

Cost Share Committee Meeting: December 3, 2015

DRAFT Meeting Notes

- Support for the \$20,000 minimum technical assistance (TA) allocation
- Weight NRCS implementation data
 - District staff is helping – but they may not have to do it all
 - Consider a 50% weight, compared to 100% weight for Cost Share Program BMPs
- Grant funded BMPs brought in by the district – how should that count?
 - If it is included, should have to provide sufficient information to document the level of the district's involvement in TA
 - No more than 50% weight
 - May require additional verification by district ops staff
- Commission Cost Share Programs data
 - Remove engineering costs for AgWRAP
 - Total dollars spent show technical assistance being provided

- Require a justification by the board if district does not spend any BMP funding for a set interval
- Consider how to build in a JAA requirement in addition to the performance data. An example from an earlier recommendation approved by SWCC:

the employee has obtained Job Approval Authority for a minimum of two best management practices from the Commission or the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service within two years of being hired or within two years of the effective date of this rule, whichever is later. At least one of the best management practices for which the employee has obtained Job Approval Authority must be a design practice, or

Design practice means an engineering practice as defined by the Natural Resources Conservation Service or the Community Conservation Assistance Program Detailed Implementation Plan.

- Obtain JAA for each district to help inform discussion.
- Should a district receive an incentive if they have a CCP?
- Add the division region to the spreadsheet.
- Ask if NRCS data provided includes CSP.
- Continue to ask for grant data in strategy plan.