



EQIP Forestry

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What is EQIP

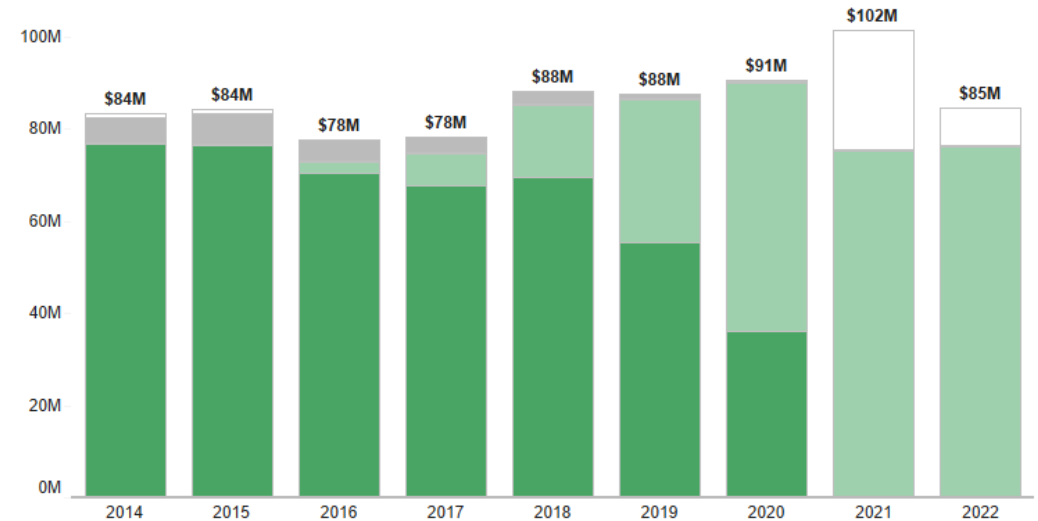
- ▶ Part of the Farm Bill
- ▶ California statewide
 - ▶ All land uses

Environmental Quality Incentives Program

Natural Resources Conservation Service



Timeline of Dollars Obligated by Contract Fiscal Year and Status



Note: Obligations reflect their amounts as of when the data was updated and not their original obligation amounts. Cancelled and terminated contracts will have much lower obligations because of this. Latest fiscal year numbers reflect their year-to-date values from October 1st until the date that data was last refreshed

Benefits of EQIP

- ▶ One on one help
 - ▶ Connection to natural resources professionals
- ▶ Develop a plan!
- ▶ Improve forest health and reduce wildfire hazard on property



Forest Health



Fuel Reduction





Financial Incentive

- ▶ Incentive rates
 - ▶ Anticipate out of pocket costs
 - ▶ Vary by project
 - ▶ Change every fiscal year
- ▶ Examples from FY 23
 - ▶ Forest stand Improvement removing small trees: \$1074 per acre
 - ▶ Woody residue treatment of heavy slash: \$337 per acre

Environmental Quality Incentives Program

- ▶ Participation is voluntary
- ▶ There are eligibility requirements
- ▶ Applications process is competitive
 - ▶ No guarantee of funding
- ▶ Cost share assistance at a set per acre rate
 - ▶ Must be installed to our specs before payment

Start by working with your local field office!



Where to Start?

► Field Office!

<https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/contact/find-a-service-center>

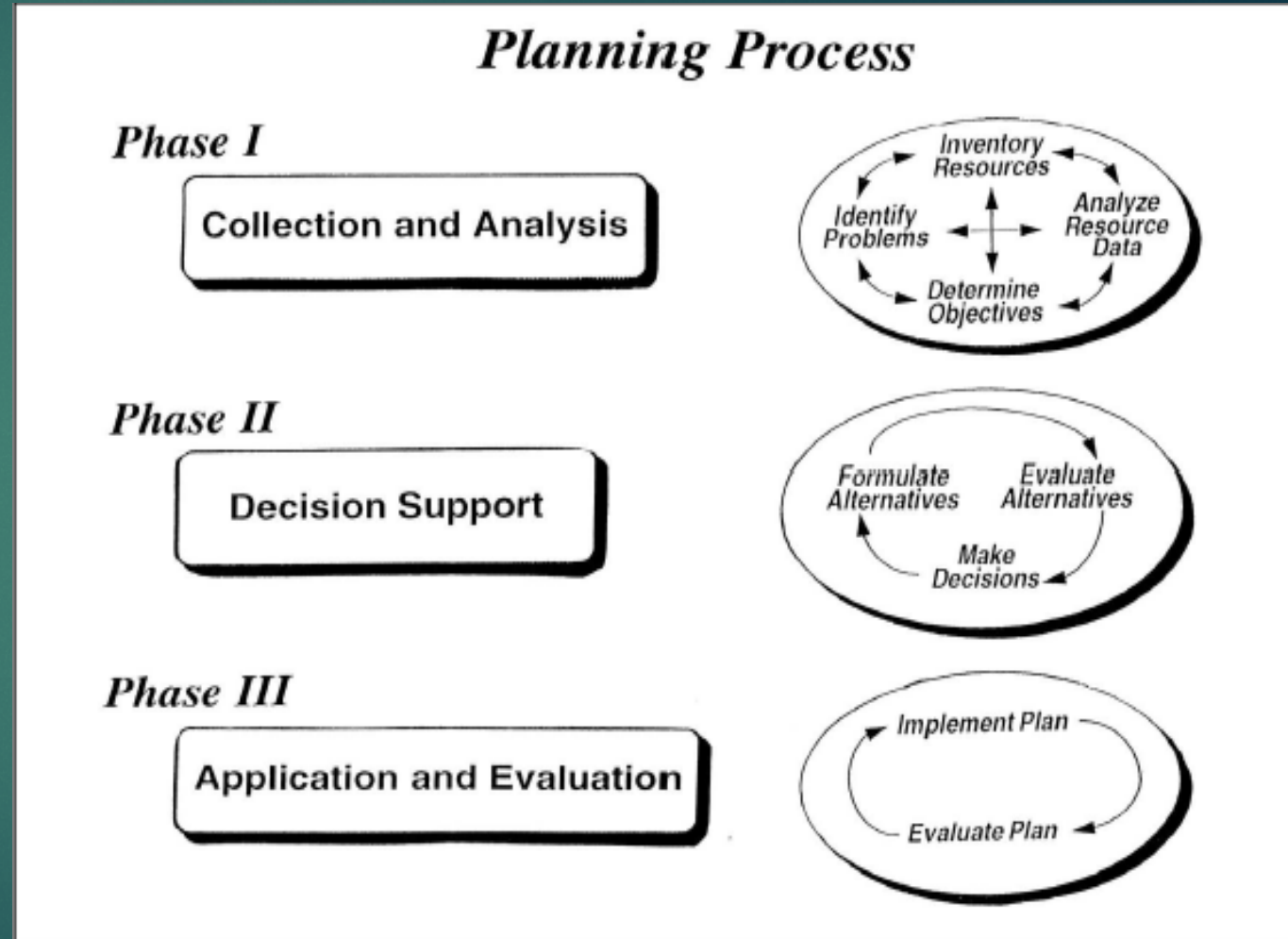


Be Prepared

- ▶ Basic information we need to assist you:
 1. Map of your property
 - ▶ Otherwise the APN number is good
 2. Your contact information including both an address and working phone number
 3. It's extremely helpful to know your goals for the property
 - ▶ They don't have to be super specific to start

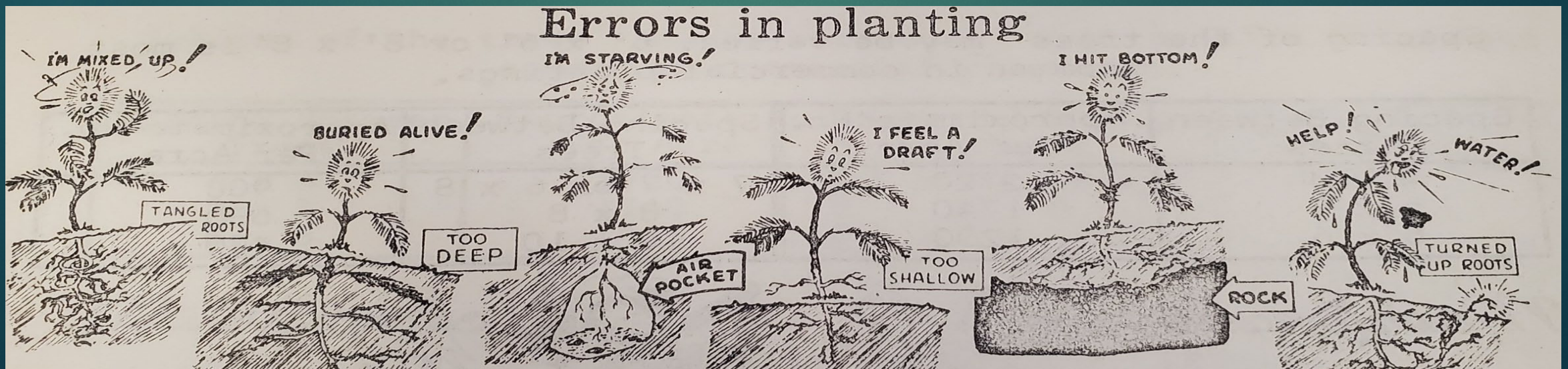
Planning process

- ▶ Work with the local office to develop a Conservation Plan
 - ▶ You will work with an NRCS staff and go through the planning process



Eligibility

- ▶ Your specific situation matters
- ▶ Some items
 - ▶ Non-Industrial Private Forestland
 - ▶ AGI limits
 - ▶ Land Ownership
- ▶ Farm Records with FSA
- ▶ Forest Management Plan
 - ▶ This is not a THP or NTMP
 - ▶ NRCS staff can develop or you can use an RPF



Timelines

Batching Period	Ranking Pool	Application Cutoff	Funding Selections	Eligibility paperwork due	Obligations completed
1	Classic EQIP	Dec 9, 2022	March 15, 2023	April 14, 2023	June 23, 2023
2	EQIP-CIC	Jan 31, 2023	March 15, 2023	April 14, 2023	June 23, 2023
3	Select fund pools	TBD	TBD	TBD	August 30, 2023

*Dates for Fiscal Year 2024 may be different but highly likely to follow the same general scheme

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Questions