

De-Go-La RC&D NEWS

Building a Better
World Through
Partnerships

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2000 ANNUAL REPORT

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The De-Go-La RC&D Council has just completed a banner year for projects within the area. During the past year, twenty six new measure proposals were added to the project. These projects represented a wide variety of services to residents in the area. Information technology and telecommunications equipment were the major areas where assistance was provided. In conjunction with the Partnership for Re-inventing Government, the Council was able to provide 14 surplus computers with software to ten libraries and non-profit organizations. When the local congressman's office replaced their computers with newer equipment, De-Go-La was able to distribute another seven machines to meet the needs of groups in the area. In total, 21 organizations were able to obtain needed equipment as a result of these two efforts. In the process of serving the needs of it's residents, the De-Go-La RC&D Project provided assistance benefiting over 4,000 individuals and groups valued at \$242,976.

Projects/\$ Value

Project Land, Food, People	\$ 600.
DeWitt SWCD Computer Equip	\$ 700.
Rural Fire Protection Training	\$ 400.
Am. Legion Post 3 Computer	\$ 700.
Calliham Cemetary Assoc.	\$ 700.
Seadrift Public Library Equip.	\$1400.
San Patricio Mun. Water Dist.	\$15855.
O'Connor Public Library	\$ 700.
Alternative Litter Management	\$ 500.
American Red Cross	\$1400.
Victoria SWCD Grass Drill	\$17500.
Bayside Water System Update	\$20000.
Calhoun Navigation District	\$100000.
Pawnee ISD Equipment	\$9631.
Pettus ISD Equipment	\$6835.
Lake Texana Buffer Demo.	\$57855.
DeWitt Public Library	\$ 700.
Gonzales Public Library	\$ 700.
Jackson Co. Public Library	\$ 700.
Goliad Public Library	\$ 700.
City of Runge Computer	\$ 900.
Kenedy Public Library	\$ 700.
Live Oak Public Library	\$ 1400.
Live Oak Co. SEP	\$ 1000.
Refugio Eco. Dev. Foundation	\$ 700.
Live Oak Boys & Girls Club	\$ 700.

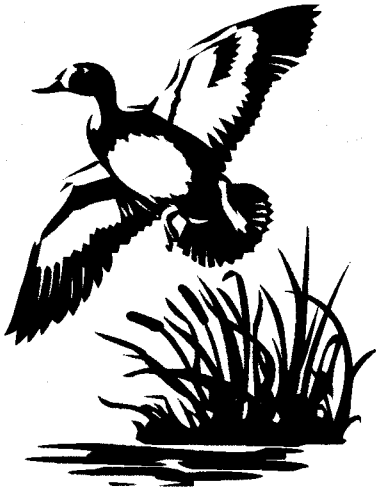
FY 2000 Financial Report

REVENUES

Dues	\$1,400.00
Dry Hydrants	\$ 450.00
State Meeting Reimb.	\$ 100.00
Secretarial Grant	\$4,000.00
Rent (NRCS)	\$2,100.00
Other	\$ 977.00
Total	\$9,027.00

EXPENDITURES

Dues	\$ 775.00
Supplies, Postage	\$1,246.74
Dry Hydrants	\$ 428.00
Meetings	\$2,492.67
Equipment	\$1,003.70
Rent/Services	\$1,855.93
Salaries	\$6,257.84
Other	\$ 400.49
Total	\$14,460.37
Fund Balance 09/30/00	\$6,737.58



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Happen"

COPIES OF THE 2000-2001 PLAN OF WORK ARE NOW AVAILABLE !!!

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The De-Go-La RC&D Board of Directors meets quarterly to conduct business. Anyone wishing to attend these meetings is welcome and encouraged to attend. Your input is appreciated!

Projects, etc. by: Jerry Pearce, Coordinator

This has been a busy and productive year. As a new coordinator, I have learned a great deal about how the council operates. Hopefully, I will be better prepared to serve you as your Coordinator for the coming year. The De-Go-La RC&D Area is very complex and there are a wide variety of issues we face for the coming year. The Board of Directors recently completed the first phase of a Strategic Planning Process. From this, several new areas of concern have arisen. Increasing our visibility to elected officials seems to be emerging as a priority. The State Association has taken action to retain a legislative consultant. Marshall Holybee, at-large director from Bayside, has been appointed as Chairman of the State Legislative Committee. Overall, there is an effort underway for every council in the state to

become more active in lobbying elected officials to make them aware of the issues being addressed by the RC&D program. As we face a new year, the challenge is to become more active as a council and thus it is important that each sponsor and director make every effort to promote the RC&D program. By working together, over 6,000 council members nation-wide "make things happen" to improve conditions in rural communities. In the De-Go-La Council, there is a strong commitment to form partnerships at all levels to accomplish our mission to provide leadership and coordination for providing quality of life and environment for people living in rural areas. This is the reason why each of us should be willing to step forward and work toward the common goal for the benefit of our rural communities.