

NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)

Application Steps and Process

**Step
1**

Contact the local
Natural Resources
Conservation Service
Field Office



Lakeport Field Office
889 Lakeport Blvd.
Lakeport, CA 95453
707-262-7095

APPLICATION

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NRCS site visit to discuss land manager's goals and priority treatment areas.
Land manager submits application to NRCS office before or after this initial visit.

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Field assessment by NRCS or Lake County Resource Conservation District (LCRCD) to develop initial conservation treatment plan.

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Land manager reviews plan prior to the completion of the conservation plan.

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Plan ranked at regional level according to natural resource benefits from the project.

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Plan approved or denied for funding.
Denied plans can be considered for ranking in later funding cycles.
If funded, land manager signs contract documents, moves on to Pre-Implementation.

PRE-IMPLEMENTATION

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NRCS prepares Implementation Requirements (IRs) outlining the work to be performed, any restrictions, and criteria for project completion. Land manager reviews and signs the IRs.

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NRCS conducts Cultural Resources assessment. Adjustments are made to project, if necessary.
Project must be cleared by NRCS in order for implementation to begin.

IMPLEMENTATION

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Land manager is responsible for making sure contract work is completed according to IRs.
NRCS and LCRCD staff are available for ongoing technical assistance.

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NRCS inspects the completed contract items.
Reimbursement is released within approximately two weeks of certifying completion.