

Approval of process to address increased costs for FY2022 carryover practices

§ 10.1-505. Duties of Board.

In addition to other duties and powers conferred upon the Board, it shall have the following duties and powers:

3. To oversee the programs of the districts.

§ 10.1-546.1. Delivery of Agricultural Best Management Practices Cost-Share Program.

Districts shall locally deliver the Virginia Agricultural Best Management Practices Cost-Share Program described under §10.1-2128.1, under the direction of the Board, as a means of promoting voluntary adoption of conservation management practices by farmers and land managers in support of the Department's nonpoint source pollution management program.

Recommended Motion:

In response to the unanticipated and significant increase in the cost of certain materials during FY2022, the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board authorizes Soil and Water Conservation Districts (Districts) to provide additional cost-share funding to producers to offset the increased cost of materials under the following conditions:

1. Only contracts from FY2022 that are not yet paid and are placed into Carryover status going into FY2023 are eligible;
2. The carryover contracts must be for the following types of practices:
 - a. SL-6N and SL-6W practices;
 - b. WP-2N and WP-2W practices;
 - c. WP-4, WP-4B, WP-4C, WP-4F, WP-4FP, WP-4LC, WP-4LL and WP-4SF practices; and
 - d. the SL-7 practice.
3. Upon the District's adoption of a new, increased average cost list for FY2023, the District will be eligible to utilize the new FY2023 average cost list to make revised cost estimates (i.e. Estimated Instance Cost and Estimated Cost Share Payments) for the impacted carryover FY2022 contracts.
4. The District, working in cooperation with their Conservation District Coordinator and Department Data Services Staff, is authorized to utilize, as needed, the District's FY2023 Virginia Agricultural Cost-Share (VACS) Program allocation to send back additional FY2023 funds to the impacted FY2022 contracts. All contract increases must be approved by the local District Board by way of formal motion as recorded in the minutes.
5. The District is not authorized to provide additional FY2022 VACS Program funds to contracts that exceed the Estimated Instance Cost developed in accordance with the District's approved FY2022 average cost list.
6. All FY2022 VACS Program funds that remain unobligated at the end of the fiscal year shall be returned to the Department, along with the proportional amount of technical assistance funds, in accordance with the *Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board Policies and Procedures on Soil and Water District Cost-Share and Technical Assistance Funding Allocations (Fiscal Year 2022)* and the *FY2022 Department of Conservation and Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District Grant Agreement for Cost-Share and Technical Assistance*.