

Colusa Glenn Subwatershed Program

News and Information: Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program

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Change is the New Constant: ILRP Update on New Reporting

What would the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP) be without changing requirements every few years? Just when you thought you had all the regulatory compliance reporting down; you get hit with a new list of things to do. Well, rest assured, we are working hard to make this 'as simple and easy as possible' in the words of Larry Domenighini, Glenn County Farmer and CGSP President. The current ILRP we once knew is gone and this 2020 Crop Year Reporting will be the beginning of multiple changes the next few years.

Why the change, again? Resulting from litigation by the Environmental Justice groups, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) was forced to get involved and look at all ILRP or Waste Discharge Requirement "Orders". On February 7, 2018, the State Water Board adopted revisions to the Eastern San Joaquin River Watershed (ESJ) Order. Many of the findings and directions were precedential for ILRPs statewide. Therefore, Regional Boards were directed to revise their ILRPs to be consistent with the precedential directions of ESJ.

Below is a glimpse of changes our Members will see. More detailed information will be sent to Members in December 2020, along with login information for the Online Reporting via the Data Management Tool (DMT).

- >> NEW Irrigation and Nitrogen Management Plan (INMP) required at Field Level by ALL Members
- >> NEW INMP must be Certified for High Vulnerability Area (HVA) parcels
- >> NEW INMP must be Certified for Low Vulnerability Area parcels identified as Outliers (we will inform Members)
- >> NEW INMP Reporting Requirements: Evapotranspiration (ET, inches) and Anticipated Crop Irrigation (inches)
- >> NEW in 2021 INMP Reporting Requirements: Irrigation Water N Concentration (ppm or mg/L, as NO₃-N) = Members will need to sample irrigation water in Spring/Summer 2021
- >> NEW in 2022 Drinking water supply wells on Enrolled Parcels will be required to test water for Nitrates; Member may rely on sampling data from any time in the past five years. Although, results must be submitted in GeoTracker.

Again, CGSP is working hard to make these changes as simple and easy as possible. Stay tuned for additional details in the coming couple months. Note, due to the pandemic Covid-19, CGSP continues to discuss how to best offer Member services during this reporting season. -

IMPORTANT!
Start 2020 Crop Year Reporting Early... it may take you longer!

Per to the main article "Change is the New Constant: ILRP Update on New Reporting", Members who perform reporting will see an upgraded Online Data Management Tool to ensure we help you meet these NEW reporting changes of the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP).

Due to the reporting change requirements, we were not able to keep all question responses from previous years. We recognize this is burdensome and inconvenient; however, we did the best we could to make it as simple and easy as possible.

To assist Members this reporting season, while being aware of Covid-19, look for more details in Member Reporting Packets this December. For example, we will always be available by phone and are working on a safe, by appointment only - in person option.

We ask our Members to be patient with us this year... and, do know we will be available to help our Members in they best way we can, safely. -

ILRP Enforcement:

UNENROLLED PARCELS - Regional Board continues to issue administrative civil liability orders and fines to irrigated agricultural landowners that are not enrolled in a Coalition and/or do not have an individual permit and work directly with the Regional Board to meet the regulations. Ensure all irrigated Ag parcels are enrolled (does not include rice or dairy)!

FAILURE TO SUBMIT REQUIRED REPORTS TO COALITIONS - Regional Board is issuing fines for failure to submit Farm Evaluations and Nitrogen Reporting requirements as mandated. However, we will remove you from our participant list completely before this happens!

2021 COMPLIANCE INSPECTIONS - Regional Board will continue to conduct on-farm site inspections to verify the ILRP/Order is being implemented at the field level and to ensure Members are meeting all of their requirements (e.g. reporting, accuracy of practice implementation, etc.). -

Be cautious during Application Season!

Surface water quality monitoring in Colusa County and Glenn County is currently being performed for the Colusa Glenn Subwatershed Program, as part of the Sacramento Valley Water Quality Coalition (SVWQC), to meet requirements of the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP).

Beginning in January 2018, the Regional Board mandated the SVWQC and all dischargers (E.g. stormwater agencies, California Rice Commission) to include monitoring for **Pyrethroids** in the Annual Monitoring Plan. Examples of Pyrethroids, include: Cypermethrin (Mustang), Lambda-Cyhalothrin (Warrior, Lambda-Cy), Bifenthrin (Brigade, Bifenture, Capture, Fanfare).

Pyrethroids have been detected in the Surface Water Quality Monitoring. As a result, the Colusa Glenn Subwatershed Program and the SVWQC may need to develop a Management Plan should these exceedances continue.

Please be cautious during Application Season to avoid additional regulatory requirements! -

Financial Reports and Audit Available
Please contact Kelly Kampschmidt - Payroll & Accounting Services at (530) 934-3234 after March 1, 2021 for a complete set of reports and/or audit report. All years are available.
Thank you! -

Management Plan

Sacramento Valley Water Quality Coalition Regional Management Plans include...

- E.coli
- pH
- Dissolved Oxygen

Keep up the good work and be sure to Follow The Labels at all times, especially monitoring weather conditions.

We continue to work with the Regional Board in developing solutions to complete these ILRP or Order requirements. -

IMPORTANT DATES & DUE DATES!

December 1
Annual Membership Statements Mailed

Mid-December
Annual Reporting Packets Mailed

DUE! December 31
Election Ballot

DUE! January 31
Membership Fees (*must be postmarked*)

DUE! February 1
Reports via Online Data Management Tool

January - February 2021
Sediment Erosion & Control Plan Self-Certification Training Available Online

Annual Meeting will be posted in Online Data Management Tool

2021 Election: Glenn County Director Seats

It is time to hold the election for the two Glenn Director Seats. You are encouraged to send in your vote! Please look for the **YELLOW** postcard ballot in your 2021 Annual Membership Statement, which will be mailed the first week of December. Ballots are...

DUE December 31, 2020!

Monitoring Summary

October 2018 to August 2020

GLENN COUNTY		exceedance = #
Walker Creek		E. COLI = 9
Near 99W and CR33 represents the drainages in the northern part of the subwatershed in Glenn County. This drainage includes the dominant crops and is said to have year-round flows. There has already been extensive monitoring in this drainage that will help to provide a robust baseline data set. This site is located upstream from the previous monitored site at County Road 48 to avoid issues associated with low flow velocities and stagnant conditions.		DO = 1
		Pyrethroids (5/22/2019 and 7/17/2019)
		Toxicity: Hyalella Survival
COLUSA COUNTY		exceedance = #
Freshwater Creek		E. COLI = 4
Near Gibson Road represents the drainages in the middle part of the subwatershed. This drainage includes the dominant crops and is said to have year-round flows.		EC = 3
		Pyrethroids (5/21/2019 and 7/16/2019)
Colusa Drain		DO = 1
Above Knights Landing (in the Lower Colusa Basin drainage) represents all of the dominant crops grown in the subwatershed, has a high percentage of irrigated acreage, and is one of the few waterbodies in the region with year-round flows allowing sampling during the irrigation season. Monitoring at this site has been coordinated with the California Rice Commission. This site represents the southern drainages in the lower Colusa County region of the subwatershed.		E. COLI = 1
		Pyrethroids (1/8/2019 and 5/23/2019)
		Toxicity: Hyalella Survival
Rough & Ready Pumping Plant		DO = 1
KEY:		
Exceedance Type = # exceedances		
DO = Dissolved Oxygen		
EC = Conductivity (Salinity)		
*ASSESSMENT/CORE monitoring year; 2018/2019		

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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to you and your family!

Due to the pandemic Covid-19, CGSP will not have an in-person meeting option and we continue to discuss how to best offer customer service to Members.
**For more information, please look for your Reporting Packet in December!

**Annual Member Meeting
will be available via a website link in the Online Data Management Tool**