

## **INTERIM PERFORMANCE MILESTONES IN COST SHARE PROGRAM CONTRACTS**

### **STATEMENT OF INTENT**

The Commission has determined that a significant percentage of Cost Share Programs (CSPs) contracts are cancelled with no work ever completed. Many of these contracts tie up CSPs funds for up to three years. It is the intent of the commission that the staff develops and uses contracts that will require cooperators in CSPs to initiate work on implementing best management practices within twelve months.

### **STATEMENT OF POLICY**

It is the policy of this commission that all CSPs contracts shall include an interim performance milestone for at least 1/3 of the work required to be implemented on a contract to be completed within twelve months of the date the contract receives final division approval. District Boards of Supervisors may grant up to an additional six months for the work to begin if the cooperator requests an extension in writing or by appearance before the District Board. In the event that the cooperator fails to complete at least 1/3 of the required work within 12 months, or within 18 months if the district grants a 6-month extension, the district shall terminate the contract and notify the cooperator and division (using form NCCSPs-18).

Determination of what constitutes 1/3 of the work required by the contract shall be at the discretion of the District Board of Supervisors.