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## AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid (ACVFA).

*Date:* January 10, 2001 (8:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.).

*Location:* Washington Plaza Hotel, 10 Thomas Circle, NW, Washington, DC.

This meeting will feature discussion of the Committee's recommendations for U.S. policymakers on major new priorities for development and humanitarian assistance. The findings of an ACVFA-USAID study on best practices in USAID/PVO relations will also be discussed.

The meeting is free and open to the public. Persons wishing to attend the meeting can fax or e-mail their name to Kari Wickenheiser, (703) 741-0567, [Kari.AMATech@juno.com](mailto:Kari.AMATech@juno.com).

Dated: December 5, 2000.

**Noreen O'Meara,**

*Executive Director, Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid (ACVFA).*

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## AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### Announcement of Draft Guidelines for Title II Cooperating Sponsor Results Reports and Resources Requests

Pursuant to the Agricultural Market and Transition Act of 1996 (Public Law 480, as amended), notice is hereby given that the Draft Guidelines for Title II Cooperating Sponsor Results Reports and Resource Requests are being made available to interested parties of the required thirty (30) day comment period.

Individuals who wish to receive a copy of these draft guidelines should contact: Office of Food for Peace, Agency for International Development, RRB 7.06-120, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, DC 20523-0809. Individuals who have questions or comments on the draft guidelines should contact Richard Newberg at the above address or at (202) 712-1828.

The thirty-day comment period will begin on the date that this announcement is published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: October 13, 2000.

**William T. Oliver,**

*Director, Office of Food for Peace Bureau for Humanitarian Response.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Natural Resources Conservation Service

#### Changes to Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guides for NRCS in California

**AGENCY:** Natural Resources 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 State technical guides in California. The distribution of these revisions and an updated index of conservation practice standards and specifications was made to all California NRCS offices via California Technical Guide Notice 43 dated September 29, 2000.

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 of the Food Security Act of 1985.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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A copy of the new index and any of the revised items can be obtained on the Web at <http://www.ca.nrcs.usda.gov/rts/fotgintro.htm>, or from Ms. Holcomb, either in paper copy format, or electronic copy on compact disk (CD). These items are also available at each of the NRCS field offices in California.

Comments can be sent at anytime to Diane B. Holcomb or to the District Conservationist at any NRCS field office in California. Comments will be reviewed and considered by NRCS technical discipline specialists and the California State Technical Guide Committee, which meets approximately four times a year at the NRCS State Office in Davis, 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, Fresno, and Riverside, California, and to the Field Office Technical Guide maintained at each NRCS Field Office in California.

Practice standards establish the minimum level of acceptable quality for planning, designing, installing, operating, and maintaining conservation practices. National standards from the National Handbook of Conservation Practices form the basis for developing State supplements to the standards. Practice specification guidance are developed by each State and establish and list the terms and conditions, and how the practice standard will be made site-specific.

The last revisions to conservation practices in State technical guides in California were completed in July, 2000, and issued via California Technical Guide Notice Number 43 on September 29, 2000. The current California "Index