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**CALIFORNIA TECHNICAL GUIDE
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TECHNICAL GUIDE NOTICE NO. 59

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, practice requirements and material specifications sheets for the following conservation practices:

- Animal Trails and Walkways (575)
- Channel Stabilization (584)
- Clearing and Snagging (326)
- Dam (402)
- Dike (356)
- Heavy Use Area Protection (561)
- Hillside Ditch (423)
- Irrigation Regulating Reservoir (552)
- Irrigation Storage Reservoir (436)
- Land Smoothing (466)
- Lined Waterway or Outlet (468)
- Pond (378)
- Pond Sealing or Lining, Flexible Membrane (521A)
- Precision Land Forming (462)
- Pumping Plant (533)
- Rock Barrier (555)
- Row Arrangement (557)
- Soil Salinity Management-Non-Irrigated (571)

Streambank Protection (580)
Surface Drainage Main or Lateral (608)
Terrace (600)
Waterspreading (640)

These standards have been revised to reflect changes made to the national practice standards (NHCP Notices 129-130) 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:

Cross Wind Stripcropping (589B)
Dam, Floodwater Retarding (402), replaced by Dam (402)
Dam, Multi-Purpose (349), replaced by Dam (402)
Floodwater Diversion (400), criteria now contained in practice standard Dike (356) or Diversion (362)
Floodway (404), criteria now contained in practice standard Dike (356) or Diversion (362)
Irrigation Pit (552A), criteria now contained in practice standard Irrigation Storage Reservoir (436)
Pond Sealing or Lining, Asphalt-Sealed Fabric Liner (521E)
Pond Sealing or Lining, Cationic Emulsion-Waterborne Sealant (521D)
Stripcropping, Field (586), criteria now contained in practice standard Stripcropping (585)

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.

Optional Filing Instructions

1. Replace “Index of Conservation Practice Standards and Specifications Index – Alphabetical Index” contents, pages 1 - 11, dated October 2002, with the new “Index of Conservation Practice Standards and Specifications Index – Alphabetical Index” contents, pages 1 – 11, dated October 2003.
2. Replace “Index of Conservation Practice Standards and Specifications Index – Numerical Index” contents, pages 1 - 11, dated October 2002, with the new “Index of Conservation Practice Standards and Specifications Index – Numerical Index” contents, pages 1 – 11, dated October 2003.
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.

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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ATTACHMENTS (electronic)

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