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TO: All Soil and Water Conservation Districts

Jim Plassmeyer, Director FROM:

Soil and Water Conservation Program

Cost-Share Handbook Updates SUBJECT:

The Cost-Share Handbook has been updated per commission policy adoption. An electronic version of the updated handbook is available on the SWCD intranet page https://mosoilandwater.land/internal/cost-share-handbook. If the district uses a hard copy of the handbook, sections V and the appendix have been updated and should be replaced. Below is a summary of the changes.

Section V – Eligible Practices

N340 Cover Crop practice language was modified to reflect the Commission's policy change from the lifetime maximum to an annual maximum of \$5000. The 2 species crop rotation requirement was also removed from the policy.

All the N312 Animal Waste practices were updated to the \$100,000 lifetime maximum.

DSP3 grazing practices now reflect the new per acre limit maximums for the DSP 3.1, DSP 3.2 and DSP 3.4.

The N590 Nutrient Management policy has been changed to allow the use of the NRCS 590 Nutrient Management Implementation Requirements (IR) in addition to the Manure Management Planner.

C650 streambank policy is updated to reflect the commission policy change requiring a District Specialist with signature authority of any non-engineering portions of the contract to sign the cost-share forms and documentation requirement from a private engineer if used. Minor wording updates to clarify the buffer requirements were also made. Reference was also made to reflect the new form to be provided to the private engineer/contractor.

WQ10 water source development component was updated in policy to reflect current costs.

## Appendix

A new C650 Engineer/ Contractor Information form was added. This form must be provided to the Private engineer if one is utilized for the practice and should be required to be signed and returned to the district office.

The Cover Crop Management Checklist was updated to reference MOVERS and the new annual practice limit.

If you have any questions regarding this memorandum, please contact your district coordinator. Thank you.