RULEMAKING ACTION:
Notice of proposed PERMANENT rulemaking

PROPOSED RULES:
155:20-1-5. Eligibility for Conservation Cost-Share Program [AMENDED]

SUMMARY:
The rule change potentially increases the lands that can be considered for cost-share dollars by each of the conservation districts thus allowing each district to establish individualized criteria based on local needs.

AUTHORITY:
Oklahoma Conservation Commission and the Conservation District Act; 27A O.S. §§3-101 et seq; and more specifically 27A O.S. §3-3-114.

COMMENT PERIOD:
Deliver, mail, or email written comments on the proposed rule change to the contact person from November 1, 2013 through December 11, 2013.

PUBLIC HEARING:
A Public hearing has been scheduled for 10:00 am on December 11, 2013, in the Board Room of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry located at 2800 N. Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105.

REQUESTS FOR COMMENTS FROM BUSINESS ENTITIES:
Business entities affected by these proposed rules are requested to provide the agency with information, in dollar amounts if possible, about the increase in the level of direct costs, indirect costs, or other costs expected to be incurred by the business entity due to compliance with the proposed rule. Business entities may submit this information in writing to the contact person before the close of the comment period on December 11, 2013.

COPIES OF PROPOSED RULES:
Copies of the proposed rule may be obtained by visiting www.ok.gov/conservation or by requesting copies from the contact person.

RULE IMPACT STATEMENT:
Pursuant to 75 O.S., § 303(D), a rule impact statement will be prepared and may be obtained from the Oklahoma Conservation Commission at www.ok.gov/conservation or through the contact person listed below no later than November 15, 2013.

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