

NOTICES OF PUBLIC INFORMATION

Notices of Public Information contain corrections that agencies wish to make to their notices of rulemaking; miscellaneous rule-making information that does not fit into any other category of notice; and other types of information required by statute to be published in the *Register*. Because of the variety of material that is contained in a Notice of Public Information, the Office of the Secretary of State has not established a specific format for these notices.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE LIVESTOCK & CROP CONSERVATION GRANT PROGRAM

[M10-98]

- 1. Statute title and its heading:** 41, State Government
Chapter and its heading: 3, Administrative Boards and Commissions
Article and its heading: 1.1, Arizona State Parks Board
- 2. The public information relating to the listed statute:**

The Arizona Department of Agriculture is responsible for developing, implementing and managing the Livestock & Crop Conservation Grant Program (LCCGP). This grant program was created by the state legislature through A.R.S. § 41-511.23(G)(1). Per the grant program authorizing statute, eligible applicants include individual landowners and grazing and agricultural lessees of state or federal lands that desire to implement conservation based management alternatives using livestock or crop production practices, or reduce livestock or crop production, to provide wildlife habitat or other public benefits that preserve open space.

The Department must provide public notice and 60 days for public comment on the grant guidelines and criteria, including public hearings. The LCCGP grant guidelines and criteria are posted on the Arizona Department of Agriculture web site, www.azda.gov, under 'Grant Opportunities.' You also may direct questions or request a copy of the grant program guidelines and criteria by contacting the LCCGP Coordinator listed below. At the conclusion of the public comment period, the grant program manual and application will be finalized, published and a grant application deadline will be announced.

- 3. The name and address of agency personnel with whom persons may communicate:**

Name: Karol Brill, Program Coordinator
Livestock & Crop Conservation Grant

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- 4. The time during which the agency will accept written comments:**

Written comments may be submitted to the grant program coordinators listed above between April 12 and June 11, 2010. If you would like to submit your comments orally, please contact the grant program coordinator and request a public hearing be scheduled.

Persons with a disability may request reasonable accommodation such as a sign language interpreter by contacting agency ADA Coordinator, Mike McMinn: (602) 542-4315 (voice) or 1-800-367-3839 (TDD Relay). Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION

LAWS 2009, 3RD SPECIAL SESSION, CH. 7, § 28

("Moratorium on rule making relating to increased monetary or regulatory costs; exceptions; definitions")

[M09-429]

- 1. Reason for the Notice of Public Information:**

Laws 2009, 3rd Special Session, Ch. 7, § 28 enacted into law a moratorium on rulemaking through June 30, 2010.

- 2. Effective date of Laws 2009, 3rd Special Session, Ch. 7, § 28:**

November 24, 2009

- 3. Text of Laws 2009, 3rd Special Session, Ch. 7, § 28:**

Sec. 28. Moratorium on rule making relating to increased monetary or regulatory costs; exceptions; definitions

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- A. Notwithstanding any other law, for fiscal year 2009-2010, an agency shall not conduct any rule making, including an informal rule making process, that would impose increased monetary or regulatory costs on other state agencies, political subdivisions of this state, persons or individuals or would not reduce the regulatory burden on the persons or individuals so regulated.
- B. Subsection A of this section does not apply to rule making for any of the following:
 - 1. An authorization or requirement enacted by the legislature after January 1, 2009 or as authorized by the governor after January 22, 2009.
 - 2. To avoid a violation of a court order or federal law that would result in sanctions by the court or federal government to an agency in fiscal year 2009-2010 for failure to conduct the rule making action.
 - 3. To prevent a threat to the public health, peace or safety.
 - 4. To fulfill an obligation related to fees, rates, fines or regulations that are expressly delineated in the constitution of this state.
 - 5. To implement or comply with the fiscal year 2009-2010 state budget or the American recovery and reinvestment act of 2009 (P.L. 111-5).
 - 6. A rule or other item that is exempt from title 41, chapter 6, Arizona Revised Statutes, pursuant to section 41-1005, Arizona Revised Statutes.
 - 7. To eliminate or replace archaic or illegal rules.
- C. An agency shall not conduct any informal or formal rule making pursuant to this section without the prior written approval of the office of the governor. This subsection does not apply to any agency that is independent of the office of the governor, including any agency that is headed by a single elected official or the corporation commission.
- D. For the purposes of this section, “agency”, “person”, “rule” and “rule making” have the same meanings prescribed in section 41-1001, Arizona Revised Statutes.

4. Governor’s Office contact information:

Communications regarding written approval of the office of the governor should be addressed to Richard Bark, Deputy Chief of Staff, Policy at rbark@az.gov.