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## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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### MEMORANDUM 2015-008

DATE: December 22, 2014

TO: All Soil and Water Conservation Districts

FROM:  Colleen Meredith, Director  
Soil and Water Conservation Program

SUBJECT: Disaster Declaration FEMA-4200-DR

The Soil and Water Districts Commission discussed a major disaster declaration at their December 10, 2014 conference call meeting, <https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4200>.

The commission passed the following motion, in support of the declaration.

*Upon the recommendation of the Governor, and to support the October 31, 2014 major disaster declaration FEMA-4200-DR, the Soil and Water Districts Commission approves \$500,000 to assist with reconstruction of soil and water conservation practices currently under a maintenance agreement, or for new practices required to control erosion as a result of the storm damage from severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds and flooding in the 20 counties designated in the declaration. Additional funding may be allocated as the need for conservation practices is further documented.*

This motion by the Commission gives blanket approval for SWCDs to approve contracts in the 20 counties included in the disaster declaration which are: Adair, Andrew, Atchison, Daviess, Gentry, Grundy, Harrison, Holt, Knox, Lewis, Linn, Livingston, Macon, Mercer, Nodaway, Putnam, Ralls, Shelby, Sullivan, and Worth Counties. This blanket approval is to assist landowners with reconstruction of practices that are currently under a maintenance agreement.

Please follow the guidelines in the Cost-Share Handbook for reconstruction of practices, Section V. Eligible Practices, part F. Reconstruction, page V-6. As a reminder, the reconstruction practice must be a new and separate contract with all other required supporting documentation. The district must choose "Reconstruction" from the Special Practice Description dropdown menu, and enter the original contract number in the Original Contract(s) field. "Acres Served" is reported as zero since this was reported on a previous contract.

Contracts can also be approved for landowners that have completed repairs due to the storms associated with the disaster declaration as long as invoices support the work and the practice(s)

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meets NRCS Standards and Specifications. Some landowners will qualify for a new practice because of damage created by the storm. Please enter this as you would any new contract.

For all contracts associated with this disaster funding, select the note type of **“FEMA-4200-DR”** in MoSWIMS for tracking purposes. The program needs to track all contracts that are developed and paid in response to the storm damage regardless of funding source. Funds designated for the disaster declaration will be added back to your allocation if regular funds have already been used for this purpose.

Coordinators have been in contact with affected counties. Please contact your coordinators with questions or if you need any additional assistance. Thank you.

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