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CALIFORNIA TECHNICAL GUIDE 450-VI

TECHNICAL GUIDE NOTICE NO. 115

SUBJECT: Issue New and Revised Documents to the Field Office Technical Guide IV.

Purposes:

1. To issue revised California conservation practice standards

Effective Date: When contents are received.

Explanation:

Section IV: The following California Approved and Interim Conservation Practice Standards and Specifications have been revised, added, or removed in Section IV of eFOTG:

Code	Practice Name	Std	Info	Spec	PR	O&M	SOW
734	Fish and Wildlife Structure (Interim) – <i>Overview Sheet and PR separates Specification separates for Barn Owl, Burrowing Owl, Wood Duck</i>		•	•	•		
430	Irrigation Pipeline – Plastic Pipe			•			
351	Water Well Decommissioning		•				
380	Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment	•	•	•	JS/PR		•
650	Windbreak/Shelterbelt Renovation	•	•	•	•		•

Narrative Summary of Changes to Standards

Fish and Wildlife Structure (Interim Practice) (Code 734) – Created separate Specifications for the different types of nest boxes. Created a stand-alone Information/Overview Sheet and a stand-alone Practice Requirements sheet . Use combinations of these separates to put together a customized job sheet for a particular nest box type.

Irrigation Pipeline (Code 430) – Added a Specification for Irrigation Pipeline, Plastic Pipe (430PP).

Water Well Decommissioning (Code 351) – Information Pamphlet posted. Created in 1/2010 with information about abandoned wells: recognizing the problem, typical decommissioning process and contact information.

Windbreak/Shelterbelt Establishment (Code 380) - Reduce Energy Use was added as a Purpose. Pollinators were added to the Additional Criteria for Enhancing Wildlife Habitat. Added a Job Sheet that includes a Practice Overview and form for Practice Requirements.

Windbreak/Shelterbelt Renovation (Code 650) – Pollinator considerations added. Cultural and Endangered Species Considerations were consolidated. Overview, specifications, and practice requirements updated.

Location of Documents

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 Sections III and IV. Previous document versions will be moved to the Archived folders.

The Log of Technical Guide Notices (Section I) and Index of Conservation Practice, both numerical and alphabetical, (Section IV) have been updated.

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ATTACHMENTS: (electronic) (Copies will be posted to the California eFOTG.)

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