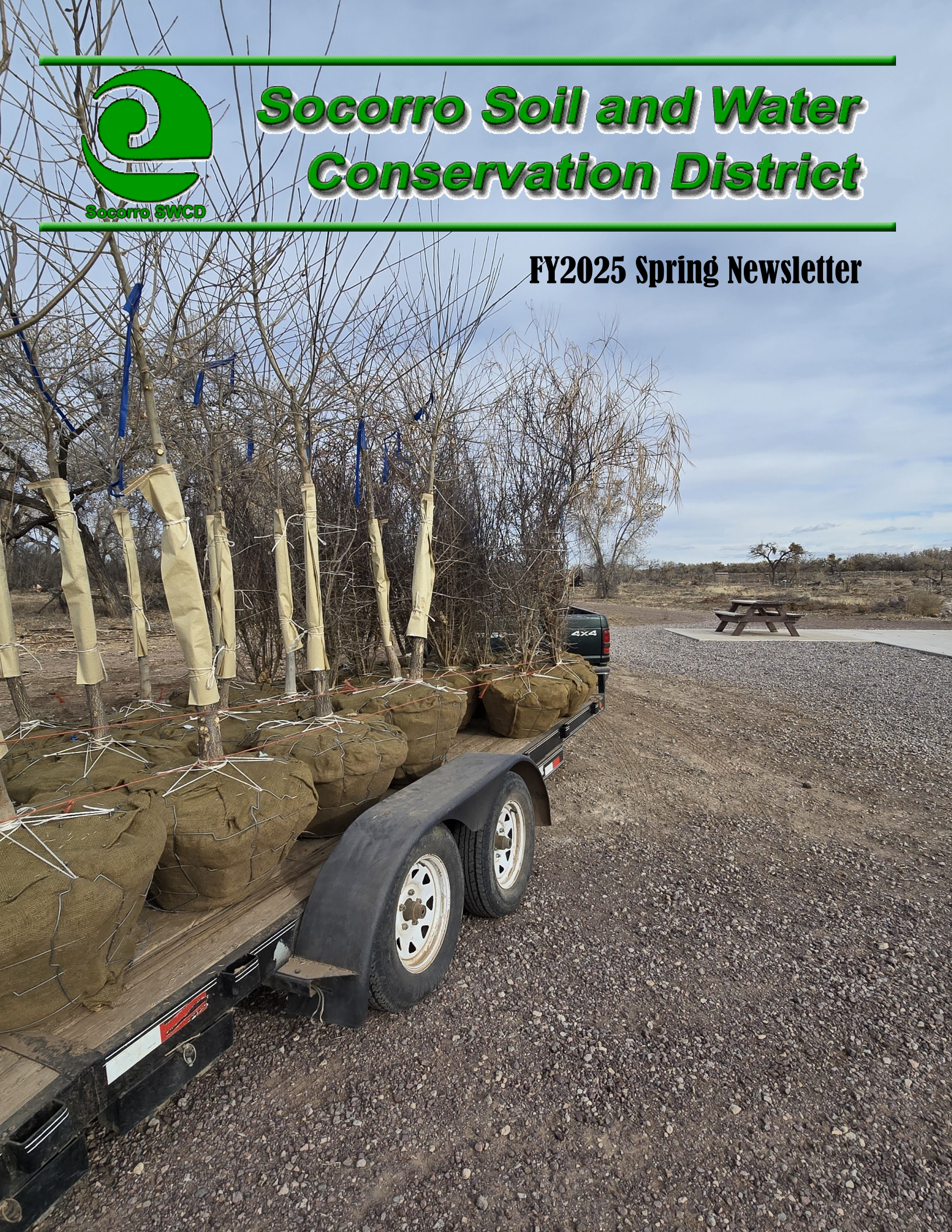




# Socorro Soil and Water Conservation District

**FY2025 Spring Newsletter**



**The Socorro SWCD was funded from the Land of Enchantment Legacy fund to plant shrubs and trees at the Socorro Nature area managed by the BLM.**

**In August 2024 FY2025 the Socorro SWCD planted 150 potted native shrubs including golden currant, 3 leaf sumac, smooth leaf sumac, woods rose, seep willow.**

**In February 2025 FY2025 Socorro SWCD also planted native trees including Rio Grande cottonwood, Fremont cottonwood, Desert willow, Gambel oak, New Mexico Olive, Choke cherry, Common hackberry, Arizona ash, Pinon pine, and Goddings's black willow.**





**August FY2025 shrub planting and watering**





February FY2025 tree planting



# Spring is here!

## Conserving Water in the Garden

- **Water infrequently, two—three times a week is sufficient. This will encourage deep rooting and greater tolerance to dry spells.**
- **Water early in the day or after the sun starts to set, or even during the night. 7 pm—7 am will reduce evaporation loss.**
- **Spring is a good time to aerate your lawn. This will allow for maximum water penetration.**
- **Mulch the soil surface to cut down on water loss due to evaporation. A two inch mulch base is recommended. Trees, shrubs, annuals, perennials, vegetable gardens and container gardens will all benefit from mulch. Mulch also aids in weed reduction. Shredded leaves, straw, compost, pine needles, shredded bark, bark chips, grass clippings and manure can all be used as mulch material.**
- **Pick drought tolerant, native desert southwest plants for landscaping. They are already adapted to this habitat.**
- **Install a drip irrigation system. These are easy to install and can be modified as your plants grow and expanded as you add more landscaping. The Socorro SWCD has a cost share program for this to assist in the cost of the parts of the system.**
- **Install rain barrels to catch rain runoff from your roof. This can be plumbed into your drip system to water your landscaping. The Socorro SWCD also has a cost share program to assist in the cost of the barrel system. We can also assist you with the connection to your drip system.**
- **if you have a drip system, check all of the connections and the drippers when you first turn it on for the season. Repair any leaks and replace any broken or clogged drippers.**
- **Add an automatic rain sensor to your electric irrigation timer. It's inexpensive and saves water, and we can help you install it.**
- **Let your lawn grow longer. Longer blades of grass can stretch the time between needed watering.**
- **If you have a sprinkler system on your lawn, check your sprinkler heads when you first turn on for the season and replace any damaged or non-functioning heads.**





**Important upcoming Dates**

**March**

**10-Board meeting**

**April**

**14-Board meeting**

**22-EARTH day**

**May**

**12-Board meeting**

**June**

**9-Board meeting**