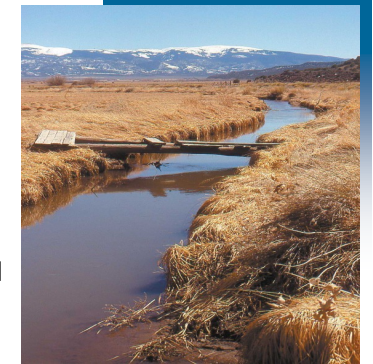
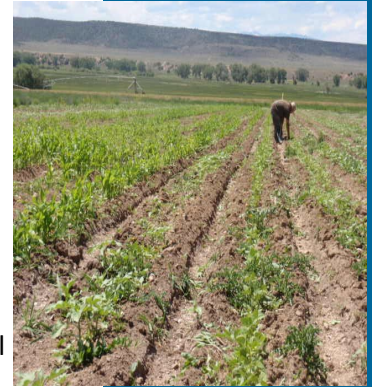




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## NRCS Offices in the San Luis Valley

We are committed to delivering USDA services to America’s farmers and ranchers while taking safety measures in response to the COVID-19, or new coronavirus, outbreak. COVID-19 is a respiratory illness that can spread from person to person. We will update this page with information related to the new coronavirus and current status of USDA Service Centers, online options for farmers and

ranchers across the country, and answers to frequently asked questions.

### Service Center Status and Continued Service

As part of our commitment to farmers and ranchers, USDA Service Centers will continue to be open for business by phone appointment only and field work will continue with appropriate social distancing. While our FSA and NRCS program delivery staff at the Service

Centers will continue to come into the office, they will be working with our producers by phone, and using online tools whenever possible.

Please call your local service center before going in, the San Luis office can be reached at 719-672-3263 and the Alamosa office can be reached by calling 719-589-5661.

## Immediate Release: Colorado Open Lands

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:  
 Judy Lopez, Colorado Open Lands - 719-580-5300 or jlopez@coloradoopenlands.org

February 24, 2020, San Luis, CO –

Colorado Open Lands is announcing a funding opportunity through the Colorado Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) and their Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCP). This program will utilize conservation practices through

the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). The program will provide financial assistance to facilitate adoption of conservation practices for Acequia farmers within the Culebra Watershed in Costilla County. For consideration in this early funding opportunity, applications must be submitted by April 10, 2020. RCPP-EQIP applications are available at your local NRCS Office in San Luis, CO.

To be eligible for this unique opportunity you must irrigate

### Sangre De Cristo Acequia Association Mission Statement

To Preserve Acequias, Their Traditional Governance And Water Rights

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from a recognized acequia and meet all EQIP program eligibility requirements.

The EQIP program is a voluntary program that offers financial and technical assistance to eligible agricultural producers to facilitate adoption and improvement of natural resource management to increase private land resources and long-term sustainability. The program offers financial incentives to adopt conservation practices that improve soil, water, plant, animal, and related resources. Projects to be considered for this early funding cycle

include:

**Irrigation System Improvements:** Gated Pipe, Headgates, Land Leveling and Basic Irrigation Water Management implementation.

**Grazing System Improvements:** Cross Fencing, Solar stock tanks with wells and Prescribed Grazing implementation.

**High Tunnel:** High Tunnel Systems for crops to assist producers in extending the growing season for high value crops and increase local food production.

Interested participants must meet the specific funding pool required criteria to be considered for funding in this funding cycle. To be considered in this FY2020 funding cycle, applications must be received in the San Luis NRCS office prior to the cut-off date of April 10, 2020.

Colorado Open Lands will also be offering owner cost share assistance, be sure to sign up early to take part in this special funding option.

To determine if your application is eligible for this

select fund pool and for additional information about applications contact Judy Lopez, Colorado Open Lands RCPP Project Manager at 719-580-5300 or NRCS office staff at 719-672-3673.

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## Coronavirus

The word alone puts most into a spin, it seems that fear mode has taken control, but let us put the fear and panic aside, and try to talk about what we have learned about what Coronavirus or COVID-19 is and how to protect ourselves from the spread of this virus. Older people and people with other medical conditions such as Asthma, diabetes, or heart disease are more vulnerable.

What we do know is it is a virus that is easily transmitted. What we don't know is that if you contract the virus and recover if you

will build up any immunity to this COVID 19. We also know that this virus affects the respiratory system. It settles on the lungs and lock into the lung tissue and multiplies there, leaving it up to our immune system to do what it is designed to do. It takes 1 to 14 days to develop any type of symptom and about 80% of the people recover from this virus without needing any special treatment. The symptoms to this virus are fever, tiredness, cough and breathing difficulties.

**Fever:** Fever is considered anything from 100° Fahrenheit and above, anything under is not considered to be a fever. It is also recommended that you not take your temperature in the morning, if possible, take it

### Calendar

- Rio Grande Basin Roundtable Meeting – the second Tuesday of each month. Beginning at 2:00 pm in Alamosa.
- SdCAA Monthly Meeting – The second Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm at the CCEDC Conference Room.

Have a an event you want readers to know about? Please send the information to Nancy Escalante at [sangredecrisotoacequia@gmail.com](mailto:sangredecrisotoacequia@gmail.com)

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## Coronavirus

late in the afternoon or early evening.

**Cough:** Cough is another symptom, but it is not a normal dry cough. It is a cough that you can feel in your chest. It is not a tickling in your throat.

**Difficulty Breathing:** Shortness of breath is the most serious symptom of all. It is a tightening feeling in your chest to where you feel that you can not take in a deep breath. You may feel it as a persistent pain or pressure in the chest. If you are experiencing this symptom call you Dr. immediately.

Remember if you have any of these symptoms please contact your health care provider or emergency room before going in, they will instruct you on how to proceed.

What we can do to protect ourselves and our loved ones is continuously wash hands or

use hand sanitizer when hand washing is not an option after you touch a surface,, covering your mouth when you cough, and most of all right now is social distancing. Remember that means staying 6 feet away from the person you are interacting with.. Remember the virus can live on surfaces, such as cardboard boxes. if you are ordering online, open your package outside and leave the delivered box outside, as the virus can live on the cardboard box for up to 24 hours. Remember when shopping other people have touched many of those surfaces, so avoid touching your face. Finally, remember all bars, restaurants, beauty shops, tattoo parlors, and schools are closed. While grocery stores, convenience stores, gas stations and pharmacies are open.

Even though this is a difficult time for everyone, let us try to

stay in contact with friends and loved ones by phone, face time or any other safe means that you may have, also do not forget your neighbor who may not be able to get out and go shopping for their needs. We have been told to do social distancing, but remember we still have social media.

The Sangre De Cristo Acequia Association Office is closed but I am working from home if you need to get a hold of me my phone number is 719-298-6731 or 719-580-4421.

STAY SAFE EVERYONE.

## New Board Member

In February the Sangre De Cristo Acequia Association welcomed a new member to our board. Steven Romero born and raised here in San Luis, Son to Felix and Claudia and is a sixth generation to the San Luis area. Steven is very active in our community he is one of our current county commissioners. He was appointed to Sangre De

Cristo Acequia Association in February 2020. We are very excited to have new blood in our organization. Welcome aboard Steven

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