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.

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 certify any District as a “Good Governance” District if the District performs all the achievements on the Tier 1 Form (September 12, 2016) hereby incorporated by reference.
2. Certification must be renewed every twelve months.

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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 application in order for the Department to provide the District with 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 material 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 receive accreditation, the Department will provide the District with an explanation of what needs to be improved 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.

1. Any District that does not submit the information required for certification prior to the renewal date will lose accreditation.
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 Certification to Funding.

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

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