

Part 606 - Exhibits

Subpart B – Development of Watershed Project Plans

606.12 Cooperating Agencies Invitation Letter

Address

RE: Formal Request to be a Cooperating Agency on the Any Creek Plan- Environmental Assessment [or EIS]

In accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) at 40 CFR Part 1501.6, NRCS is formally requesting that your agency become a cooperating agency in the planning and development of the Any Creek Environmental Assessment (EA). This request is being made because your agency has been identified as having special expertise or jurisdiction by law related to this project. The EA is being prepared to fulfill NRCS' NEPA compliance responsibilities pertaining to our potential federal financial assistance through the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program (Public Law 83-566) for this project. As your agency may also have NEPA compliance responsibilities concerning this project or other future projects that may be evaluated in this EA, preparation of this EA should also assist in fulfilling environmental review requirements for your agency or other Federal agencies and meet NEPA's intent of reducing duplication and delay between agencies.

If your agency is unable to participate as a Cooperating Agency, then please return a written explanation why your agency can not participate. Please note that a response declining to be a Cooperating Agency is required to also be submitted to the Council on Environmental Quality per 40 CFR Part 1501.6(c). Upon acceptance of this invitation, roles can be defined in an informal agreement or formal MOU can be established.

Thank you for your timely response and cooperation with this project. If you have any questions or comments, please contact (name) of my staff at (e-mail address) or via phone at (000) 000-0000.

(Signature)

(Name), State Conservationist

Enclosures