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SUBJECT: Issue New and Revised Documents to the Field Office Technical Guide, Sections I and III.

Purposes:

1. To issue a revised CPA-52, Environmental Evaluation Worksheet
2. To issue the new set of Land Uses and Resource Concerns with Definitions.

Effective Date: When contents are received.

Explanation:

Section I:

CPA-52: A revised CPA-52, Environmental Effects Worksheet, has been issued to incorporate the new set of 31 Resource Concerns. Other changes to the CPA-52 are outlined in National Bulletin 190-13-11, attached for reference but not posted to the eFOTG. The Worksheet is located on the eFOTG, Section I, Resource Assessment Tools, CPA-52 –Environmental Evaluation Worksheet folder.

Section III:

Land Uses/Modifiers: A new set of Land Uses has been issued via Circular 180-14-1 (filed with Title 180, National Planning Procedures Handbook, Part 600, Subpart D). Land uses are consolidated and restructured to provide better definitions and to more closely align with definitions used in various programs within NRCS with other agencies. Modifiers have been developed to provide further definitions for irrigation, wildlife, or grazing uses; applicable on any Land Use. Included on the eFOTG is a summarized sheet of the Land Use and Modifier Definitions. Also posted is Circular 180-14-1, for ease of reference, which includes the Business Needs/Strategy discussion for the change to the new Resource Concerns.

Resource Concerns: A new set of Resource Concerns has been posted, summarized into a one-page list. Also included is a second list that included definitions of each Resource Concern. There are 31 official Resource Concerns. Several are broken down into “components” which have been listed as sub-divisions within one of the 31 Resource Concerns, using “a, b, c” - type designations.

Location of Documents

The California eFOTG, located on the web at http://efotg.sc.egov.usda.gov/efotg_locator.aspx is being updated to reflect these changes to Sections I and III. Previous document versions will be moved to the Archived folders.

Circular 180-14-1 is located with the National Planning Procedures Handbook at eDirectives, Handbooks, Title 180, Circulars. <http://directives.sc.egov.usda.gov/default.aspx>

The Log of Technical Guide Notices in eFOTG Section I has been updated.



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

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