

I – GENERAL RESOURCE REFERENCES

INTRODUCTION

This Section lists references and other information for use in understanding the field office service area or in making decisions about resource use and management systems. The actual references listed are to be filed to the extent possible in the same location as the FOTG. References kept in other locations will be cross-referenced. References that are Web-based will be identified by their URL address. The following are subsections of Section I.

Reference Lists. These include applicable discipline handbooks, manuals, and reports commonly used in resource conservation planning and implementation activities such as: National Planning Procedures Handbook, California Endangered Species Handbook, irrigation and drainage guides, the Plants database <http://plants.usda.gov/>, the National Register of Historic Places and other regional cultural resources lists, published soil surveys, designated Wild and Scenic Rivers, recreation potential appraisals, natural resource inventories, reports that identify such items as areas susceptible to flooding, watershed plans, river basin reports, seismic zones, documentation of useful computer models, and various products from NRCS Institutes (e.g. Soil Quality Kit Guide and Soil Quality Health Card Design Manual).

Cost Data. General reference data on costs, such as cost lists for practice components and other references to economic handbooks, are found referenced here.

Maps. Maps useful to conservation planning, such as water quality problem areas, precipitation, general soils map, and political boundaries maps, are included here or appropriately referenced.

Erosion Predictions & Other Resource Assessment Methods. Guidance, data, and NRCS approved techniques for predicting soil erosion are included here, or appropriately referenced. Also included are other resource assessment methods, such as methods for determining the value of fuel load reduction on residential properties.

Laws. List of federal, state and local laws, ordinances, or regulations that impact Resource Management System development and other technical applications such as conservation practice application.