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DATE: February 17, 2016

TO: All Soil and Water Conservation Districts

FROM:  Colleen Meredith, Director
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SUBJECT: Disaster Declaration FEMA 3374-EM

The Soil and Water Districts Commission discussed a major disaster declaration FEMA-3374-EM at their February 10, 2016, conference call meeting. The Commission passed the following motions in support of the declaration.

Allow the 74 counties in the FEMA-3374-EM Missouri Disaster Declaration as of 1/4/16 approval to use their cost-share allocation to rebuild practices still under maintenance that were damaged, limiting reconstruction on fence to 50%. Districts can use their FY16 or FY17 cost-share allocation with a deadline date of December 31, 2016.

Allow the landowners in the 74 counties in the FEMA-3374-EM Missouri Disaster Declaration who have already repaired the damage to their practices under maintenance to receive cost-share provided they have appropriate documentation.

Allow the 74 counties in the FEMA-3374-EM Missouri Disaster Declaration cost-share for reconstruction of fence for WQ10 Stream Protection and N472 Livestock Exclusion.

This motion by the Commission gives blanket approval for soil and water conservation districts to approve contracts in the 74 counties included in the disaster declaration which are Audrain, Barry, Barton, Bollinger, Boone, Butler, Callaway, Camden, Cape Girardeau, Carter, Cedar, Christian, Clark, Cole, Cooper, Crawford, Dade, Dallas, Dent, Douglas, Dunklin, Franklin, Gasconade, Greene, Hickory, Howard, Howell, Iron, Jasper, Jefferson, Laclede, Lawrence, Lewis, Lincoln, Madison, Maries, Marion, McDonald, Miller, Mississippi, Moniteau, Montgomery, Morgan, New Madrid, Newton, Oregon, Osage, Ozark, Pemiscot, Perry, Phelps, Pike, Polk, Pulaski, Ralls, Reynolds, Ripley, Scott, Shannon, St. Charles, St. Clair, St. Francois, St. Louis, Ste. Genevieve, Stoddard, Stone, Taney, Texas, Vernon, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Webster and Wright.



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This blanket approval is to assist landowners with reconstruction of practices that are currently under a maintenance agreement. Per the motion above, cost-share for reconstruction of fence is limited to 50%. All reconstruction contracts must be board approved by December 31, 2016.

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 practices must be new and separate contracts 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 storms associated with the disaster declaration as long as invoices/photos etc. support the work and the practice(s) meet Natural Resources Conservation Service Standards and Specifications.

Districts submitting reconstruction contract(s) for practices that originally used the TANK – PERMANENT component, instead of using the group components (TANK-PERMANENT) for reconstruction practices, must instead use individual components for only the items that were damaged. Components such as GRAVEL-RECONSTRUCTION, GEOTEXTILE-RECONSTRUCTION and CONCRETE-RECONSTRUCTION have been added to MoSWIMS. These components must only be used for reconstruction contracts.

Districts need to be assured that no other funds are being used for reconstruction of the cost-share practice such as federal or insurance payments. If other funds are available, cost-share contracts should not be approved for reconstruction of the practice.

For all reconstruction contracts associated with this disaster, select the note type of “**FEMA-3374-EM**” in MoSWIMS for tracking purposes.

Please contact your district coordinator with questions or if you need additional assistance.
Thank you.

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