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SUBJECT: Issue Revised/Updated Field Office Technical Guide.

Purpose: To transmit the revised/updated Field Office Technical Guide.

Effective Date: Effective Upon Receipt of Contents

Background: Enclosed (under separate cover) is the updated/revised Field Office Technical Guide. During the past year, significant revisions and updates have been made throughout the Technical Guide. As part of the revision, new binders and dividers have been issued. This update reflects changes made in all sections.

Efforts have been made to convert the Technical Guide into electronic format. This is especially true in Section I, Reference Section, where many new references have been added and made available as links on the Web, and in Section IV, where practice standards, specifications and practice requirement sheets are now available in electronic format. Both of these sections are currently available on the NRCS California Web Homepage at <http://www.ca.nrcs.usda.gov/rts/fotgintro.htm>

In Section IV, several new practices have been added, several practices have been deleted, some given new names, others assigned new codes or combined with other practices and a statement added to all practices, dealing with endangered species. **Practice number 590, Nutrient Management, is currently being revised and will be re-issued later this year.** A compact disc containing section IV is included with this revision. Limited copies of the CD are available upon request for partner organizations and consultant planners. Other portions of the Technical Guide will be available electronically in the near future.

Attachment 1 of this notice summarizes the changes made in conservation practices in Section IV.

Hard (paper) copies of the revised Technical Guide, binders, dividers, and the CD containing Section IV will be distributed at cluster and/or area meetings currently being scheduled.

Filing Instructions: Insert the new material for each section of the Technical Guide in the appropriate location in each of the new section binders. Two binders have been included for Section IV. Some materials now existing in the old Technical Guide will need to be transferred to the new Technical Guide. Once the material has been placed in the new Technical Guide, make a note in the entry sheet (Technical Guide Notice Register) in front of Section I indicating the action taken. File this Technical Guide Notice and Attachment 1 in front of Section I.

Certain contents of the old Technical Guide will need to be maintained in those Field Offices where USDA programs have been administered in the past using the Technical Guide in support of contract obligations. Be sure to transfer the technical documentation for these programs and contracts to the new Technical Guide or otherwise maintain them in the Field Office.

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Enclosures

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