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DATE: March 11-12, 2020

AGENDA ITEM: 24. Snow Course Work

Staff Recommendation:

This item is informational only. No Board action is requested.

Background:

Under the direction of the Bureau of Agriculture Engineering, a federal Snow Survey and Water Supply Forecasting (SSWSF) program was created in 1935. Four years later the bureau was transferred to the Soil Conservation Service; this agency, now known as the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), continues to manage this program to the best of their abilities with the resources they have.

The CWCB works closely with the NRCS by assisting with fieldwork and data collection for three snow survey courses located in the foothills along Willow Creek Pass Road. These snow courses are crucial for understanding the snowpack and developing accurate water supply forecasts.



