

Role of the NRCS in Promoting Sustainable Agriculture in the Pacific Basin

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Abstract—The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is an agency of the US Department of Agriculture that provides technical assistance on a voluntary basis to private landowners and local governments to enable them to achieve the sustained use of natural resources. Technical assistance may include the development of resource conservation plans and design of structural and agronomic conservation practices for locations ranging from construction sites to farm fields. Project priorities are set by Soil and Water Conservation Districts that are composed of locally elected or appointed community members to assure that local needs are addressed.