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**CALIFORNIA TECHNICAL GUIDE
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TECHNICAL GUIDE NOTICE NO. 63

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

Purpose: Transmit new and revised Conservation Practice Standards, Specifications, Practice Requirement Sheets and O& M 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, specifications, practice requirements and material specifications sheets for the following conservation practices:

- Animal Mortality Facility (316)
- Aquaculture Ponds (397)
- Bedding (310)
- Irrigation Canal or Lateral (320)
- Irrigation Field Ditch (388)
- Irrigation System, Surface and Subsurface (443)
- Irrigation Water Conveyance, Ditch and Canal Lining, Plain Concrete (428A)
- Irrigation Water Conveyance, Ditch and Canal Lining, Galvanized Steel (428C)
- Mole Drain (482)
- Surface Drainage, Field Ditch (607)

These standards have been revised to reflect changes made to the national practice standards (engineering practices of NHCP Notices 131) and to reflect new conditions and criteria specific to California.

Also enclosed is the revised practice specification for:

Air Management – Dust (705A)

This 705A specification was revised to incorporate additional requirements for materials used for dust control on unpaved farm roads and unpaved equipment storage areas.

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:

Land Reclamation, Fire Control (451)
Land Reclamation, Highwall Treatment (456)

In addition, the revised National Operations and Maintenance Manual requires a written O & M plan be prepared for all conservation practices. Enclosed, as shown on the indexes, are 92 Operation and Maintenance documents. These are in WORD format and can be revised to make site specific for each project.

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.

Filing Instructions

1. Replace “Index of Conservation Practice Standards and Specifications Index – Alphabetical Index” contents, pages 1 - 11, dated September 2003, with the new “Index of Conservation Practice Standards and Specifications Index – Alphabetical Index” contents, pages 1 – 11, dated March, 2004.
2. Replace “Index of Conservation Practice Standards and Specifications Index – Numerical Index” contents, pages 1 - 11, dated September 2003, with the new “Index of Conservation Practice Standards and Specifications Index – Numerical Index” contents, pages 1 – 11, dated March 2004.
3. Insert the new or revised practice standards, specifications, practice requirement sheets and O & M documents 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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