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**WHAT KIND OF ASSISTANCE CAN
NRCS PROVIDE?**

NRCS works with private landowners providing conservation planning, and technical and financial assistance.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- **FARM BILL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS ARE FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS**
- **ASSISTS PARTICIPANTS WITH \$ TO INSTALL AND IMPLEMENT PRACTICES**
- **PRACTICES HAVE TO MEET NRCS PRACTICE STANDARDS**



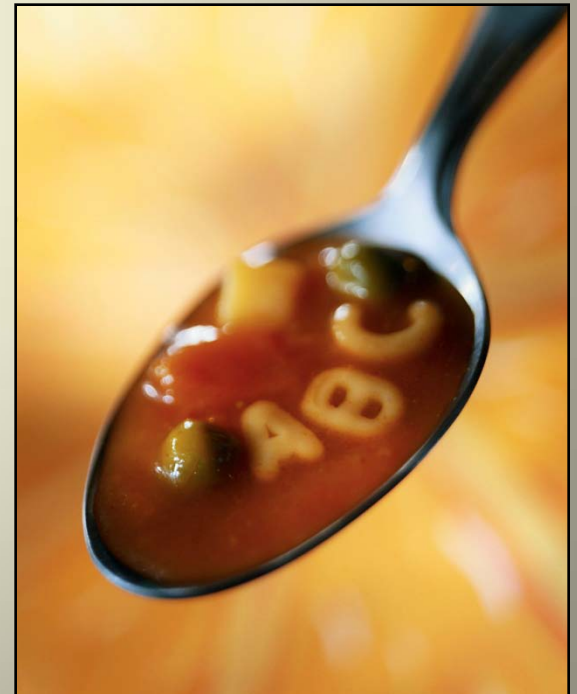
WHAT ABOUT OUR ALPHABET SOUP OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS?

- ALL FINANCIAL PROGRAMS ARE LINKED TO THE FARM BILL, WRITTEN EVERY FIVE YEARS.

- 2008 FARM BILL PROGRAMS INCLUDED:

EQIP, WHIP, WRP, CSP,
CIG, AWEP, GRP, FPP

- 2013?? EQIP, WRP, CSP?



SPECIFICS FOR CALIFORNIA EQIP

- Statewide and Local Ranking Pool
 - Cropland, hayland, pasture and rangeland
 - Non-industrial private forest land
 - Ranking gives points for managing noxious weeds



• California resource concerns

Water quality
Air quality
Plants
Animals
Energy
Soil quality
Soil erosion
Water quantity



**PRIORITY GIVEN TO
APPLICANTS WITH
MOST CONSERVATION
IMPACT!**

EQIP ASSISTANCE FOR RANCHERS

- Conservation planning
- **Prescribed grazing**
- Range planting
- Watering facilities
- Fencing
- **Brush control**
- **Prescribed burning**
- **Invasive plant control**



EQIP ASSISTANCE ON CROPLAND

Vegetative Practices

- **Critical Area Planting**
- Cover Crop
- Hedgerow
- Windbreak
- Grass Waterway
- Filter Strip
- **Conservation Cover**



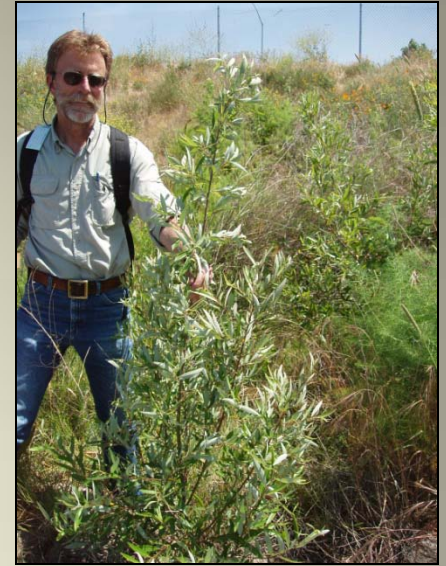
WRP- WETLANDS RESERVE PROGRAM

an easement program



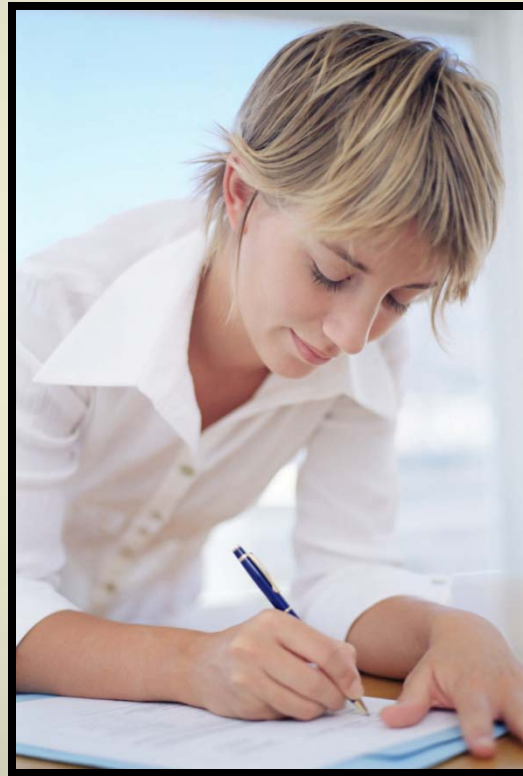
NRCS PRACTICE STANDARDS WITH A COMPONENT OF WEED MANAGEMENT

- **Brush Management**
- **Restoration and Management of Declining Habitats**
- **Forest stand Improvement**
- **Conservation Cover**
- **Early Successional Habitat Development/Management**
- **Critical Area Planting**
- **Prescribed Grazing**
- **Herbaceous Weed Control**

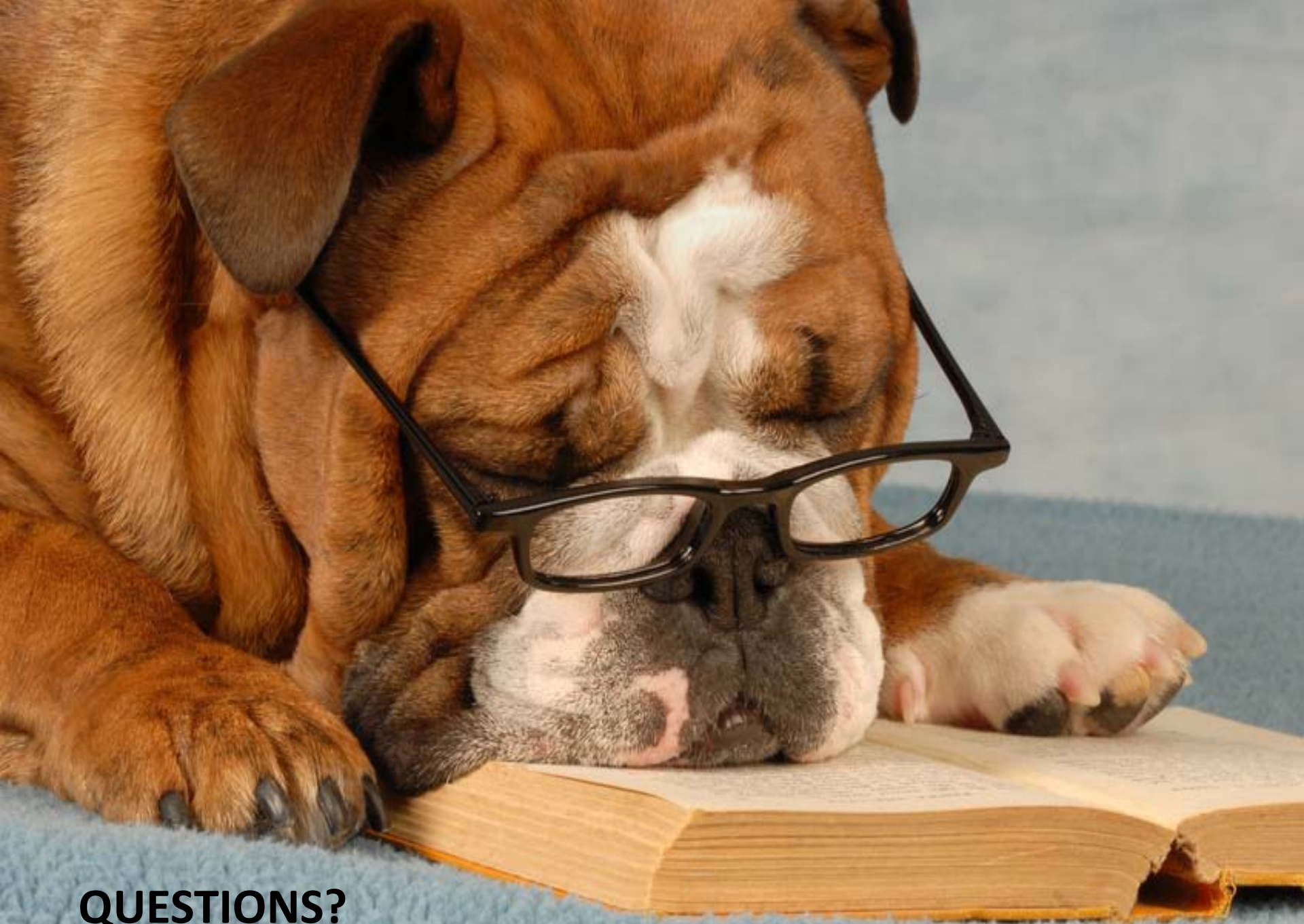


- **Riparian Forest Buffer**
- **Riparian Herbaceous Cover**
- **Wetland Creation**
- **Wetland Enhancement**
- **Wetland Wildlife Habitat Management**

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QUESTIONS?