



Colorado NRCS Local Work Group  
Task Guide

Conservation District: \_\_\_\_\_

Watershed Association: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for participating in the Local Work Group (LWG) activity. The LWG provides recommendations to USDA NRCS on local natural resource priorities, helps draft local ranking questions, and recommends funding distributions for focus areas. The information provided will be used in development of the FY2016 financial assistance and easement programs and your input is critical to effectively developing and implementing these programs.

Please address the following items and questions. Add additional sheets as needed to provide the requested descriptions or information. If the meeting is being held at the Conservation District level, please provide responses in relation to the “area served by the Conservation District”. If you are providing responses from a watershed level meeting, please provide responses in relation to the area and districts that are part of the watershed.

**1. What are the two most important resource concerns in the District/Watershed?**

Please list them in order of priority. (Example: Inefficient irrigation systems):

Concern #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Concern #2: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. What needs to be done to treat these resource concerns?** (Example: convert to center pivot irrigation systems with pipelines, pumps and control structures)

Treatment(s) for Concern #1: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Treatment(s) for Concern #2: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**3. Are the concerns in a specific area of the district/watershed, or are they district- or watershed-wide?**

Concern #1: Is this specific to a geographic area?    Yes                      No

If yes, please briefly describe the area: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Concern #2: Is this specific to a geographic area?    Yes                      No

If yes, please briefly describe the area: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**4. What issues or limitations are preventing producers from treating these concerns on their own?**

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**5. What percentage of funding would you recommend for each concern?**

Concern #1: \_\_\_\_\_ %

Concern #2: \_\_\_\_\_ %

**6. On a separate paper, please provide recommended ranking questions or criteria for each of the resource concerns.** District Conservationists (DC) or Area Conservationist (AC) can provide examples of existing ranking questions as examples. There are 250 points available for local questions. Please indicate with each question or criteria the number of points you would recommend assigning to it.

**Easement Programs:**

The Agricultural Land Easement program allows additional consideration for “grasslands of special significance” that would warrant permanent protection from urban development or conversion to cropland.

**Are there grasslands in the district/watershed that are significant?** Yes      No

If yes, please describe the type of grasslands and their significance. (Example: Sagebrush rangelands that benefit sage grouse populations)

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**Please provide a copy of the attendance list for the meeting.** Meeting sign in forms should provide for attendees to indicate if they are a landowner or producer, or if they are representing an agency or organization.

Completed Task Guides should be sent to Dawn Jackson, ASTC-Programs, at [dawn.jackson@co.usda.gov](mailto:dawn.jackson@co.usda.gov) or by mailing to:

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Task Guides must be received **by August 28, 2015**. Thank you again for your time and efforts!