

**Purpose of Meeting:** The Council will continue its study of the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) and the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP).

**Agenda:** The agenda items will include the formulation of recommendations for the Council's 1996 report to the President and Congress and a discussion of general program issues.

Recommendations for the report may address administrative and legislative changes for WIC and CSFP as determined by the Council.

Meetings of the Council are open to the public. Members of the public may participate, as time permits. Members of the public may file written statements with the contact person named below before or after the meeting.

Persons wishing additional information about this meeting should contact Tama Eliff, Supplemental Food Programs Division, Food and Consumer Service, Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 540, Alexandria, Virginia 22302. Telephone: (703) 305-2730.

Dated: July 2, 1996.

William E. Ludwig,

Administrator.

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## Natural Resources Conservation Service

### Changes in the State Technical Guides in California

**AGENCY:** Natural Resources Conservation Service (formerly the Soil Conservation Service), USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of change.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 343 of Subtitle E of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (FAIRA) that requires the Secretary of Agriculture to provide public notice and comment under Section 553 of Title 5, United States Code, with regard to any future revisions to those provisions of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) State technical guides that are used to carry out Subtitles A, B, and C of Title XII of the Food Security Act of 1985 (16 U.S.C. 3801 *et seq.*), the Natural Resources Conservation Service, United States Department of Agriculture, gives notice of revisions to all conservation practices in Section IV of the State technical guides in California. The distribution of these revisions and an updated index of conservation practice standards and specifications will be via California Technical Guide Notice 14 during August 1996.

These revisions to conservation practices in Section IV of State technical

guides are subject to these provisions since one or more are used or could be used as a part of a conservation management system to comply with the Highly Erodible Land Conservation or Wetland Conservation requirements.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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A copy of the new index and any of the revised items can be obtained from Charles W. Bell. These items will also be available at each of the NRCS field offices in California beginning in September 1996. Comments can be sent at anytime to Charles W. Bell or to the District Conservationist at any NRCS field office in California.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In California, "State technical guides" refers to the State Office Technical Guide maintained by the NRCS State Resource Conservationist in Davis, California; to the Area Office Technical Guide maintained at each NRCS Area Office in Red Bluff, Salinas, and Fresno, California; and to the Field Office Technical Guide maintained at each NRCS Field Office in California.

The last revisions to conservation practices in State technical guides in California were issued via California Technical Guide Notice Number 9 on December 14, 1995. The current California "Index of Conservation Practice Standards and Specifications" is dated November 1995.

Revisions include word changes, reformatting sections of practice standards to be consistent with new national guidelines, name changes, renumbering, additions, deletions, and redating.

The revised conservation practices and revised Index will be dated July 1996 and include all of the 171 conservation practice standards, 122 conservation practice specifications and their practice requirements sheets, 9 conservation practice material specifications, and 8 conservation practice construction standards.

Revisions include deletion of two practice standards and four practice specifications and their practice requirements sheets, the addition of four new practice standards and 24 new practice specifications and their practice requirements sheets, modifications to the names of 9 practices, renumbering 37 practice standards and 28 practice specifications and their practice requirements sheets, the deletion of material specification 606, and the addition of material specification 606A.

Dated: July 11, 1996.

Henry C. Wyman,

Deputy State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service.

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## Rural Housing Service

### Notice of Request for Comments on Information Collection Package

**AGENCY:** Rural Housing Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comments request.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13, this Notice announces the Rural Housing Service's (RHS's) intent to request approval of an Information Collection package in support of the direct Single Family Housing (SFH) programs of the Agency. **DATES:** Comments must be received no later than close of business September 16, 1996. Comments received after such date will not be considered; therefore, the commentor should allow sufficient mailing and delivery time. RHS encourages the submission of comments within 30 days.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For inquiries on the Information Collection Package, contact Barbara Williams, Information Collection Coordinator, RHS at (202) 720-9734. For program content, contact David J. Villano, Special Assistant to the Administrator, RHS at (202) 720-1628. Comments should be submitted to Ms. Williams at USDA-RHS, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Ag Stop 0743, Washington, D.C. 20250-0743.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Direct Single Family Housing Handbooks Supporting 7 CFR Part 3550.  
*Type of Request:* New information collection.

*Abstract:* On April 8, 1996, the RHS published a Proposed Rule in the Federal Register reengineering and reinventing the direct Section 502 and 504 Single Family Housing (SFH) programs (61 FR 15395). That action proposed the consolidation of 16 separate regulations guiding the direct SFH programs into one streamlined rule. RHS proposed a significant 90 percent reduction in CFR coverage. To accomplish this objective, in part, we removed administrative guidance from the 16 regulations and proposed to provide same in Handbooks which would not be published in the Federal Register. In our Proposed Rule, we stated we would publish a Notice in the Federal Register on or about July 1,