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SUBJECT: Issue New and Revised Documents to the electronic Field Office Technical Guide (eFOTG), Sections I and V.

Purposes:

1. Issue Technical Note(s) and FY16 Payment Scenario Descriptions, Section I.
2. Updates to CPPE and RMS Planning Tool, Section V.

Effective Date: When contents are received.

Explanation:

Section I:

- TN-SOILS-CA-22, "Transmit Provisional Ecological Site Key: MLRA 16 (The Delta)" has been posted to the Technical Notes folder. The Technical Note delivers the provisional ecological site key for MRLA 16 and explains the parameters of the recently approved provisional Ecological Site Descriptions (ESDs) for MLRA 16.
- A pdf file of all the FY2016 payment schedule scenario descriptions has been posted to the Cost Data folder. Payment Schedules provide descriptions of typical ways a conservation practice might be installed in the Pacific Region (CA, WA, OR). Payment schedules provide a cost basis to calculate FY16 fixed payment rates for financial programs. They are not intended to represent site-specific costs nor practice installation requirements.

Section V:

- Conservation Practice Physical Effects (CPPE) has been updated. A 34 x 44" printable excel spreadsheet has been posted. The CPPE is a matrix of values representing positive and negative effects for each practice / resource concern.
- RMS Planning Tool has been updated with the FY16 CPPE values and practices. The program assists the planner by identifying conservation practices that have a substantial positive effect on decreasing resource problems and lists potential negative effects of those practices.

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 & V. Previous document versions will be moved to the archived folders.

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

Replace old documents with the new, as described in this Technical Guide Notice.



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ATTACHMENTS: (copies sent by request) (Copies are posted to the California eFOTG.)

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