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**CALIFORNIA TECHNICAL GUIDE
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SUBJECT: Issue New California Conservation Standards and Specifications

Purpose: Transmit new revised Conservation Practice Standards, Specifications and Practice Requirement Sheets for Section IV, and delete specific practice standards and specifications from Section IV of California Technical Guides.

Effective Date: When Contents are Received.

Enclosed (attached electronically) are the revised California conservation practice standards, specifications and practice requirements sheets for the following conservation practices:

- Access Road (560)
- Alley Cropping (311)
- Anionic Polyacrylamide (PAM) Erosion Control (450) – replaces Irrigation Erosion Control, Polyacrylamide (716)
- Brush Management (314)
- Closure of Waste Impoundment (360) – new practice
- Composting Facility (317)
- Conservation Cover (327)
- Conservation Crop Rotation (328)
- Constructed Wetland (656)
- Contour Farming (330)
- Contour Stripcropping (585) – replaces Stripcropping, Contour (585)
- Cover Crop (340) – replaces Cover and Green Manure Crop (340)
- Dam, Diversion (348)
- Deep Tillage (324) – replaces Chiseling and Subsoiling (324)
- Diversion (362)
- Drainage Water Management (554) – replaces Regulating Water in Drainage Systems (554), Controlled Drainage (335) and Water Table Control (641)
- Firebreak (394)

Fish Passage (396)
Fish Pond Management (399)
Forest Site Preparation (490)
Forest Stand Improvement (666)
Forest Trails and Landings (655) – replaces Forest Harvest Trails and Landings
(655)
Grassed Waterway (412)
Heavy Use Area Protection (561)
Hedgerow Planting (422)
Herbaceous Wind Barriers (603)
Irrigation Land Leveling (464)
Irrigation System, Micro-irrigation (441)
Irrigation System, Tailwater Recovery (447)
Land Reconstruction, Abandoned Mined Land (543)
Land Reconstruction, Currently Mined Land (544)
Mulching (484)
Nutrient Management (590)
Obstruction Removal (500)
Pipeline (516)
Pond Sealing or Lining (B)-Soil Dispersant (521B)
Pond Sealing or Lining (C)-Bentonite Sealant (521C)
Prescribed Burning (338)
Prescribed Grazing (528A)
Recreation Area Improvement (562)
Recreation Land Grading and Shaping (566)
Recreation Trail and Walkway (568)
Restoration and Management of Declining Habitats (643)
Riparian Forest Buffer (391)
Roof Runoff Structure (558) – replaces Roof Runoff Management (558)
Runoff Management System (570)
Spring Development (574)
Stream Habitat Improvement and Management (395) – replaces Fish Stream
Improvement (395)
Surface Roughening (609)
Tree/Shrub Establishment (612)
Tree/Shrub Pruning (660)
Underground Outlet (620)
Use Exclusion (472)
Vegetative Barrier (601) – new practice
Waste Utilization (633)
Wastewater Treatment Strip (635) – new practice
Water and Sediment Control Basin (638)
Watering Facility (614) – replaces Tank and Trough (614)
Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment (380)
Windbreak/Shelterbelt Renovation (650)

These standards have been revised to reflect changes made to the national practice standards (NHCP Notices 123-128) and to reflect new conditions and criteria specific to California.

In addition, the following practice standards, specifications and practice requirement sheets have been deleted and will no longer be included in Section IV of California Technical Guides:

- Controlled Drainage (335) – replaced by Drainage Water Management (554)
- Divided Slope Farming (196 – CA Interim)
- Hillside Bench (739 – CA Interim)
- Irrigation Erosion Control (Polyacrylamide) (716 - CA Interim)
- Land Reclamation, Subsidence Treatment (454)
- Pipeline (516) – material specification only, located after practice requirements sheet. The new 516 standard incorporates the information found in this material specification.
- Rice Water Control (746 – CA Interim)
- Stream Corridor Improvement (745 – CA Interim)
- Underground Outlet (620) – material specification only, located after practice requirements sheet. The new 620 standard incorporates the information found in this material specification.
- Vegetative Buffer Strip (741 – CA Interim) – incorporated into Herbaceous Wind Barriers (603)
- Waste Management System (312)
- Water Table Control (641) – replaced by Drainage Water Management (554)

The California eFOTG, located on the web at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg/>, is being updated to reflect these changes to Section IV.

Filing Instructions

1. Replace “Index of Conservation Practice Standards and Specifications Index – Alphabetical Index” contents, pages 1 - 11, dated July 2000, with the new “Index of Conservation Practice Standards and Specifications Index – Alphabetical Index” contents, pages 1 – 11, dated October 2002.
2. Replace “Index of Conservation Practice Standards and Specifications Index – Numerical Index” contents, pages 1 - 14, dated July 2000, with the new “Index of Conservation Practice Standards and Specifications Index – Numerical Index” contents, pages 1 – 14, dated October 2002.
3. Insert the new or revised practice standards, specifications and practice requirement sheets in alphabetical order in Section IV of the Field Office

Technical Guide Practice Standards (print hard copies from attached electronic files). Remove the old standards, specifications and practice requirement sheets.

Filing Instructions, Continued

4. Remove and archive, as appropriate, the practice standards, specifications and practice requirement sheets listed above as being deleted from Section IV of the FOTG



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