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NRCS PARTICIPATION AT UACD ANNUAL MEETING

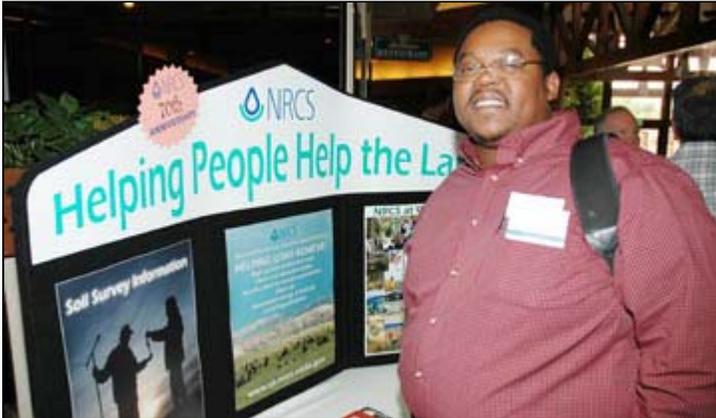
Several NRCS employees participated in the annual meeting of the Utah Association of Conservation Districts this past Wednesday and Thursday in St George. State Conservationist Sylvia Gillen spoke on "70 Years of Conservation History--planning for the legacy we will leave." She introduced the district officials and their guest to the proposed new NRCS mission statement: "Helping People Help the Land," and reminded them that the main focus of all conservation work is about conserving natural resources for future generations. The group then helped celebrate the NRCS 70th with an anniversary cake at the break.

Area conservationists Barry Hamilton, Vane Campbell, and Kerry Goodrich, and Todd Nielson, acting SAO, were on hand to answer questions and clarify the NRCS role in the longstanding conservation partnership with districts. Public Affairs Specialist Ron Francis helped present information about the role of resource assessment, strategic planning and annual planning in district operations. And, on Thursday, Blake Walbeck, the NRCS on-site EWP coordinator in St George, and Engineer Lee Woolsey led a tour of some of the EWP restoration work on the Santa Clara River.

A few photos from the meeting follow:



STC Sylvia Gillen serves anniversary cake to Sam Cunningham, RC&D Council Chair from Castleland RC&D.



Area Conservationist Barry Hamilton checks out the new NRCS exhibit.



Blake Walbeck tells tour participants about EWP work completed on the Santa Clara River near Gunlock.

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