

Tribal Advisory Committee

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Programs Summary

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Programs at a Glance

- Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
- Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)
- EQIP – Conservation Incentives Contracts (EQIP – CIC)
- Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP)
 - Agricultural Land Easements (ALE)
 - Wetland Reserve Easements (WRE)
- Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)
- Other Programs thru other divisions: EWP, FPPA, NRI, PMC, WFPO, Snow Survey, Soil Survey.

EQIP Conservation Incentive Contract (CIC)

Under Revision...

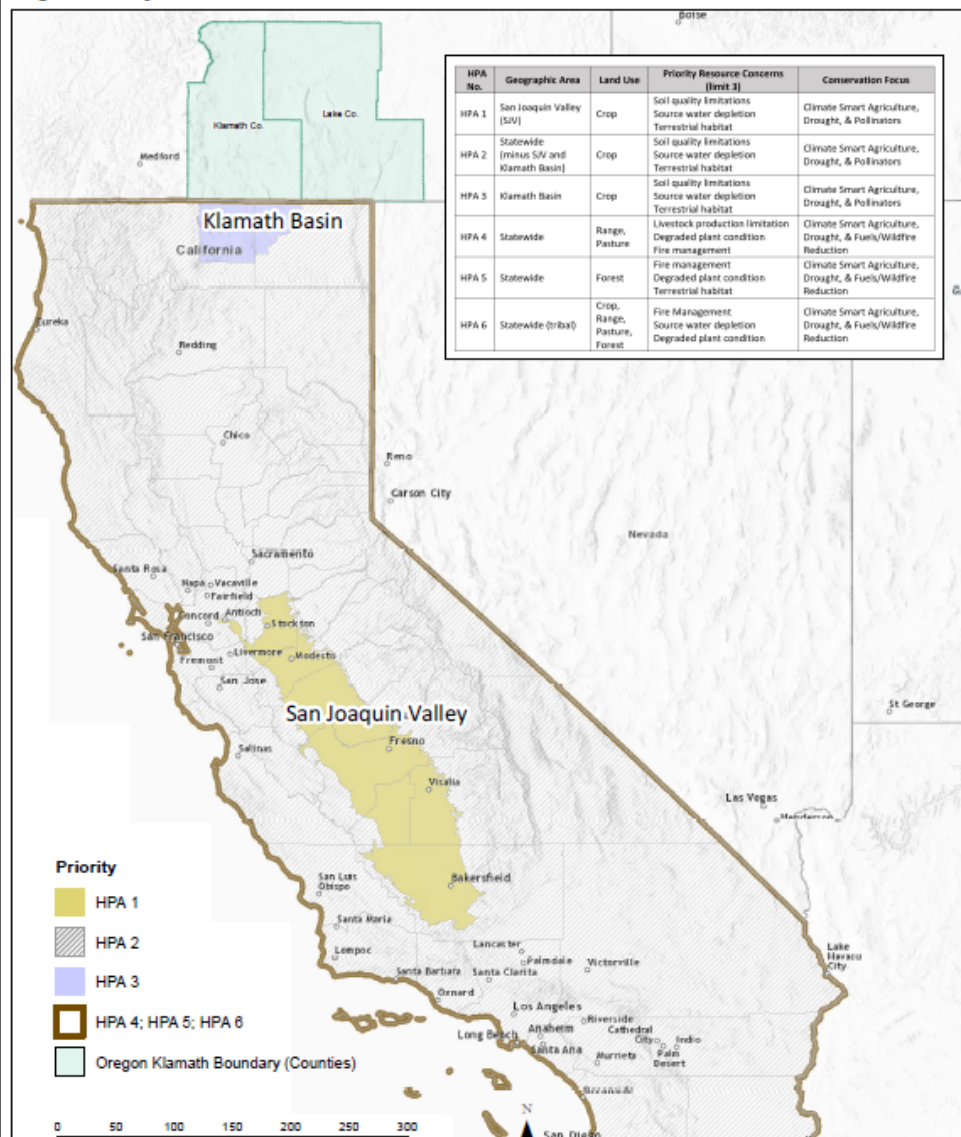
- CIC has similar features as EQIP and CSP.
- CIC is available nationally this year.
- Program under development.
- States to allocate at least 5% of EQIP budget.



CIC Priorities

Environmental Quality Incentives Program Conservation Incentive Contracts High Priority Areas

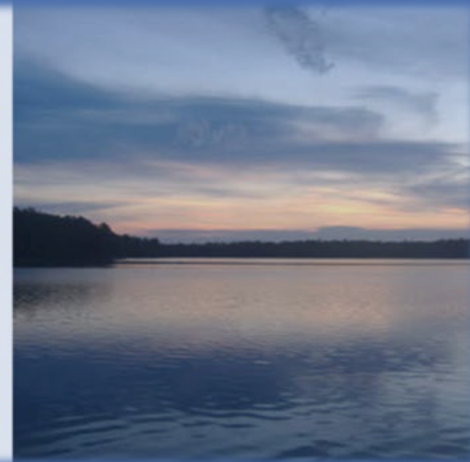
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- Geographic Priorities will still be used – e.g. Watersheds or High Priority Areas.
- Up to 3 Priority Resource Concerns must be identified for each land use.
 - These must be consistent with our 8 CSP State Priorities.
 - CSP State Priorities are listed later in this presentation.

CIC & Conservation

- Climate Change Mitigation practices and Drought related practices will be offered.
- CIC will focus on management practices in FY22.
- NRCS national office is finalizing a list of offered management practices.



CSP State Priority Resource Concerns

Resource Concern Categories
Air quality emissions
Aquatic habitat
Concentrated erosion
Degraded plant condition
Field pesticide loss
Field sediment, nutrient and pathogen loss
Fire management
Inefficient energy use
Livestock production limitation
Pest pressure
Salt losses to water
Soil quality limitations
Source water depletion
Storage and handling of pollutants
Terrestrial habitat
Weather resilience
Wind and water erosion

Balance priorities

For Land Uses: Crop, Range, Forest, Pasture

State Strategic Plan Priorities:

- Plant and forest health/productivity
- Air quality
- Surface and groundwater quality and quantity
- Improve soil health
- Habitat (terrestrial/aquatic)

Over \$130 million in Conservation



Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)	\$80,289,522
EQIP-Conservation Incentive Contracts (CIC)	\$22,508,801
Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)	\$4,542,809
Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)	\$8,374,092
Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP)	\$19,175,535
Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG)	\$3,200,000

Tribal Funding Summary

Program	Amount
Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP)	\$837,983
Tribal Fund Pool	
EQIP – Conservation Incentives Contracts	\$668,677
Tribal High Priority Area	
Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)	\$141,785
TOTAL	\$1,648,445

Funding Timeline FY 22

Batching Period	Applicable Ranking Pool	Application Deadline	Ranking Deadline	Funding Selections	Obligation Deadline	Fund Allocation (NAQI, Cat. Fire, to be determined)
1	Cat Fire	December 10, 2021	December 29, 2021	December 30, 2021	March 18, 2022	tbd
2	Cat Fire	December 10, 2021	January 13, 2022	January 14, 2022	March 18, 2022	tbd
3	All EQIP Ranking Pools	December 10, 2021	January 28, 2022	February 9, 2022	March 18, 2022	50%
4	All EQIP Ranking Pools	April 1, 2022	May 27, 2022	June 8, 2022	August 5, 2022	50%
5	EQIP Sage Grouse	May 6, 2022	July 8, 2022	July 11, 2022	August 5, 2022	100%
CSP	All CSP "classic" Ranking Pools	April 1, 2022	May 27, 2022	June 1, 2022	August 5, 2022	100%

Questions?