

SECTION: AG SERVICE BOARD

SUBJECT: SALINITY CONTROL PROGRAM

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### **Salinity Control Program**

The County of Warner recognizes the need to be aware of soil degradation by salinity and to assist in control and reclamation of saline areas in the County.

Salinity management is, at most times, highly complex. With the assistance of pertinent technical manuals and computer models, the County will initiate a small pilot project within the County.

### **Guidelines**

1. The Ag Fieldman and the Conservation Technician will solicit landowners/managers within the County of Warner.
2. Projects will be evaluated by the Agricultural Fieldman and approved by the Agricultural Service Board Committee. Other agencies may be asked to assist in this process.
3. The Committee will approve projects based on the following:
  - Size of the project and how it relates to controlling the overall watershed salinity.
  - Multi-farmer projects are encouraged.
  - 25% commitment from each farmer towards their share of project costs.
4. Recommendations will be developed in consultation with the producer, Agricultural Fieldman, Conservation Technician, Alberta Agriculture and any other agriculture agencies.
5. Only recommended forage seed varieties for salinity control measures will be used for projects.
6. Payments for incentives will be made upon completion of the total project, including invoices and statements of work done.
7. Ag Service Board may contribute 75% to a maximum of \$2,700 towards approved project costs.
8. Incentives will not exceed \$23 per acre for salinity control in recharge areas and \$46 per acre for salinity control in discharge areas.
9. Landowner shall enter into a land management agreement with the County of Warner No. 5.