Article 3. Resource Conservation District Accreditation Program

§3200. Definitions.

The following definitions are limited to this article.

1. District means a Resource Conservation District formed in accordance with Division 9 of the Public Resource Code.
2. Department means Department of Conservation, a state agency.
3. Program means the Resource Conservation District Accreditation Program that is the subject of this article.

Authority: Section 9062, Public Resource Code. Reference: Sections 9062 and 9063, Public Resources Code.

§3201. Voluntary Review.

Any District may request that the Department review its operations to assess its organization for purposes of voluntary accreditation.

Authority: Section 9062, Public Resource Code. Reference: Sections 9062 and 9063, Public Resources Code.

§3202. Tier 1.

1. Upon request by a District, the Department will accredit any District as a “Good Governance” District if the District meets all the standards on the Tier 1 Form (September 12, 2016) hereby incorporated by reference.
2. Accreditation must be renewed every twelve months.

Authority: Section 9062, Public Resource Code. Reference: Sections 9062 and 9063, Public Resources Code.

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§3205. Submittal.

1. A District must notify the Department at least five (5) days prior to a District’s submittal of its first accreditation application in order for the Department to provide the District with an electronic filing account.
2. If the Department determined that a District application is incomplete, the District may re-submit its application at any time.

Authority: Section 9062, Public Resource Code. Reference: Sections 9062 and 9063, Public Resources Code.

§3206. Department Review.

The Department will review each District’s application within 30 days of receipt to determine if the District provided all necessary material. If the Department determines that a District has not submitted all required documentation to meet accreditation standards, the Department will provide the District with an explanation of what needs to be submitted in order to meet accreditation. The Department will contact the submitting District with any questions.

Authority: Section 9062, Public Resource Code. Reference: Sections 9062 and 9063, Public Resources Code.

§3207. Loss of Accreditation.

1. Any District that does not submit the information required for accreditation prior to the renewal date will lose accreditation; only the documents that expired in the preceding 12 months need to be updated and resubmitted.
2. A District may lose accreditation if the Department becomes aware that the information provided for the accreditation is no longer valid or is not accurate.

Authority: Section 9062, Public Resource Code. Reference: Sections 9062 and 9063, Public Resources Code.

§3208. Department’s Website.

The Department will list on its website each of the Districts that have obtained accreditation.

Authority: Section 9062, Public Resource Code. Reference: Sections 9062 and 9063, Public Resources Code.

§3209. Relationship of Accreditation to Funding.

When the Department has funding available to distribute to Districts, the Department may require Tier 1 accreditation as a component of eligibility.

Authority: Section 9062, Public Resource Code. Reference: Sections 9062 and 9063, Public Resources Code.