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Carol Dunn

Member-at-Large  
Margaret Lenz

San Juan Basin  
Vernon Lerette

Upper South Platte River  
Mary Sue Liss

Republican, Lower South Platte  
Milton Bud Mekelburg

Rio Grande River  
Brendon Rockey

Colorado, Gunnison Dolores  
Larry Sweeney

Lower Arkansas River  
Harold Unwin

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*Eight members of the board are elected by the Conservation Districts within their watershed; the ninth member is appointed by the governor. Board members serve four-year terms. Each is dedicated to protecting sustainability of the land and agriculture.*



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# Colorado State Conservation Board

*Supporting Colorado's  
conservation districts  
in leading grassroots  
environmental stewardship*



## Programs

- **Matching Grants** - provides funding to the districts for cost-share assistance to the landowners for installation of conservation practices
- **Salinity Control** - funding to producers in the Upper Colorado River Basin through the Bureau of Reclamation for cost-share assistance.
- **District Conservation Technician** - provides federal and state cost-share (75%) allowing districts to hire conservation technicians for planning and implementing assistance to land owners.
- **Direct Assistance** - merit based via the Colorado State Legislature this funding assists districts with expenses such as office space, conducting elections, technical or administrative assistance or reimbursing travel expenses.



*Irrigation Yesterday  
Photo by Ellen Moser*

## Purpose

We provide administrative and financial assistance to Colorado's 76 conservation districts by coordinating programs with state and federal agencies on:

- Natural resource issues
- Guidance on stream bank erosion and riparian concerns
- Assisting districts on various water and energy programs

## History

After the Dust Bowl soil crises of the 1930's the citizens of Colorado determined that proactive action must be taken to preserve the water and soil. In 1937 the Colorado State Conservation Board (CSCB) was created.

The CSCB is a program under the Division of Conservation Services in the Colorado Department of Agriculture.

## The Board Responsibilities

A few of the Board's responsibilities are:

- Administer and disburse funds
- Act as a state board of appeals for the districts
- Coordinate activities between districts
- Undertake studies of watershed planning
- Conduct training for the volunteer members of the governing boards and employees of each district
- Provide oversight of district elections

## Conservation District Responsibilities

- Inventory the natural resource concerns within their respective areas
- Develop a plan to address these concerns

This activity is accomplished through partnership with various federal, state, and local governments and private organizations. Information about these plans are available through the Colorado State Conservation Board.



*Colorado efficient irrigation system  
Photo by Gene Alexander*



*Outdoor Facilitation*