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To: Soil & Water Conservation Program; DNR.Soil and Water Conservation Districts staff
Cc: DNR.MGS SWC Staff
Subject: FY23 Cost-share Contract Approval Stopping

Good morning,

After further evaluation of current cost-share obligations and discussion with the commission and department management, the decision has been made that new contract approvals for FY 23 will be stopped at the end of this week. This will only affect FY23 contracts and FY24 contracts using advanced allocations will still be allowed. As of today, the cost-share obligations are at \$46.6 million. The current obligation is less than the amount identified as the goal in an email to the districts earlier this month. However, projections show that the current obligation amount has the potential to utilize this year's appropriation of 40 million and the decision has been made to minimize the amount of deferred payments that may be rolled into next fiscal year. Districts will be allowed to approve any necessary change orders on any contract that is board approved prior to January 20th at 5:00 PM for the remainder of the fiscal year.

MOSWIMS will be locked at 5:00 PM on Friday January 20th to restrict the approval of new contracts. Districts need to ensure that any contracts has the board approval date entered in MOSWIMS prior to it being locked.

Districts are encouraged to work with landowners and cooperators to complete and pay as many board approved contracts as possible. Everyone knows there are many variables that impact the program and the number of practices that are completed. Hopefully, variables such as weather, available components, and economics are on our side this year and we are able to fully utilize the \$40 million cost-share appropriation for FY23.

Thank you to the board members, district employees and NRCS employees for all the hard work helping this be a successful cost-share year. Hopefully, the momentum will carry into the next fiscal year.

If you have any questions, please contact your district coordinator.

Thank you,

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