

**2018 HEALTHY SOILS PROGRAM
DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (Q&A)
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1. Q. If the Applicant is a non-profit organization working with a Rancher or Grower, how does the requirement for leasing, owning or controlling the property where the practices are installed work?
A. A letter of agreement from the landowner is required if the non-profit organization does not own the land where the project is to be implemented. The rancher or grower can be one of the project cooperators or collaborators and includes a letter (detailed contact information, a description of the role in the project, the estimated time commitment, and a statement of agreement to participate in the project) at submission.
2. Q. A potential project site is zoned agricultural; however, no activity has taken place, it is an open space/vacant land. Currently there are no established agricultural land management practices, however, the owner is ready to implement their agricultural production plan; mainly field and tree crops. Are they eligible to apply as an agricultural operation?
A. Previously fallow land is not eligible for HSP funding.
3. Q. Is the same project (same APNs and management practices) eligible to receive both Incentives Programs and Demonstration Projects grants?
A. No. A project with same APNs and management practices may only receive one of the grant awards.
4. Q. Can the HSP funds be used to fund a project with industrial hemp?
A. No, industrial hemp is not currently eligible for funding under the HSP.
5. Q. Can the outreach requirement to have 40 different producers attend each year for 3 years be modified or an exemption made?
A. The number of attendees for Demonstration outreach events is a Program Requirement and cannot be changed or modified to maintain a fair process for all Demonstration applicants statewide. Applicants may evaluate creative approaches to meet this requirement, including but not limited to, conducting multiple events each year and presenting at conferences or meetings attended by farmers and ranchers to share their project findings, to complement their field day efforts.