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CALIFORNIA TECHNICAL GUIDE 450-VI

TECHNICAL GUIDE NOTICE NO. 117

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

Purposes:

1. To issue revised Checklists for AgEMP Conservation Activity Plans
2. To issue new and revised California conservation practice standards

Effective Date: When contents are received.

Explanation:

Section III: Updated Conservation Activity Plan Checklists have been posted for AgEMP-Headquarters (122) and AgEMP-Landscape (124).

Section IV: The following California Approved 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
372	Combustion System Improvement 372A-Irrigation Engines 372B-Mobile Off-Road Agricultural Engines and Equipment			•	•	• •	
528	Prescribed Grazing 528A-Annual Rangeland 528B-Irrigated Pasture 528C-Perennial Rangeland			---- • • •			
578	Stream Crossing	•					
655	Forest Trails and Landings	•					
670	Lighting System Improvement	•		•			•
672	Building Envelope Improvement 672A-Greenhouse Energy Shade Screens	•		---- •			•

374	Farmstead Energy Improvement 374A and 374B specifications - REMOVE						
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Narrative Summary of Changes to Standards

Combustion System Improvement (Code 372) – New Specifications and Practice Requirements. New Operation and Maintenance for two different types of engines.

Prescribed Grazing (Code 528) – Added revised Annual, Irrigated Pasture, and Perennial Range specifications.

Stream Crossing (Code 578) – Added certification requirements in the Criteria under Bridge Crossings for use of a Flat Car Rail Car as a bridge deck.

Forest Trails and Landings (Code 655) – Variance approved expanding the land uses in Conditions where Practice Applies to ... forest land and other lands where woody biomass is being removed. Slight change in practice standard.

Lighting System Improvement (Code 670) – New Practice Standard, specs and sow. Over time the Standard for 374-Farmstead Energy Improvement will be broken out into separate standards. This is part of that shift.

Building Envelope Improvement (Code 672) – New Practice Standard, specs and sow. Over time the Standard for 374-Farmstead Energy Improvement will be broken out into separate standards. This is part of that shift.

Farmstead Energy Improvement (Code 374) – REMOVE specs for 374A and 374B as these are now found in the new standards for Lighting and Building Envelope Improvements (670,672)

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.

Optional Filing Instructions (for hard copies of FOTG maintained in Field Offices)

Replace “Index of Conservation Practice Standards and Specifications Index – Numerical Index” contents, pages 1-8, dated April 30, 2013, with the new “Index of Conservation Practice Standards and Specifications, Numerical Order” contents, pages 1-8, dated August 15, 2013.

Remove the old practice standards, specifications, practice requirements, operation and maintenance, and statements of work and insert the new practice standards and documents issued above in Section IV.



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

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