



Soil and Water Conservation Society ~ New Mexico Chapter

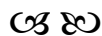
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Welcome to our new members:

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Jordan Wollack, Carlos Rael, Connie Jones,
Krista Bonfantine, Christian Gunning,
Gerhard Schoener, Annelia Tinklenberg,
Sara Brosnan, Lowell Catlett, Carol Feeney,
Alexander Fernald, Ana Gomes, Susan Hansen,
Lynda Price, Eric Scherff, Krista Schultz,
Cody Wiley, Rick Young*



INTERNATIONAL CERTIFIED EROSION, SEDIMENT AND STORM WATER INSPECTOR CERTIFICATION PROGRAM (CESSWI) LAUNCHED

Marion, N.C -- The Certified Professionals in Erosion and Sediment Control (CPESC) Inc. is excited to announce the development of its Certified Erosion, Sediment and Storm Water Inspector Certification Program (CESSWI). This new program will be available to all qualified technicians and inspectors who wish to demonstrate their proficiencies in construction and post construction inspection skills and abilities. This new designation for certified specialists was created by CPESC, Inc., in conjunction with an oversight committee of erosion and sediment control professionals. Registrants will need to meet the minimum requirements for United States Environmental Protection Agency's *Construction General Permit, Multi-Sector General Permit, Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System* (or MS4 Permit) and/or Canada's Department of Fisheries and Ocean's Requirements.

This unique program will make it possible for states, provinces, municipalities, county governments, home builders, and commercial builders to employ qualified inspection staff while operating under the EPA's *Construction General Permit, Multi-Sector General Permit, Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System* or MS4 Permit. CESSWIs will be recognized throughout the United States and Canada as candidates who have demonstrated the minimum proficiencies needed to inspect construction and post construction Best Management Practices (BMPs).

Specific state requirements may be added to the certification process.

To apply, a candidate will provide information on education and applicable work experience, along with references of those who can vouch for their inspection related activities.

The candidate's application will be reviewed by a committee and notified of his/her eligibility to sit for an examination. An Inspector Study Course will be available if the candidate chooses to sharpen his/her skills prior to the examination.

A candidate must submit his application and fee and successfully complete a written examination to demonstrate his knowledge of the basic inspection skills for erosion, sediment and storm water related construction projects. The candidate must also subscribe to a code of ethics for inspectors. An annual renewal fee is required to obtain registration status along with documentation of continuing education credits. Applications may be obtained at the International Erosion Control Association's (IECA) Environmental Connection 07 (EC-07) in Reno, Nevada on February 15, 2007 or downloaded after February 15th at www.cpesc.org

"We are excited about the opportunity to provide a North American continent-wide certification program for inspectors involved in construction and post construction activities," said David Ward, Executive Director of CPESC, Inc. "Many states and governmental bodies have been anticipating the advent of this program for quite some time and now we can offer it to them."

Nearly 3000 professionals in Erosion and Sediment Control and Storm Water Quality have been certified by CPESC, Inc in the past quarter century. CPESC, Inc. plans to continue its certification expertise and excellence over the next quarter century.

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Whitfield Wildlife Conservation Area Planting



The Local chapter of the SWCS joined other volunteers on Saturday March 3, 2007, to help plant 500 trees at the Whitfield Wildlife Conservation Area in Belen. The 97 acre tract is owned by the Valencia Soil and Water Conservation District and is historically known as the Whitfield-Trammell Property or the old Curran Dairy. The Conservation District is restoring riparian conditions to the area that was once a dairy.



Four species of trees were planted, Cottonwood, Black Willow, New Mexico Olive and Screwbean Mesquite. The Cottonwood and Black Willow were poles and were planted directly into the water table. The new Mexico Olive and Screwbean Mesquite were planted with a slotted PVC pipe next to them, in case watering is needed.

The area will be watered by flooding. The concrete lined ditch and the outlets were cleaned.

When completed and fully mature the Conservation Area is positioned to become an attraction to visitors, bird watchers, hikers and students wanting to learn more about wetlands ecology and Bosque riparian ecosystems.



Chapter Membership

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**Check out the NM Chapter website at
www.nmswcs.org.
Thanks go out to Paul Vainio, our
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November 1, 2006 Annual Meeting

We had 12 people attend our lunch meeting at the Pacific Café in Socorro. We talked about our increase in membership (Thanks to Shawn H.) and maintaining ongoing funding for new members. Also discussed were the John Werner Scholarship, upcoming activities, ideas for workshops and our new website. Election results were announced, updated information to the right. Approximately 30% of the membership returned ballots. The complete minutes are posted on our website.

February 6, 2007 Teleconference notes

The John Werner Scholarship (JWS) account in the amount of \$5,500 will be established as a separate interest bearing account. We have increased our membership by mostly University of New Mexico students. Greg Fenchel has submitted an oral presentation for the SWCS national conference, July 21-24 entitled "Southwestern Riparian Tree and Shrub Planting Methods That Require Minimal or No Irrigation" which will be delivered by Steve. Discussion ensued about creating a monolith/profile of the NM state soil, Penestaja, for exhibit here at the USDA State Office and one in the State Hall. Planning for our next workshop was discussed with a variety of events suggested. Adding an annual event to the Annual Plan, choosing a focus a few years ahead and rotating topics were discussed with the idea of using a watershed approach proposed. Our new member reception scheduled for March 17th was discussed.

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