



**Department of Conservation
Resource Conservation District
Financial Assistance Program**

Public Resources Code Sections 9084 and 9413

**State of California
PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE
Section 9084**

9084. (a) Subject to the availability of funds and any limitations imposed by this division, the department may provide grants to resource conservation districts for the purpose of assisting the districts in carrying out any work that they are authorized to undertake, including, but not limited to, grants for watershed projects.

(b) (1) To qualify for a grant under subdivision (a), a resource conservation district shall do all of the following:

(A) Prepare an annual and a long-range work plan pursuant to Section 9413. The long-range work plan shall reflect input from local agencies and organizations regarding land use and resource conservation goals.

(B) Convene regular meetings in accordance with the open meeting requirements of Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 54950) of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5 of the Government Code and the requirements of this division.

(C) Secure sources of local support funding, which may include funding from in-kind contributions and services.

(2) A resource conservation district seeking a grant pursuant to this section shall submit to the department a grant proposal that includes, but is not limited to, all of the following information:

(A) A description of the work for which the grant is sought.

(B) An explanation of the public or private need for the work, including, but not limited to, any relevant information demonstrating the urgency of the project.

(C) An itemized summary of the projected cost of the work.

(D) An estimate of the amount of the projected costs of the work that will be covered by local support funding, including funding from in-kind contributions or services.

(3) To qualify for a grant awarded pursuant to this section, a resource conservation district shall be required to provide at least a 25 percent local match of funding, of which 40 percent of that amount shall be provided in cash. The department shall give preference in the awarding of grants to those districts that, among other things, provide a greater percentage of local match funding than the minimum required by this paragraph.

(4) A resource conservation district that receives a grant awarded under this section shall provide the department with an informal accounting summary that describes how the grant money was spent in accordance with the purposes and conditions of the grant.

(Amended by Stats. 2006, Ch. 538, Sec. 575. Effective January 1, 2007.)

PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE
Section 9413

9413. (a) Each district may develop districtwide comprehensive annual and long-range work plans as provided in this section. These plans shall address the full range of soil and related resource problems that are found to occur in the district.

(b) The long-range work plans may be adopted and updated every five years, in accordance with a standard statewide format which shall be established by the commission. Districts may amend the long-range plan prior to the five-year update in order to address substantive changes occurring since the adoption of the most recent long-range work plan. The long-range plans shall serve the following functions:

(1) Identification of resource issues within the district for purposes of local, state, and federal resource conservation planning.

(2) Establishment of long-range district goals.

(3) Provision of a framework for directors to identify priorities for annual district activities.

(4) Provision of information to federal, state, and local governments and the public concerning district programs and goals.

(5) Setting forth a basis for evaluating annual work plan achievements and allocating available state funding to the district.

(6) Involvement of other agencies and organizations in the district planning process in order to help ensure support in implementing district plans.

(c) The annual work plans may be adopted on or before March 1 of each year in a format which shall be consistent with the district's long-range work plan. The annual work plans shall serve the following functions:

(1) Identification of high priority actions to be undertaken by the district during the year covered by the plan.

(2) Identification of the person or persons responsible for undertaking each planned task, how it will be performed, when it will be completed, what constitutes completion, and the cost.

(3) Demonstration of the relationship of annual tasks to the long-range district goals identified in the long-range work plan.

(4) Provision of assistance to the local field office of the Soil Conservation Service of the United States Department of Agriculture in adjusting staff and program priorities to match district goals.

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- (5) Informing the public of the district's goals for the year.
- (6) Involvement of other agencies and organizations in the district planning process in order to help ensure support in implementing district plans.
- (7) Provision of a basis for assisting the commission in determining district eligibility for state funding under this division.