

What is the main mission of conservation districts?

MONTANA'S CONSERVATION DISTRICT OPERATIONS REVIEW:

A conservation district's self-guide
to better operations
CDB CD REVIEW VERSION

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Four Topics

- Operations
- Financial
- Personnel
- 310 Permits (Montana Streambed Protection Act)

Who was using the Reviews and How?

- Use not consistent
- Some districts used them
- Review done internally by districts

New Approach

- Goal is to have all 58 Districts done in 3 years
- Done in conjunction with MACD both in terms of buy-in and resources.
- Designated Leader for each area (6), but we will be working in teams
- Work with Administrator and supervisors
- Give report back to board both oral and written

Benefits

- Promotes smooth district operations so that they can focus on putting good conservation on the ground.
- Keeps districts updated on “new” fangled ways doing things
- Keeps them out of hot water
- Gives them kudos
- Demonstrates what’s required by law vs. good operating procedure.

Benefits - Continued

- Helps Districts be accountable
- “Forces” them to organize their shop occasionally
- Provides for smoother transition in administrators
- Promotes Professionalism and shows value of CDs to
- Leads to Discussing Ways to Improve their Districts and for Conservations District Bureau staff to work with them.