



Member Notifications

STWEC by the Numbers

May 2016

997

2,716

84,457

STWEC members*

Parcels enrolled

Acres enrolled

*** Note, the membership status of approximately 90 commercial irrigators are in jeopardy. See Compliance below or contact STWEC to review your membership status.**

Are you in Compliance with the Order?

All STWEC members must comply with the Waste Discharge Requirements (Order) adopted by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board's (RB) Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP). The Order requires that all commercial irrigators in the Central Valley maintain active membership in a sub-coalition, such as STWEC. Active membership requirements include:

- ☐ Current year fully paid STWEC annual membership fee
- ☐ Completion and submittal of an annual Farm Evaluation (2015) to STWEC

The requirements above must be fulfilled no later than Thursday, June 30, 2016 for continued membership in STWEC and ILRP compliance. Revocation of membership may result in hefty fines from the RB for being out of compliance with the Order. In the event the grower would like to reinstate STWEC membership thereafter, membership back dues must be paid and the associated active member forms must be completed.

Introducing your 2016 Board of Directors

STWEC welcomes Larry Solberg, a STWEC member of Shasta County, as a new Director. Directors were elected during the Annual/Bi-monthly board meeting held Wednesday, May 11th to include the following:

Paul Bertagna	Shasta Co.	President
Hal Crain	Tehama Co.	Vice President
Ron Keown	Shasta Co.	Treasurer
Jim Edwards	Tehama Co.	Secretary
Larry Solberg	Shasta Co.	Board Member

Nitrogen Management Plan (NMP) Update

As of May 2016, NMP Certification is not required of members irrigating pasture within a groundwater High Vulnerability Area (HVA) that do not apply nitrogen, ie, grower applied nitrogen fertilizer.

STWEC recently received important information from the Central Valley Water Quality Control board regarding the NMP requirements. The Order states that members located within a groundwater HVA must prepare and implement a Certified Nitrogen Management Plan annually. Until this point, members irrigating pasture that do not apply nitrogen were to meet the Certification requirement even though no nitrogen was applied to pasture land by the grower. Fortunately, and rightly so, this is no longer the case. Therefore, only irrigators in groundwater HVA's that actually apply nitrogen are required to complete the Certification requirement.

NMP Self-Certification Training Workshops

STWEC has partnered with various Sacramento Valley subwatershed coalitions in offering a series of Nitrogen Management Plan (NMP) Self-Certification Training Workshops for members categorized within a High Vulnerability Area (HVA) for groundwater. There are 70 STWEC members in need of NMP compliance and are encouraged to participate in a workshop to meet the groundwater quality requirement, if interested in the self-certification compliance option. The workshops are held at no cost to STWEC members and notices are sent to select STWEC members in need of NMP certification in advance of the sessions.

Date	Location	STWEC attendance
February 24th	Williams	6
May 25th	Chico	21
Summer 2016	Red Bluff	TBD

Despite the fact that this requirement must be met by March 2017, workshops will not necessarily be offered on a regular basis. It is advised to complete this requirement as soon as possible. Certification can be accomplished a number of ways, please visit the Member Requirements page at www.STWEC.org

Memo from the President

I would personally like to thank Bob Harris for all of his work and leadership over the past 10 years as President. As the new Board President, I hope to provide the same leadership that Bob provided. Welcome to our new board member, Larry Solberg of Shasta County!

The board will continue to ensure that the members are in compliance with the Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR's) at the lowest cost possible. Since ground water quality has been added to the WDR's, the program continues to become more burdensome on the irrigators. The State Water Quality Control Board currently has introduced a number of additional requirements for consideration. Many of these requirements seem to be an overstep of the original Environmental Impact Report and will at least double the current costs. STWEC, as well as the Sacramento Valley Water Quality Coalition, are working hard to have many of the proposals eliminated or at least reduced in their requirements.

All members are always encouraged to join the bi-monthly board meetings and we appreciate any comments you may have. In addition, you are welcome to comment to the State Water Quality Control Board or the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board.



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¡ Atención Inmediata !

Usted debe cumplir con el Programa Reglamentario para las Tierras de Regadío. Esto es un requisito para todo regador comercial en el Valle del Sacramento hasta el 30 de Junio 2016. Hay asistencia disponible en español, agá una cita hoy al (530) 527-3013 x 123.

Regular Bi-Monthly Board Meeting:

Wednesday, July 13, 2016 8 a.m. | USDA Conference Room | 2 Sutter Street | Red Bluff, CA 96080