

Sierra Soil and Water Conservation District

The Sierra SWCD represents constituents from a variety of backgrounds, reaching across four county lines within our District boundaries. A large majority of whom make a living on agriculture operations or in natural resource careers. Work in a largely rural community in these fields means many hours outside on the landscape. For years, these operations and positions have been successful without unnecessary regulations inhibiting their efforts.

After review of the proposed rule, the Board of Supervisors, of whom are duly elected public officials, recognize this proposal as burdensome and concerning at best. This will certainly have a negative effect on our ag producers and business owners who are already struggling to meet overwhelming government overreach with little to no support. Furthermore, we do not believe this rule will be enforceable and would not support further expansion of state government to make it so. For these reasons, we respectfully ask that the proposed rule be withdrawn, and encourage the department to engage in meaningful and sincere conversations with local government, business owners, ag producers, and others being targeted with this proposed action. We fully believe that this type of collaboration will lead to stronger relationships and community focused solutions.

Respectfully,

Chairman Willard Hall
Sierra Soil and Water Conservation District