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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

[Docket No. NRCS–2016–0009]

Notice of Implementation of the Water Erosion Prediction Project (WEPP) Technology for Soil Erodibility System Calculations for the Natural Resources Conservation Service

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

ACTION: Notice of availability of WEPP for soil erodibility system calculations scheduled for implementation for public review and comment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the intention of NRCS to implement the WEPP technology to replace the use of the Revised Universal Soil Loss Equation, Version 2 (RUSLE2), where applicable.

DATES: *Effective Date:* This is effective November 17, 2016.

Comment Date: Submit comments on or before December 19, 2016. The final version of the new WEPP water erosion prediction technology will be adopted after the close of the 30-day period, and after consideration of all comments.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by Docket Number NRCS–2016–0009, using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov*. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail or hand-delivery:* Norman Widman, National Agronomist, Ecological Sciences Division, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 1400 Independence Avenue Southwest, Room 6150, Washington, DC 20250.
- *Email: norm.widman@wdc.usda.gov*.

NRCS will post all comments on *http://www.regulations.gov*. In general, personal information provided with comments will be posted. If your comment includes your address, phone number, email, or other personal identifying information, your comments, including personal information, may be available to the public. You may ask in your comment that your personal identifying information be withheld from public view, but this cannot be guaranteed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Norman Widman, National Agronomist, Ecological Sciences Division, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 1400 Independence Avenue Southwest, Room 6153, Washington, DC 20250.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The RUSLE2, an empirical erosion prediction model for calculating sheet and rill water erosion, is being replaced by WEPP technology for selected highly erodible compliance applications. The WEPP model is for use where water erosion is the primary causal factor for comparing the annual level of erosion before conservation system application to the expected annual level of erosion after conservation system application (*i.e.,* substantial reduction for highly erodible land conservation). The use of the Universal Soil Loss Equation (USLE) to calculate potential erodibility remains unchanged. The regulation for USLE is located at 7 CFR 610.14.

The implementation of the WEPP technology does not affect the highly erodible soil map unit list contained in the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide as of January 1, 1990. The factor values from the 1990 list will continue to be used for all erodibility index calculations, including sodbuster determinations and review of previous determinations.

The WEPP technology computer model is a process-based, daily time-step model that predicts soil erosion by simulating the fundamental processes controlling water erosion. WEPP calculates sheet and rill erosion rates and sediment deposition and delivery. The WEPP model also provides the user with spatial information regarding soil flux, deposition, and loss from specific regions of a field over time. The model is intended for conservation planning, assessing water erosion for NRCS' National Resources Inventory, and aiding the development of regional and national policy.

The WEPP modular design is amenable to incorporation of new features; thus, WEPP utility also is for estimating long-term soil productivity, the effect of climate change on crop growth and erosion, sediment depositional loading of lakes and streams, and ephemeral erosion prediction.

Further, WEPP aids in calculating onsite and offsite economic costs of erosion and assessing impacts of management strategies on public lands when used in conjunction with other models.

A complete summary of the processes utilized by the WEPP model can be seen in ''WEPP Model Documentation'' on the USDA Agricultural Research Service Web page at *http://www.ars.usda.gov/Research/docs.htm?docid=10621*. Additional WEPP documents also are also available on this Web page.

The proposed implementation timeframe for WEPP in each NRCS field office with a water erosion concern is December 1, 2016. Section 1201(a)(11)(C) of the Food Security Act of 1985, as amended, (16 U.S.C. 3801(a)(11)(C)) requires NRCS to make available for public review and comment all proposed changes to equations to carry out the highly erodible land provisions of the law in a manner consistent with section 553 of title 5.

Signed this 4th day of October, 2016, in Washington, DC.

Jason A. Weller,

Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Notice of Public Meeting of the Kansas Advisory Committee To Discuss the Committee's Draft Report Regarding Voting Rights in the State, as Well as Other Civil Rights Issues for Future Inquiry

AGENCY: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Announcement of meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission) and the

Federal Advisory Committee Act that the Kansas Advisory Committee (Committee) will hold a meeting on Monday, December 12, 2016, at 11:00 a.m. CST. The meeting will include a discussion of a (partial) draft report on voting rights in the state, and a discussion of other current civil rights concerns in Kansas for future study.

DATES: The meeting will take place on Monday, December 12, 2016, at 11:00 a.m. CST.

ADDRESSES: Public Call Information: Dial: 888–397–5335, Conference ID: 6723214.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melissa Wojnaroski, DFO, at *mwojnaroski@usccr.gov* or 312–353–8311.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Members of the public can listen to the discussion. This meeting is available to the public through the following toll-free call-in number: 888–397–5335, conference ID: 6723214. Any interested member of the public may call this number and listen to the meeting. An open comment period will be provided to allow members of the public to make a statement as time allows. The conference call operator will ask callers to identify themselves, the organization they are affiliated with (if any), and an email address prior to placing callers into the conference room. Callers can expect to incur regular charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, according to their wireless plan. The Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls they initiate over land-line connections to the toll-free telephone number. Persons with hearing impairments may also follow the proceedings by first calling the Federal Relay Service at 1–800–977–8339 and providing the Service with the conference call number and conference ID number.

Members of the public are also entitled to submit written comments; the comments must be received in the regional office within 30 days following the meeting. Written comments may be mailed to the Regional Programs Unit, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 55 W. Monroe St., Suite 410, Chicago, IL 60615. They may also be faxed to the Commission at (312) 353–8324, or emailed to Corrine Sanders at *csanders@usccr.gov.* Persons who desire additional information may contact the Regional Programs Unit at (312) 353–8311.

Records generated from this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Regional Programs Unit Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Records of the meeting will be available via *www.facadatabase.gov* under the Commission on Civil Rights, Kansas Advisory Committee link (*http://www.facadatabase.gov/committee/meetings.aspx?cid=249*). Persons interested in the work of this Committee are directed to the Commission's Web site, *http://www.usccr.gov,* or may contact the Regional Programs Unit at the above email or street address.

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Dated: November 14, 2016.

David Mussatt,

Supervisory Chief, Regional Programs Unit.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Notice of Public Meeting of the Minnesota Advisory Committee To Begin Preparations for a Public Hearing To Gather Testimony Regarding Civil Rights and Policing Practices in Minnesota

AGENCY: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Announcement of meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights (Commission) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act that the Minnesota Advisory Committee (Committee) will hold a meeting on Thursday, December 08, 2016, at 1:00pm CST for the purpose of preparing for a public hearing to gather testimony regarding civil rights and policing practices in Minnesota.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, December 8, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. CST.

Public Call Information: Dial: 877–857–6161, Conference ID: 6681139.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melissa Wojnaroski, DFO, at *mwojnaroski@usccr.gov* or 312–353–8311.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Members of the public can listen to the discussion. This meeting is available to the public through the following toll-free call-in number: 877–857–6161, conference ID: 6681139. Any interested member of the public may call this number and listen to the meeting. An open comment period will be provided to allow members of the public to make a statement as time allows. The conference call operator will ask callers to identify themselves, the organization they are affiliated with (if any), and an email address prior to placing callers into the conference room. Callers can expect to incur regular charges for calls they initiate over wireless lines, according to their wireless plan. The Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls they initiate over land-line connections to the toll-free telephone number. Persons with hearing impairments may also follow the proceedings by first calling the Federal Relay Service at 1–800–977–8339 and providing the Service with the conference call number and conference ID number.

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Records generated from this meeting may be inspected and reproduced at the Regional Programs Unit Office, as they become available, both before and after the meeting. Records of the meeting will be available via *www.facadatabase.gov* under the Commission on Civil Rights, Minnesota Advisory Committee link (*http://www.facadatabase.gov/committee/meetings.aspx?cid=256*). Persons interested in the work of this Committee are directed to the Commission's Web site, *http://www.usccr.gov,* or may contact the Regional Programs Unit at the above email or street address.

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