

California

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Conservation Planning On Your Land

California's Planning Workbook



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"Your Land, Your Decisions, Your Plan"

*This workbook will help you bring together the information you need to complete a conservation plan. The questions are designed to gather information about your land, objectives, and management. **Although the information will be reviewed by a conservation planner, it is confidential and belongs to you. It will NOT be released to other agencies, groups or individuals.***

What is a Conservation Plan?

A conservation plan is a document that outlines the decisions you have made to protect and enhance the natural resources on the land you own and/or operate. A conservation plan, when completed, describes and schedules each of the conservation practices you've decided to apply to meet your goals and objectives. Developing a conservation plan is voluntary and relies on you making the decisions and implementing the plan.

NRCS conservation planners provide technical assistance at no cost to help develop and implement your plan. A conservation plan is protected by the Freedom of Information Act, and creating a plan does not provide public access to your property or information.

The conservation planning process consists of nine steps. This completed workbook will help to start the planning process. After you fill in the workbook as completely as possible, the NRCS conservation planner will still need to gather additional information and make one or more visits to your farm in order to complete your conservation plan.

After completing this workbook, please contact your local NRCS field office to make an appointment to begin working on your conservation plan.

[Find your local NRCS office here](#)

Ten Ways a Conservation Plan Can Benefit You

1. Saves money as your land becomes more productive.
2. Protects the natural resource that supports your business.
3. Increases your property value.
4. Enhances open space and wildlife habitat.
5. Conserves soil and water for a sustainable future.
6. Prevents off-site impacts, and may help you comply with environmental regulations.
7. Saves you time, money, and labor.
8. Makes your land more attractive and promotes good neighbor relations.
9. Promotes health and safety for your family.
10. Helps you identify your eligibility for some USDA programs.

General Information

Complete the following questions the best you can. Make note of any concern or questions you have for the conservation planner. The more information you supply the easier it will be to help you.

Name of person requesting a conservation plan: _____

Name of Operation (if different then above): _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Location of property you would like a conservation plan on (i.e., physical address, APN, or parcel number):

Type and acreage of operation for this Conservation Plan:

Do you own or lease the property? Own Lease

Are you the decision maker for this property? Yes No

If No, briefly explain your role on the property and how decisions are made:

Do you have other types of plans that you would be willing to share that could assist with the planning process? Examples: nutrient management plan, irrigated lands program plan, sustainability plan, or other farm plans.

Yes No

If yes, you may attach the document now or give to us at a later time. (You can share the entire document or portions of the document).

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Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

For any other information dealing with Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) issues, persons should either contact the USDA SNAP Hotline Number at (800) 221-5689, which is also in Spanish, or call the State Information/Hotline Numbers.

All Other Inquires

For any other information not pertaining to civil rights, please refer to the listing of the USDA Agencies and Offices.



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For more information, contact your local NRCS office or visit the web at:

<http://www.ca.nrcs.usda.gov>

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