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Resource Conservation District Good Governance Program

Article 3. Resource Conservation District Accreditation Program

§3200. Definitions.

The following definitions are limited to this article.

(a) District means a Resource Conservation District formed in accordance with Division 9 of the Public Resource Code.
(b) Department means Department of Conservation, a state agency.
(c) 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.

(a) Upon request by a District, the Department will ~~certify~~ accredit any District as a "Good Governance" District if the District ~~performs~~ meets all the ~~achievements~~ standards on the Tier 1 Form (September 12, 2016) hereby incorporated by reference.
(b) ~~Certification~~ Accreditation must be renewed every twelve months.

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§3205. Submittal.

(a) A District must notify the Department at least five (5) days prior to a District's submittal of its ~~first~~ first accreditation application in order for the Department to provide the District with an electronic filing account.

(b) If the Department determined that a District application is incomplete, the District may re-submit its application at any time.

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§3206. Department Review.

The Department will review each District's ~~material~~ application within 30 days of receipt to determine if the District provided all necessary material. ~~Once the Department determines that the District provided all the necessary material, the Department shall review all the material within 90 days to determine whether the District meets accreditation standards.~~ If the Department determines that a District ~~is unable to~~ has not submitted all required documentation to meet ~~receive~~ accreditation standards, the Department will provide the District with an explanation of what needs to be ~~improved~~ submitted in order to meet accreditation. The Department will contact the submitting District with any questions. ~~that the Department may have while reviewing the material.~~

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

§3207. Loss of Accreditation.

(a) Any District that does not submit the information required for ~~certification~~ 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.

(b) 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 ~~Certification~~ Accreditation to Funding.

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

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