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Your property is within the Ellsworth Barranca Responsibility Area

Monitoring Beacon Site: S02T_ELLS (Ellsworth Barranca at Telegraph Road)

Ellsworth Barranca Responsibility Area Water Quality Issues

To comply with the Agricultural Conditional Waiver, the Ventura County Agriculture Irrigated Lands Group (VCAILG) developed a Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) to address continuing water quality issues found during sampling. During WQMP development, Ventura County was divided into “Responsibility Areas” according to subwatersheds, drainage areas, crop similarities, and additional total maximum daily load (TMDL) requirements. You are accountable for implementing the appropriate agricultural Best Management Practices (BMPs) to address the water quality issues in your Responsibility Area:

- Bacteria (*E. coli*)
- Salts (chloride and total dissolved solids)
- Legacy Pesticides (organochlorine pesticides, e.g., DDT and toxaphene)
- Current Use Pesticides (organophosphorus and pyrethroid pesticides, e.g., chlorpyrifos and bifenthrin)

Required BMPs Survey Participation

VCAILG members must complete a BMPs Survey for each parcel to document implementation of agricultural BMPs. The purpose of the survey is to report increased practices to protect and improve water quality related to the issues described above. Two previous surveys were conducted in January 2017 and May/June 2018. The final survey for this Conditional Waiver term will be in June 2020.

Required Documentation to be Kept On Site*

*Electronic or digital documents okay.

Documentation provided by this handout:

- VCAILG contact information: vcailg@farmbureauvc.com or (805) 289-0155
- Link to VCAILG Water Quality Management Plan
www.farmbureauvc.com/issues/water-issues/water-quality/management

Documentation to be compiled:

- Proof of VCAILG membership (ID# listed at the top of this page, maintain enrollment confirmation email and/or invoices)
- Pesticide information required by other regulatory programs
- Copy of all completed BMPs Surveys (hard copy or email that was sent upon completion)

Required Education

All members must attend a minimum of two hours of educational training every year from December 1 through November 30. For each VCAILG ID, any landowner, operator or staff member may attend training to satisfy this requirement. All training sessions must be approved by the Regional Board. Documented attendance will be reported to the Regional Board by VCAILG on your behalf.

Required Best Management Practices for the Ellsworth Barranca Responsibility Area

Implement any Required BMPs, then select additional BMPs to address the water quality issues in your RA, and expand your usage of existing BMPs, if feasible.

Water Quality Issues								Santa Clara River Estuary Toxaphene TMDL-Specific Management Practice	BMPs	Implemented?
Bacteria		Salts		Legacy Pesticides		Current Use Pesticides				
Dry Weather	Wet Weather	Dry Weather	Wet Weather	Dry Weather	Wet Weather	Dry Weather	Wet Weather			
<i>Required for all agricultural operations in RA, if applicable</i>										
				x	x	x	x		Reduce bare soil in production area with cover crops , gravel, mulch , etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>
x	x			x	x	x	x		Protect ditches from erosion using vegetation , rock placement or geotextiles, or wattles placed at intervals	<input type="checkbox"/>
x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		Use grassed waterways	<input type="checkbox"/>
x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		Use vegetated filter strips	<input type="checkbox"/>
				x	x	x	x		Minimize erosion on sloped areas with contour farming , contoured buffer strips , or terracing (sloped acres with erosion control/total sloped acres)	<input type="checkbox"/>
					x		x		Minimize bare soil in non-cropped areas by using vegetation , mulch , or gravel	<input type="checkbox"/>
x		x		x		x		x	Avoid/prevent irrigation runoff	<input type="checkbox"/>
x		x		x		x		x	Use efficient irrigation system : such as drip or micro-sprinkler	<input type="checkbox"/>
		x		x		x		x	Test irrigation system for distribution uniformity by monitoring water delivery or pressure differences by block at least every 3 years	<input type="checkbox"/>
		x				x		x	Implement irrigation practices are based on soil moisture measurements and/or crop evapotranspiration	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Additional BMP Selection Options</i>										
<i>Source Control BMPs</i>										
		x							Use soil solution electrical conductivity measurements to determine when salt leaching is necessary	<input type="checkbox"/>

						x	x		Use a pest control advisor (PCA) or certified qualified applicator for pesticide management decisions	<input type="checkbox"/>
						x	x		Implement an integrated pest management plan	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Optional Treatment BMPs</i>										
x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		Runoff is treated with sediment traps , detention/retention basins, bioreactor, or constructed wetlands	<input type="checkbox"/>