

At project locations, each agency designates a "contact" man who serves as agency representative in R.C. & D. work. Department agencies thus work as a team in helping R.C. & D. project sponsors carry out their project plans.

(c) *Other Federal departments and agencies.*—Resource conservation and development involves many Federal agencies outside the Department of Agriculture. Whenever such agencies have operating programs or interests within project areas, local sponsors are urged to invite them to take part in project work. This approach has proved to be an effective device for establishing good working relationships and coordination of public resource activities. At present, agencies of the Departments of Interior; Health, Education, and Welfare; Defense; Commerce; and Housing and Urban Development are working with Department agencies in helping project sponsors carry on project work or are providing pertinent information useful to project sponsors. Such help to project sponsors is financed from regular program funds of each agency.

The Soil Conservation Service, as the Department agency responsible for administration of the program, has established working liaison with other Federal agencies outside the Department either at the Washington office level or at project area locations in line with agency organizational structure and project sponsors' needs. Financing is through regular agency appropriations.

(d) *State governments or their instrumentalities.*—Work in R.C. & D. projects is carried on in cooperation with the State agencies having program or regulatory responsibilities in the natural resource field. Usually informal working arrangements are adequate; but in some instances where funds or materials are involved, a memorandum of understanding or an agreement is executed so that responsibilities and obligations of each party are clearly set forth.

(e) *Local governments or communities.*—Resource conservation and development projects must be initiated and sponsored by local public bodies. To date this has included conservation districts, county governments, towns, cities, conservancy and other special purpose districts. Each local public body that acts as a sponsor for a project becomes a working partner with Department of Agriculture agencies. The Department, under various authorities, provides technical and financial assistance for project work.

(g) *Nonprofit organizations.*<sup>1</sup>—Many single project measures are undertaken and carried out through cooperation with local communities, associations, and nonprofit organizations.

For example, facilities for processing agricultural products, water management structures, and rural water systems are activities handled by such groups in cooperation with Department or other Federal agencies.

#### 8. *Laws and regulations*

Public Law 87-703.

### PART II. DATA BEARING ON ECONOMIC ASPECTS AND IMPACTS OF THE PROGRAM

#### 9. *Economic effects*

The resource conservation and development program has not been in operation for a sufficient length of time to obtain reliable data on

<sup>1</sup> Items (f), (h), and (i) not applicable.