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SUBJECT: Issue New Resource Concerns and Resource Quality Criteria for California

Purpose: Transmit new resource concerns and resource quality criteria for Section III

Effective Date: When Contents are Received.

Enclosed are the new California resource concerns and resource quality criteria to be used for conservation planning. These resource concerns are organized by the Soil, Water Air, Plants and Animals (SWAPA) components, and reflect recent changes in national resource concerns and resource quality criteria. Several new assessment tools have been identified to help planners assess the extent to which a resource concern exists in a particular setting or situation. In addition, a set of Human (+H) considerations has been developed to guide conservation planning.

Field offices are encouraged to localize these resource concerns and quality criteria by field office or watershed area, and work with clients to develop conservation plans that address the locally significant resource concerns.

The NRCS Checklist of Resource Problems or Conditions (February 1996), used in conservation planning and distributed by Amendment CA2 to the National Conservation Planning Procedures Handbook, will be revised to reflect these new resource concerns.

Filing Instructions

1. The official copy of the California State resource concerns and quality criteria, plus human considerations, will be located in Section III of eFOTG.
2. If localized, field offices should file hard copies of the resource concerns and resource quality criteria in Section III of the FOTG binders.

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