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## **Your property is within the Ventura River Inland Responsibility Area**

**Monitoring Beacon Site:** VRT\_THACH (Thacher Creek at Ojai Avenue)

### **Ventura River Inland 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*)
- Legacy Pesticides (organochlorine pesticides, e.g., DDT)

### **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 and comply with total maximum daily load (TMDL) requirements. Three surveys were conducted during this Conditional Waiver term. New requirements will be specified in the next waiver iteration.

### **Required Documentation to be Kept On Site\***

\*Electronic or digital documents okay.

*Documentation provided by this handout:*

- VCAILG contact information: [vcailg@farmbureauvc.com](mailto:vcailg@farmbureauvc.com) or (805) 289-0155
- Link to VCAILG Water Quality Management Plan  
[www.farmbureauvc.com/issues/water-issues/water-quality/management](http://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)
- Copy of Certified Nutrient Management Plan – starting in January 2019 and updated annually  
Resources to complete your plan can be found at the bottom of this webpage:  
[www.farmbureauvc.com/issues/water-issues/water-quality/management](http://www.farmbureauvc.com/issues/water-issues/water-quality/management)

### **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 Ventura River Inland 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		Ventura River Algae TMDL-Specific Management Practice	BMPs	Implemented?
Bacteria	Legacy Pesticides			
Wet Weather	Wet Weather			
<i>Required for all agricultural operations in RA</i>				
		x	Prepare a certified <a href="#">nutrient management</a> plan (due January 2019 and updated annually)	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Additional BMP Selection Options</i>				
<i>Source Control BMPs</i>				
	x		Reduce bare soil in production area with <a href="#">cover crops</a> , gravel, <a href="#">mulch</a> , etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	x		Minimize erosion on <a href="#">sloped areas</a> with <a href="#">contour farming</a> , <a href="#">contoured buffer strips</a> , or <a href="#">terracing</a> (sloped acres with erosion control/total sloped acres)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	x		Minimize bare soil in <a href="#">non-cropped areas</a> by using <a href="#">vegetation</a> , <a href="#">mulch</a> , or gravel	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Structural Non-Treatment BMPs</i>				
x	x		Protect ditches from erosion using <a href="#">vegetation</a> , rock placement or geotextiles, or wattles placed at intervals	<input type="checkbox"/>
x	x		Use <a href="#">grassed waterways</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>
x	x		Use <a href="#">vegetated filter strips</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Optional Treatment BMPs</i>				
x	x		Runoff is treated with <a href="#">sediment traps</a> , detention/retention basins, bioreactor, or <a href="#">constructed wetlands</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>