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MEMORANDUM

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TO: All Soil and Water Conservation Districts

FROM: Jim Plassmeyer, Director 
Soil and Water Conservation Program

SUBJECT: Topsoiling Component Definition Change

During the October 7, 2025, Soil and Water Districts Commission meeting, the commission requested program staff to update the Topsoiling component definition, so it aligns with the use of a variety of practices and not to be practice specific.

The updated Topsoiling definition is as follows:

Topsoiling - The cost of salvaging, stockpiling, and spreading of the topsoil within the limits of excavated channel and/or ridge footprint as required by the conservation practice standard.

If topsoiling is required on practices and the district did not include the topsoiling component on FY26 contracts, then it would be acceptable for districts to submit change orders to add the topsoiling component to any contract.

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

