

Environmental Compliance - Questions and Answers

QUESTIONS	ANSWERS
<p>1. In the Application Checklist (July 2007) on page 12 of 35, in Chapter 1, it lists a "Soil Condition Table" which is identified as OHV Form G. In the previous interim Manual on the same page this Checklist item was listed as a "Soil Conservation Program." The current regulations still refer to a Soil Conservation Program. Are these items considered two separate components of the application or are "Soil Conservation Program" and "Soil Condition Table" synonymous?</p>	<p>Date: 8/9/2007 The Soil Condition Table, OHV Form G, is one component of the Soil Conservation Program. It is identified on the Application Checklist as the Soil Condition Table because this is a required form. The other components of the Soil Conservation Program are still required. All the required components of the Soil Conservation Program are identified in the Grants Program Manual, Chapter One page 32-33.</p>
<p>2. We are applying for a Law Enforcement Project. When we fill out OHV Form "L" we will check "No" for Item #1, we will check "No" for Item #2, and we will check the box that says: "The application is requesting funds solely for personnel and support to enforce OHV laws and ensure public safety. These activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA." After we input the above-mentioned information, are we required to submit any further environmental documentation to satisfy CEQA requirements?</p>	<p>Date: 8/9/2007 The scenario answer you described that answers "no" to both items 1 and 2; satisfies the CEQA requirements for that project. No further documentation is needed other than the ERDS.</p>
<p>3. How can a soil conservation plan or form G be done for the following projects: conservation, OHV safety and/ or education, Planning or restoration projects?</p> <p>Please expand on who (under what circumstances) needs to complete</p>	<p>Date 8/14/2007 The Soil Conservation Program is a statutory requirement of the program (PRC 5090.35). All Federal agency applicants are subject to the Soil Conservation Program requirements, except those applying solely for law enforcement projects.</p>

<p>the soil condition table.</p> <p>According to chapt.1, paragraph 1.6.B, I only need to complete it for :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Previous year OHV funded routes 2. Current year proposed OHV funded routes. <p>If we are only applying for a restoration or OHV safety /education grant, will we need to submit a soil plan?</p>	<p>The applicant's Soil Conservation Program must encompass the "Project Area" of the projects proposed for funding. For example, if an OHV Safety and/or Education project proposes safety/educational flyers will be developed, produced and made available in a specified Forest, the applicant must meet the Soil Conservation Program requirements for that Forest where the flyers will be made available.</p>
<p>4. The Applicant is planning on applying for Law Enforcement, Conservation, Restoration, and Trail Maintenance projects. The Trail Maintenance project requires Part 2 of WHPP/HMP (OHV Form F) to be completed and is currently on file with the OHMVR Division. Will the data in OHV Form F, Part 2 need to be inclusive of the proposed Restoration work/project since it is in a different geographical area on the forest with additional species involved? Had the applicant not applied for a Trail Maintenance project, would Part 2 not have been required?</p>	<p>Date: 8/14/2007</p> <p>The WHPP/HMP (OHV Form F) Part 2 would need to be revised to include the project area of the proposed Restoration project.</p>

<p>5. Is a Restoration project to close routes subject to Soil Conservation Program/monitoring requirements? If it is or is not, how is it handled in the grant application? Note: the Soil Conservation Program is primarily for repair and maintenance needs. The routes for closure are in a new project area and have never received prior State OHV funding.</p>	<p>Date: 8/14/2007 The Soil Conservation Program is mandated in PRC Section 5090.35. All Federal Agency applicants are subject to Soil Conservation Program requirements with the exception of those applying solely for Law Enforcement projects. Hence the Restoration project area identified in the question would need to be included in the applicants Soil Conservation Program as applicable. Note: Some of the Soil Conservation Program components may not be applicable to the proposed Restoration Project. If this is the case the applicant will need to identify this in their Soil Conservation Program documents.</p>
<p>6. In the 2006-2007 Grant cycle a "Soil Condition Map" Form-N was required. This map was required to display a spatial representation of the information contained in the Soil Condition Table for that year (red, yellow and green trail segments). The manual in 2007-2008 addresses a "Soil Condition Table" only. There is not a reference to any map being required to support the tabular information required in the Soil Condition Table for the current grant cycle. Is this Correct?"</p>	<p>Date: 8/23/2007 The Public Resources Code requires monitoring soils and complying with soil conservation standards. Chapter 1 Section 1.6 requires a Soil Conservation Program, as described. OHV Form G meets the requirement for Item B, a soil condition table. Items A, C, D and E must also be addressed. It may be in the applicant's existing soil conservation plan or trail maintenance plan or in a narrative included in the application. While a map is not specifically listed as a requirement, a map would be a necessary part of most soil conservation plans or trail maintenance plans. Most applicants have these plans on file with the Division and need only complete OHV Form G and comply with Chapter 1, Section 1.3.6 regarding baseline documents.</p>