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DATE: December 9, 2016

TO: All Soil and Water Conservation Districts

FROM:  Colleen Meredith, Director
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SUBJECT: Updates to DWC-1 Water Impoundment Reservoir and the DSL-1 Permanent Vegetative Cover Establishment Policies

The Commission made updates to policies for the DWC-1 Water Impoundment Reservoir and the DSL-1 Permanent Vegetative Cover Establishment during their November 28, 2016, meeting. The policy changes are effective immediately.

DWC-1 Water Impoundment Reservoir

The Commission approved increasing the practice maximum from \$10,000 to \$15,000 per structure. The increase will be effective on new contracts board approved after the commission meeting date of November 28, 2016. If a contract has received eligibility approval, districts will have the option of selecting the \$15,000 contract maximum before submitting the full contract for program office review. If a contract has been submitted for program office review with the old maximum that is not board approved, the contract will need to be deleted and a new one created to receive the \$15,000 maximum. Contracts that are board approved with the \$10,000 maximum are not eligible for the \$15,000 maximum.

DSL-01 Permanent Vegetative Cover Establishment

The Commission provided clarification regarding conversion of woodland to pasture based on requests for a timeframe for eligibility.

The Cost-Share Handbook for DSL-01 Permanent Vegetative Cover Establishment, page V-10, states:

4. Cost-share is not authorized for:
 - a. Conversion from woodland or forest to pasture. Cost-share cannot be provided for dozing or cutting of trees. If an area has been cleared, the landowner must establish permanent vegetative cover at their expense.

The commission revised their policy. To be eligible for the DSL-01 practice in the case of conversion from woodland to pasture, the land must have been in crop or pasture/hayland for three years prior to contract approval.

These practice policy changes will be added to the cost-share handbook during the next handbook update. If you have any questions about these policies, please contact your district coordinator. Thank you.

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