

NRCS Water Quantity Sub-Working Group

9:30am - Thursday - September 9, 2010

Arkansas River Room, Little Rock, AR

Meeting called to order at 9:30am by Walt Delp, NRCS State Engineer

Recommendation: To develop a stand along document that explains each practice, the costs, photos, and natural resources application. Document provided to districts and conservation partners.

This was completed as an appendix to EQIP Policy Amendment 20.

Need to start linking water needs and energy use – much of this is driven by the high costs of diesel and farmers are switching to electricity for their irrigation pumps.

Currently working on adopting practice 372, Combustion System Improvements and the associated payment schedule. This will be in place for EQIP, 2012.

Recommendation: Look at some of the payment rates as they relate to certain practices due to changing input costs.

Reviewed. Also solicited information from group.

Recommendation: Have each participant look at the 2010 EQIP Requested Practices and rank them individually.

No replies.

Recommendation: Look at upcoming issues such as CAFO permits and the cost share needs of producers to meet CAFO requirements.

Already in place.

Recommendation: Provide cost share for practices to assist producers in meeting their CAFO requirements.

Already in place.

Recommendation: Adjust Streambank stabilization payment schedule to provide more flexibility.

Complete. Reviewed with AG&FC before finalizing.