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CALIFORNIA NRCS TECHNICAL GUIDE 450-VI

TECHNICAL GUIDE NOTICE NO. 122

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

Purposes:

1. Issue Five California Agronomy Technical Notes and re-post One National Agronomy Technical Note dealing with Management of Organic Operations
2. Issue updates to documents in Section IV.

Effective Date: When contents are received.

Explanation:

Section I: Post the following Agronomy Technical Notes:

- TN-AGRONOMY-CA-73: Resources for Conservation Planning on Organic and Transitioning-to-Organic Operations
- TN-AGRONOMY-CA-74: Nutrient Management (590) for Organic Systems
- TN-AGRONOMY-CA-75: Cover Crop (340) in Organic Systems
- TN-AGRONOMY-CA-76: Conservation Buffers in Organic Systems
- TN-AGRONOMY-CA-77: Common NRCS Practices Related to Pest Management on Organic Farms
- TN-AGRONOMY-CA-78: Reposting of National Agronomy Technical Note #9 – Preventing or Mitigating Potential Negative Impacts of Pesticides on Pollinators

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

NOTE: Ecological Sciences will be using the term “Implementation Requirements” instead of “Practice Requirements” in an attempt to align with terminology changes in NHCP - National Handbook of Conservation Practices.

Code	Practice Name	Std	Info	Spec	IR	O&M	SOW
314	Brush Management <i>314B-Multiple Year Treatment</i>			•	•		
327	Conservation Cover				•		
382	Fence	•					
422	Hedgerow Planting				•		
315	Herbaceous Weed Control <i>315A-Mechanical</i> <i>315B-Biological</i> <i>315C-Chemical</i> <i>315D-Multiple Year Treatment</i>				• • • •		
566	Recreation Land Grading and Shaping	•					

Narrative Summary of Changes to Standards

Brush Management (Code 314) – Added a Specifications and Implementation Requirements for 314B, Multiple Year Treatments.

Conservation Cover (Code 327) – Added an Implementation Requirements document.

Fence (Code 382) – Wildlife needs are now included under general criteria, being moved from the considerations section. This will ensure all fence design and placement is made with knowledge of potential impacts to local wildlife.

The following statement was added to the Criteria: “Fences shall be designed, located, and installed to meet appropriate local wildlife and land management needs and requirements”.

Hedgerow Planting (Code 422) – Added a new Implementation Requirements document.

Herbaceous Weed Control (Code 315) – Added a new Implementation Requirements document for 315D, Multiple Year treatments. Made revisions to 315A, 315B, and 315C changing the name from Specifications to Implementation Requirements.

Recreation Land Grading and Shaping (Code 566) – Updated the Standard. There were minor changes to wording with changes to active voice. References added.

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

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 August 18, 2014, with the new “Index of Conservation Practice Standards and Specifications, Numerical Order” contents, pages 1-8, dated May 6, 2014.

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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