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SUBJECT: Section II – Release of California eVegGuide

Purpose: To issue the new eVegGuide database for use in determining plant alternatives for conservation practices in MLRA 19, 20, 30, 31 in California.

Effective Date: When contents are received.

Explanation: The Vegetative Guides for California were developed by Major Land Resource Area (MLRA) and include plant alternatives for selected criteria, including conservation practice, Soil Veg Group, 4ETA zone, and others. The Vegetative Guides shall be used when developing plant alternatives and making recommendations for the use of plants in various conservation practices and settings.

The eVegGuide database was developed to replace the hard copy Vegetative Guides currently in the Field Office Technical Guide, Section II. The eVegGuide contains direct linkages to the Calflora and PLANTS databases. It also contains Help Resources containing guidance on how to use the database.

The eVegGuide has currently been completed for MLRA 17, 19, 20, 30, 31 and is available at:

<http://calflora.kattare.com/app/npb?page=home>

The eVegGuide is intended for use by NRCS employees. A login name and password have been set up to access the database. The eVegGuide is available to others with adequate training and guidance. Field offices may decide who they wish to share the login name and password with.

Login Name: Bennett

Password: SCS1935

(Note: The login name and password refer to the SCS founding father Hugh Hammond Bennett and the year the Soil Conservation Service, or SCS, was established – 1935).

The database is currently being populated for the remaining MLRAs.

Suggestions for changes and improvements to the eVegGuide are welcome. Field office employees shall submit their recommendations to the Area Resource Conservationists. If the Area

Conservationist concurs with the suggested change, they shall submit the requested change to the State Resource Conservationist for approval and inclusion in the eVegGuide.

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 II. The eFOTG will include a direct link to the web-based eVegGuide and a downloadable ACCESS version of the database.

Filing Instructions

Remove the entire contents of MLRA 19, 20, 30, 31 Vegetative Guides, dated September, 1999, or earlier.

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