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PLANT MATERIALS TECHNICAL NOTE NO. CA – 80

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SUBJECT: PM – PLANT MATERIALS COLLECTION GUIDE

Purpose: To transmit the above named Technical Note

Effective Date: When contents are received.

This technical note provides guidance on proper procedures for collecting various types of plant materials for propagation. Collected plant materials for propagation are chosen for plant selection and improvement, and for the revegetation of disturbed areas.

The guide explains recommended methods for collection of seed or vegetative plant parts for potential conservation plant species. Information is included on locating collection sites and parent plants, as well as timing, techniques, and amounts of seed to collect. Also included in the document are processing and storage methods.

Collecting plants for vegetative or asexual propagation is also discussed. The section on vegetative collection covers methods for collecting whole plants, divisions, cuttings, timing, and cutting size. It also describes harvesting and processing of various types of vegetative plant parts for propagation.

Filing Instructions: The attached Technical Note and new Index will be filed electronically in the California eFOTG under the folder hierarchy: Section I, Technical Notes, Plant Materials. <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/efotg>

Field offices may also optionally file hard copies in the three-ring binder with other Plant Materials Technical Notes, located in field offices. Replace the old Index sheets with the new Index.

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