

David V. Sanford

David was born in California in 1941 and graduated from El Cerrito High School in 1959. He attended the University of California at Berkeley, Contra Costa College and Humboldt State College. In 1964 he graduated from Humboldt, earning a BS in Game Management with a Range Management minor. David attended graduate school at Humboldt in Watershed Management, but no further degree was received.

David began work as a Seed Technologist with the California Department of Fish and Game. He then worked as a Range Conservationist with the Bureau of Land Management in California and Nevada. In 1966, he was transferred to the Forest Service and worked as a Range Conservationist and Wildlife Biologist on National Forests and National Grasslands in California, Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska and South Dakota. David was an originating partner at Southwest Seed from 1982 through 1989. From 1989 through 1997 he worked as a Research Associate in Agronomy at the Colorado State University Southwestern Colorado Research Station at Yellow Jacket. Finally, David was the Range Division Head and Agriculture Division Head for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe at Ignacio, Colorado from 1997 through 2007, retiring in 2007.

Since retiring he has worked as an ARAMARK step-on tour-guide at Mesa Verde National Park and farmed the home place south of Dolores, Colorado. David is married to Dolores Elementary schoolteacher, Ann. They have two sons; Jonathan, a CSU educated Archeologist and Joe D., a student at Fort Lewis College.

David has served on the San Juan RC&D Council since October 2001 and was the Chairman from 2006 to 2009.