



Paso del Norte WATERSHED COUNCIL

Watershed Coordinator Highlights, 319(h) Project

Report to PdNWC May 3, 2011

- On April 7, the 319(h) team hosted a water quality stakeholder meeting in Las Cruces. The 319(h) process was explained and *E. coli* exceedences in the Rio Grande were summarized. Stakeholders discussed their agency/organization concerns about the exceedence and their water quality goals. The group expressed their reasons for participating and wanted to continue to meet on a monthly basis.
- Watershed Outreach is being developed for the public. The 319(h) Coordinator visited with personnel with the City of Las Cruces and Dona Ana County to discuss their outreach activities and collaborations with the 319(h) project.
- On Friday, April 15, cost share programs for land owners were explained by the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. This meeting was held in Las Cruces.
- During the Earth Day Celebration in Las Cruces on April 16, the 319(h) Coordinator hosted the Paso del Norte Watershed Council display booth and distributed handouts explaining the Council goals and activities; watershed practices; and the issues surrounding the 319(h) project. This was a very well attended event with hundreds of visitors during the day. In the morning, the 319(h) Coordinator helped with the city wide clean up representing the Watershed Council.

