

MEMORANDUM

TO: Programs, Projects, and Operations Subcommittee

FROM: Justin Novak, Field Representative

SUBJECT: Conservation Agreement E&S Complaint (Todd Cornwell)

DATE: December 27, 2019

The Papio-Missouri River NRD, NRCS and Todd Cornwell have been working towards solutions that gets Mr. Cornwell's farm below the allowable soil loss that's required by the District's Erosion & Sediment Policy. The plan includes the rebuilding of existing terraces, additional terraces below, and new underground outlets. Mr. Cornwell has chosen to use our Lands for Conservation summer construction program that pays him (\$100/acre) to plant a small grain (oats), prior to construction. Post construction a cover crop (annual rye) will be planted to help with reestablishing cover and soil health. Construction will begin sometime around July 1, 2020 after the oats are harvested and will be completed by September 1, 2020.

The District and Mr. Cornwell have signed the Conservation Agreement and Conservation Plan for Completion as stated above on December 27, 2019.

It is the staff's recommendation that the Subcommittee review and recommend to the Board that the Conservation Agreement and Conservation Plan for Completion proposed for Todd Cornwell's property be approved, and upon completion of the Conservation Plan, Mr. Cornwell will be in compliance with the District's Erosion and Sediment Rules and Regulations.