</b> | <b>Key People</b>                        | <b>Accomplishments</b> |
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| <b>ELEMENT</b>               | <b>OBJECTIVE</b> | <b>STRATEGIES</b>   |  |                    |  |                        |
| <b>Community Development</b> | <b>XI.A</b>      | <b>Strengthen and diversify the RC&amp;D sponsors, board, and council</b> |  |                    |  |                        |
|                              |                  | XI.A.1  | Recruit (4) new sponsors and members to RC&D Council.  | 2009               | (2) Council 40 hrs<br>Coordinator 80 hrs |                        |
|                              |                  | XI.A.2  | Conduct (2) new member orientation meetings.   | 2009               | Coordinator 8 hrs                        |                        |
|                              |                  | XI.A.3  | Create (5) board member binders for use by new and current members.  | 2009               | Coordinator 8 hrs                        |                        |
|                              |                  | XI.A.4  | Accomplish board member capacity building by sending at least (1) council member and either (1) additional newer council member or (1) staff person to National RC&D conference in 2009. | 06/09              | (2) Council 40 hrs<br>Coordinator 40 hrs |                        |
|                              |                  | XI.A.5  | Identify and utilize at least (1) potential source of board training in 2009.  | 2009               | Coordinator 40 hrs<br>YVCF               |                        |

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|                              |             | XI.A.6  | Increase board member involvement through creation of (2) new special committees to increase project involvement.                 | 2009  | (6) Council 40 hrs<br>Coordinator 10 hrs                                       |  |  |
|                              |             | XI.A.7  | Continue development and expansion of web site, create (2) additional pages.  | 06/09 | Coordinator 8 hrs<br>RC&D admin 20 hrs<br>RC&D board 40 hrs                    |  |  |
|                              |             | XI.A.8  | Facilitate (1) meeting with (3) potential partners, including Klickitat County, to encourage support and involvement in SCW RC&D. | 07/09 | Coordinator 20 hrs<br>Klickitat County<br>Klickitat Weed Board<br>Klickitat CD |  |  |
|                              |             | XI.A.9  | Complete and submit paperwork to include Klickitat County into SCW RC&D area.   | 09/09 | Coordinator 20 hrs<br>Klickitat County<br>Klickitat Weed Board<br>Klickitat CD |  |  |
|                              |             | XI.A.10   | Investigate the possibility for inclusion of Skamania County into SCW RC&D area. Meet with (2) potential partners.                | 2009  | Coordinator 40 hrs<br>Skamania County<br>Ska. Weed Board<br>Underwood CD       |  |  |
|                              |             | XI.A.11   | Solicit new board membership for specialized skills (accounting, legal, other) to increase board capacity.                        | 2009  | Coordinator 24 hrs   |  |  |
|                              |             | XI.A.12   | Hold (1) meeting with a facilitator to create goals, objectives, and strategies for 2010-2014 area plan.                          | 02/09 | RC&D Board<br>Ray Ledgerwood   |  |  |
|                              |             | XI.A.13   | Hold (3) public meetings to solicit public feedback for 2010-2014 area plan.  | 09/09 | Coordinator 32 hrs   |  |  |
|                              |             | XI.A.14   | Finalize and approve (1) 2010-2014 area plan.   | 12/09 | RC&D Board<br>Coordinator 40 hrs   |  |  |
| <b>Community Development</b> | <b>XI.B</b> | <b>Increase economic self-sufficiency of RC&amp;D council</b> |   |       |  |  |  |
|                              |             | XI.B.1  | Identify at least (2) potential capacity building grants to assist internal operations.   | 2009  | Coordinator 40 hrs   |  |  |
|                              |             | XI.B.2  | Identify at least (2) alternative revenue streams for internal operations.  | 2009  | (2) Council 40 hrs<br>Coordinator  |  |  |
|                              |             | XI.B.3  | Solicit general board and public support for planning of future capacity building.  | 2009  | (2) Council 40 hrs   |  |  |

### FY 2009 Council Meeting Dates

- January 8<sup>th</sup> (annual meeting)
- March 5<sup>th</sup>
- May 7<sup>th</sup>
- July 9<sup>th</sup>
- September 10<sup>th</sup>
- November 5<sup>th</sup>

Check our website for updated Council meeting times, locations, and minutes: [www.scwrcd.com](http://www.scwrcd.com)

### S.M.A.R.T.

All goals, objectives, and strategies are now being held to high S.M.A.R.T. standards. Any plan not meeting S.M.A.R.T. standards will risk being rejected by the NRCS and National Association of RC&D Councils. S.M.A.R.T. stands for:

- **S** – specific
- **M** – measurable
- **A** – attainable
- **R** – results-oriented
- **T** – time-bound

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### NRCS FY2009 RC&D Allocation Factors

Allocations to the States for the RC&D Program are based on natural resource and socio-economic factors classified as resource base and resource quality factors, state cost of doing business factors, and performance incentive factors. The allocation to any individual State reflects:

1. Resource allocation component based on the four elements contained in the statute
  - Land Conservation
  - Land Management
  - Water Management
  - Community Development
2. State specific factors reflecting cost of doing business
  - Office Rental Cost
  - Travel Cost (for coordinator)
  - RC&D Coordinator Salary and Personnel Benefit Cost
3. A performance component based on
  - Previous year's performance towards three annual performance goals (see below)
  - Status of current Area Plans on file in National Headquarters

The success of each project, each RC&D Council, and the State RC&D Program as a whole will be measured by the following official OMB Program Assessment Ratings Tool (PART) annual performance goals set for the RC&D program:

1. Watershed or Area-Wide Conservation Plans (number)
2. Businesses Created or Retained in Rural Communities through RC&D Assistance
  - Businesses Created (number)
  - Businesses Improved (number)
3. Land and Water Resources benefited by RC&D projects
  - Cropland Treated (acres)
  - Grazingland Treated (acres)
  - Forestland Treated (acres)
  - Agland Protected (acres)
  - Mined Land Treated (acres)
  - Water Bodies Created (acres) Water Bodies Improved (acres)