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SUBJECT: Issue New and Revised California Conservation Standards, Specifications and Operation and Maintenance (O & M) and Statement of Work documents

Purpose: Transmit new and revised Conservation Practice Standards, Specifications, Practice Requirement Sheets, O& M and Statement of Work documents 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 and any revised specifications, practice requirements, operation and maintenance requirements and statement of work associated with the standard, for the following conservation practices:

These standards have been revised to reflect changes made to the national practice standards and to reflect new conditions and criteria specific to California.

- Heavy Use Area Protection (561)
- Land Reclamation, Landslide Treatment (453)
- Manure Transfer (634)
- Mine Shaft and Adit Closing (457)
- Streambank and Shoreline Protection (580)
- Water Well (642)
- Water Well Testing - (355)

In addition, the following California Construction Specifications have been updated to reflect new conditions and criteria:

Concrete (901)
Concrete Block Structure (902)
Earthfill (903)
Gabions (904)
Geotextile Fabric (905)
Post and Wire Revetment (906)
Rock Riprap (907)
Grouted Rock Riprap (908)
Control of Water (909)

Statements of Work for the following practices are being released:

Anaerobic Digester, Ambient Temperature (365)
Anaerobic Digester, Controlled Temperature (366)
Dam (402)
Drainage Water Management (554)
Fish Passage (396)
Fish Raceway or Tank (398)
Hedgerow Planting (422)
Irrigation Water Conveyance- Ditch and Canal Lining-Flexible Membrane (428B)
Stream Crossing (578)

521 H Geosynthetic Lining is being withdrawn and deleted from the eFOTG. The information is now included in 521A Flexible Membrane.

The California eFOTG, located on the web at <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg/> and in my.nrcs at <https://my.nrcs.usda.gov/default.aspx>, 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 December, 2004, with the new “Index of Conservation Practice Standards and Specifications Index – Alphabetical Index” contents, pages 1 – 11, dated July 2005.
2. Replace “Index of Conservation Practice Standards and Specifications Index – Numerical Index” contents, pages 1 - 11, dated December, 2004, with the new “Index of Conservation Practice Standards and Specifications Index – Numerical Index” contents, pages 1 – 11, dated July 2005.
3. Insert the new or revised practice standards, specifications, practice requirement sheets, O & M and statement of work documents (dated July 2005) 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, practice requirement sheets, O&M and statement of work documents.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diane B. Holcomb".

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ATTACHMENTS (electronic)

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