

**NAPA COUNTY
PUTAH CREEK WATERSHED GROUP
PILOT WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PRACTICES ANNUAL REPORT**

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Background

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The Pilot Plan establishes a set of management objectives and management practices to address agricultural discharge-related impacts to water quality, defines an approach to insure that owners and managers of irrigated lands continue to implement best management practices (BMPs) needed to protect water quality, and outlines mechanisms to track the watershed-wide level of BMP implementation. With initial implementation beginning in April 2010, the first Annual Report covering the period April 2010 to June 2011, was approved on 14 November 2011 (Attachment C) and the Second Annual Report covering the period April 2011 to June 2012 was approved on 7 September 2012 (Attachment D). This Third Annual Report documents progress in implementing the Pilot Plan during the period July 2012 through June 2013.

Putah Creek Watershed Setting

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The cities of Fairfield, Vacaville, and Benicia post annual water quality health-related standards for drinking water supplied from Lake Berryessa. A copy of the City of Benicia report from 2010 has been consulted, and no detected pesticides or other specific agricultural chemical materials or constituent materials were noted.

In essence, no study or assessment to date appears to have found agricultural operations to be of any importance in terms of Lake Berryessa water quality issues.

Napa County Putah Creek Watershed Group Pilot Plan

Consistent with Monitoring and Report Program Order No. R5-2009-0875, Attachment D, the NCPCWG Pilot Plan establishes a set of management objectives and management practices to address agricultural discharge-related impacts to water quality, defines an approach to insure that owners and managers of irrigated lands continue to implement best management practices (BMPs) needed to protect water quality, and outlines mechanisms to track the watershed-wide level of BMP implementation.

Management objectives identified in the Pilot Plan are based on resource concerns and quality criterion outlined in the USDA NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG). This NRCS conservation planning guidance document indicates that excess soil erosion, excess irrigation system runoff, and suspended sediments, nutrients, and pesticides should be prevented from entering waterways adjacent to irrigated farm lands. Specific water quality criterion for resource concerns related to sheet and rill erosion, farm road erosion, excess irrigation runoff, suspended sediments, and crop-applied nutrients and pesticides in surface waters are established as part of the Pilot Plan.

Based upon resource concerns and established quality criterion, in 2007, the NCPCWG adopted the 13 water quality best management practices (BMPs), summarized below. The BMPs were adapted from the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide with input from the Napa County Field Office of NRCS. As described in the Pilot Plan, the BMPs have become common operating procedures and

have been implemented regularly in Napa County within the last twenty years, partially as a result of the Napa County Conservation Regulations ordinance, which was established to protect water quality and reduce soil erosion problems.

*Potential Water Quality Impairment Sources, Management Practices,
and Appropriate Documentation Sources*

Potential Water Quality Impairment Source	Management Practices	Source of Documentation
Sheet and rill erosion (Includes potential for soil-borne nutrients and pesticides)	Cover crops Diversions Underground outlets Grassed waterways Mulching	N.C. Conservation Regulations NRCS/ RCD conservation assistance http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/treemenuFS.aspx
Farm road erosion	Access road Critical area treatment Mulching	N.C. Conservation Regulations NRCS/ RCD conservation assistance http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/treemenuFS.aspx
Excess irrigation runoff	Irrigation water management Micro-irrigation system	Engineered drip irrigation syst. NRCS conservation assistance http://cesanjoaquin.ucdavis.edu/files/13563.pdf http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/treemenuFS.aspx
Suspended sediments (Sourced from farmed lands and farm roads)	Sediment basin Herbaceous buffers Streambank stabilization Riparian forest buffer	N.C. Conservation Regulations NRCS/ RCD conservation assistance http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/treemenuFS.aspx http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/treemenuFS.aspx
Excessive nutrients in surface waters (Crop-applied)	Nutrient management	Regular soil/ petiole analysis http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/treemenuFS.aspx
Pesticides in surface waters (Crop-applied)	Pesticide management	UC IPM Program- Grapes http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/PMG/C302/m302yi01.html http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/treemenuFS.aspx

Using the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide, the table above notes resources concerns (shown as “Potential Water Quality Impairment Source”) with a listing of management practice and sources of documentation for those practices. The table was originally used to identify the full suite of BMP’s adopted by the NCPCWG. Depending on terrain factors, soil type, and management inputs, not all BMP’s apply to all farms. Further evaluation is needed for any given farm field.

Utilization of BMPs by member growers was ascertained through a grower questionnaire which was analyzed and reported to the Sacramento Valley Water Coalition. Members of the NCPCWG Steering Committee review questionnaires to track active participants and help determine field certification needs. All irrigated agricultural growers participating in the Pilot Plan are subject to inspection of their lands and the NCPCWG conducts “annual inspections” whereby 5% of the total member acres are “inspected” each year. Farms selected for inspection are asked to produce records that provide evidence of NCPCWG Best Management Practices. These records may include Pest Control Advisor monitoring reports, records of pesticide use, soil or crop petiole analysis reports, records of plant nutrient application, and county agricultural commissioner pesticide application permits. Site visits are conducted by a subcommittee of the NCPCWG and steering committee members. Steering committee members affiliated with agencies including the Natural

Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Resource Conservation District (RCD), the Agricultural Commissioner's Office, and/or the UC Cooperative Extension serve in an advisory capacity to the subcommittee and engage in the inspections where the landowner/member requests their presence and services. The subcommittee endeavors to visit properties during the late fall or winter season to allow for a better visual gauge of BMP implementation.

Promotion of BMPs is conducted through annual workshop meetings, direct email, NRCS outreach and conservation programs, and programs and workshops offered by the Napa County Farm Bureau, Napa County Resource Conservation District and other organizations. In addition, the NCPCWG steering committee, comprised of representatives from Napa County Farm Bureau, NRCS, Napa County RCD, Napa County Agricultural Commissioner's Office, irrigating growers, and also Napa County Supervisor Diane Dillon, work together on promotion of management objectives. The Napa County Farm Bureau (FB) provides a critical coordination role with growers and partnering agencies. FB also supports tracking and management of grower participation and communications with the Sacramento Valley Water Coalition and State Water Board staff. Napa County RCD formerly performed water quality monitoring tasks and currently, to support implementation of the Pilot Plan, works with NRCS to provide assistance with questionnaire development, analysis, site inspections and reporting. NRCS maintains a strong technical role in developing BMPs and educating growers on proper use of BMPs and is available throughout the year to provide technical assistance to growers regarding BMP implementation.

Annual workshop meetings are held for growers, providing an educational forum for management practice training and for informing growers of the requirements and responsibilities associated with participation in the group watershed process. Members of the steering committee also work with Napa County's Watershed Information Center and Conservancy (WICC) to post watershed group reports and information on management practices. Promotional work and outreach to growers is very effective in keeping participation levels high (typically more than 90% by grower number).

Pilot Plan Implementation: Results from Year 3

Results from the May 2011 grower questionnaire, summarized below with additional detail in the 2012 Annual Report, demonstrate broad implementation of water quality protection BMPs and fulfill plan requirements for member participation.

Results of the 2011 survey indicate the following:

- 100% of respondents maintain access roads and farm land to control stormwater runoff and reduce erosion (55/55).
- 98% of respondents maintain cover crop during October through March (at a minimum) to provide soil cover and reduce erosion (54/55).
- 98% of applicable respondents utilize critical area planting in swales or along stream banks (44/45).
- 98% of respondents practice irrigation water management (54/55).
- 100% and 98% of applicable respondents utilize pesticide and nutrient management practices to protect water quality, respectively (50/50 and 50/51, respectively).
- 100% of applicable respondents practice streambank protection and maintain vegetation in the riparian corridor (37/37).

- 89% of respondents are engaged in the PCWG through membership meetings and/or accessing PCWG adopted BMPs (49/55).

In September 2012, the NCPCWG received notification from the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region that the results of the 2011 questionnaire fulfilled the requirements of the Pilot Plan, per the Coalition's MRP Order, and approved ongoing implementation of the reduced monitoring requirements until requirements are superseded by alternative requirements or Central Valley Water Board adoption of a new Monitoring and Reporting Program Order (Attachment D).

Consistent with the Pilot Plan, in January 2013, a subcommittee of the NCPCWG, accompanied by NRCS and RCD field staff, conducted "field inspections" to verify survey results and determine the adequacy of BMP implementation. The "Annual Inspections" section of the NCPCWG Pilot Watershed Program defines the criteria and procedures for selecting sites for field confirmation of grower survey data. This section states that the NCPCWG steering committee will select member properties that represent 5 percent of the group's total acreage (175 acres total, per 2009 membership data) and which are owned by at least three group members.

To show a cross-section of group member properties, the group steering committee chose to select one smaller-sized member property (4-acres), one medium-sized member property (59-acres), and one larger-sized member property (476-acres). These three properties total 539 acres, meeting the selection criteria.

Verification - Year 3 Site Inspections

The site inspection visits were conducted on 3 January 2013. The inspection team comprised two NCPCWG members, Joey Giordano and Domenick Bianco, along with Dave Steiner of the Napa County Resource Conservation District and Chip Bouril of the Natural Resources Conservation Service for technical support. USGS topographic mapping and aerial ortho-photo mapping for each property were provided to the inspection team members. The inspection team also utilized a 2012 On-Site Certification Form (Attachment E) to record the following:

1. Member name, property location, and irrigated/farmed acreage.
2. Documentation for a Napa County Erosion Control Plan, a County winterization inspection, green certification programs, PCA monitoring reports, pesticide application permits, soil or plant tissue analysis reports, and plant nutrient application records.
3. A checklist for whether each of the program's best management practices were being applied.

Results of the annual inspection confirm that the inspected properties are utilizing an average of 83 percent of the listed best management practices. No significant water quality pollution sources were observed during the inspections. Inspections confirmed that each operation appears to be using the individual management practices which are relevant to its needs.

In addition to BMP implementation and verification, the NCPCWG remains active through on-going steering committee meetings and annual membership meetings and workshops. Each member

has a copy of the Pilot Plan best management practices and is encouraged to seek one-on-one technical assistance from the NRCS on an as-needed basis. During the course of this reporting period the NCPCWG Steering Committee held two meetings (26 November 2012 and 3 June 2013) and a general membership meeting was held on 17 January 2013. More frequently than meetings, communication among the steering committee and members is conducted via email.

Water Quality Monitoring

On 23 January 2013 it was determined by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board that the pH Management Plan on Pope Creek in Napa County was complete and that further actions identified in the Plan were not required (Attachment F). The basis of the determination was evidence that pH near 8.5 represents typical conditions of the Pope Creek drainage and is not caused by agricultural drainage. Monitoring results of the Pope Creek pH Management Plan and results from supplemental special sampling studies are described in the 2012 Annual Report.

Next Steps for the Napa County Putah Creek Watershed Group

Per the Coalition's MRP Order, NCPCWG intends to continue implementation of the NCPCWG Pilot Program until requirements are superseded by alternative requirements or until the Central Valley Water Board adopts a new Monitoring and Reporting Program Order.

Evidence that management practice implementation has been obtained by 95% of NCPCWG member growers was achieved and approved in August 2011, therefore the NCPCWG shall focus on member education and site inspections. Member education will support implementation of best management practices to protect water quality such that the current high quality condition of local waters is maintained and protected. In addition, the steering committee will work with members and with the Coalition to provide input to the long-term irrigated lands program and implement requirements of the MRP Order.

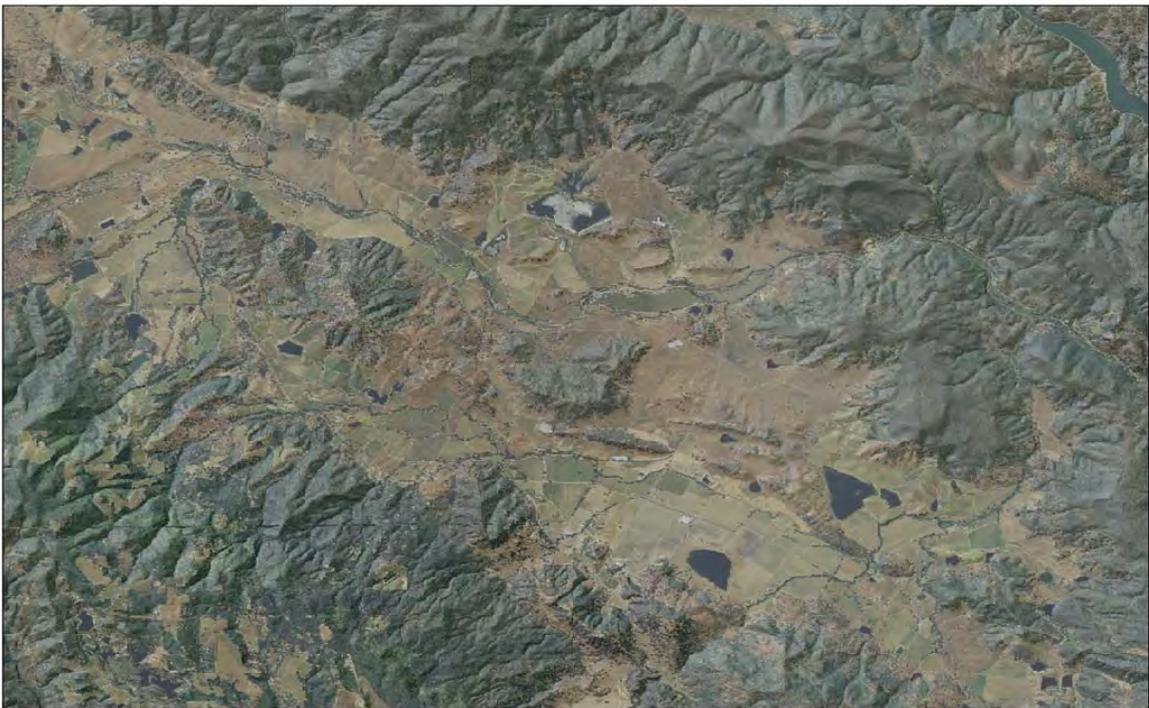
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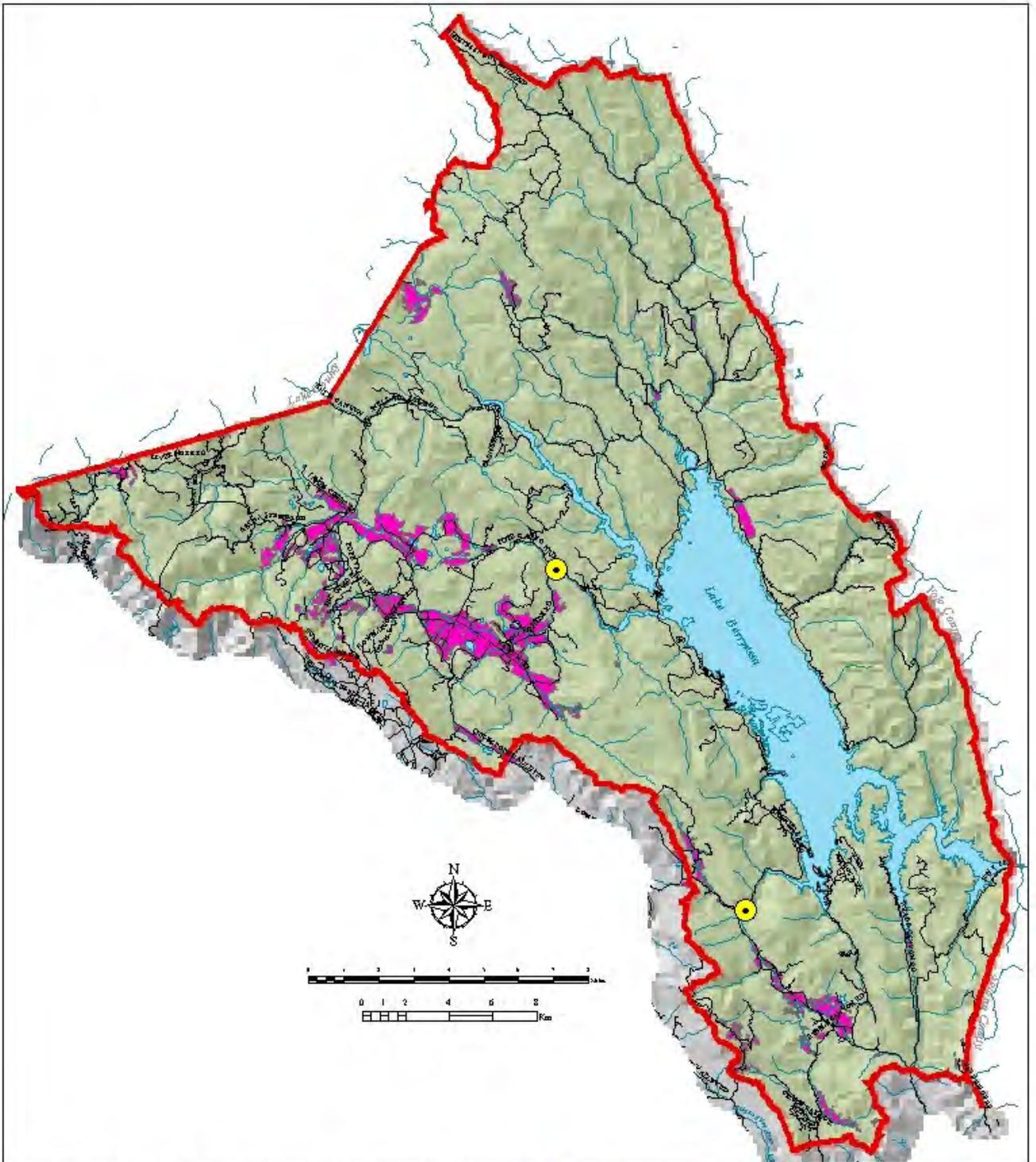
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Pilot Watershed Program Proposal
February, 2010**



Pope Valley Area, Napa County Putah Creek Watershed

Napa County Putah Creek Watershed Group Steering Committee



PUTAH CREEK WATERSHED, NAPA COUNTY

Total Putah Creek Watershed Area = 230,872 acres
 Total Agriculture Area = 7,926 acres
 Total Parcels intersecting Ag. Land = 422

Source Data:
 Agricultural lands - ICE Napa V6rv0.81
 Watershed Boundaries - Caltrans/2
 Hydrography - Napa County DLG
 Shaded Relief - 30 meter DEM
 Roads - County GIS

-  Proposed Monitoring Sites
-  Agricultural Land
-  Lakes
-  Streams
-  Major Roads
-  Minor Roads



Map by Jonathan Zuehl
 June, 2004
 Napa County RCD
 Putah_AgWatershed_2004.mxd
 ArcGIS 9.0



**Napa County Putah Creek Watershed Irrigated Lands Group
Pilot Watershed Management Practices Plan (Pilot Plan)
December 2009**

Background

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Napa County agricultural producers operate in a context of intense and strict land regulations, where many voluntary programs have proven hugely successful in terms of sediment reduction and water quality protection. The NCPCWG formally adopted a series of BMPs in 2007 which are based on USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Field Office Technical Guide Conservation Practice Standards, and were developed with the local Napa Resource Conservation District (RCD). Favorable water quality monitoring results over the past five (5) years are presumed to be a result of successful BMPs implementation, coupled with the rather limited extent of irrigated lands in relation to total watershed size, as is described below.

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Rationale for Pilot Watershed Program Consideration

Due to the foregoing, the NCPCWG believes that irrigated agricultural lands in the Napa County Putah Creek watershed area should be considered a low potential water quality impairment source.

Our findings and recommendations are based on the following:

- Irrigated agricultural lands are sparsely spread over a rather large area, comprising only 1.5% of the watershed lands.
- Drip irrigated lands do not generate runoff during the growing season, when nearly all fertilizers, soil amendments, and pesticides are applied. On average, only 2 to 8 inches of supplemental irrigation water are applied to the land on an annual basis.
- As reported by the Napa County Agricultural Commissioner's Office, a very limited palette of pesticide materials is applied in very low quantities on an annual basis in the watershed. Elemental sulphur is by far and away the most heavily applied material. Growers conduct intensive monitoring of pest and nutrient needs before applying materials to the land and crop.

- Regular studies conducted by the California Department of Health Service on waters of Lake Berryessa have not shown evidence of pesticide or nutrient materials of concern that would be generated from Napa County agricultural lands. All agricultural lands in the Napa County Putah Creek watershed drain to Lake Berryessa, and runoff to the lake is exclusively from winter/ early-spring season storm runoff. Copies of recent Napa County water samples taken at the lake are attached to this report.
- Napa County rigidly enforces one of the most intensive erosion control and water quality protection ordinances in the country, (see attachment 1). Enacted in 1991, the Napa County Conservation Regulations place strenuous requirements on all new vineyard lands and replanted lands on slopes 5% and steeper. These regulations routinely require that growers provide scientifically defensible environmental information to the Napa County Conservation Development and Planning Department to certify that runoff from the land does not carry significant amounts of sediment to streams and downstream lands. Commonly required erosion control practices include cover crops, buffer areas along streams, runoff management devices, and sediment control measures. Since enactment of the regulations, the RCD and NRCS estimate that erosion rates have fallen more than 80%, as compared to pre-ordinance studies conducted in 1985 and 1990, (published materials attached).
- Napa County grape growers regularly attend intensive training sessions on water quality protection requirements and technology transfer training on the latest Integrated Pest Management practices and environmental restoration technology. Groups such as the Napa Sustainable Winegrowing Group and efforts such as the newly-enacted Green Certification Program draw large numbers of interested growers for seminars and training sessions that focus on sustainable farming technology, including water quality protection and pollution control.
- Water quality monitoring conducted by the Napa County RCD for the NCPCWG since 2005 have consistently demonstrated that irrigated agricultural lands are not a source of water quality impairment to those constituents for whom the Water Board has ordered testing. The NCPCWG is therefore convinced that BMPs have been consistently working well for the intended purpose.

The Proposed Pilot Plan

The July 15, 2009 draft Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP) Order No. R5-2009-0875 (CVRWQCB, December 2009 for the Sacramento Valley Water Quality Coalition set forth general guidance for a “Pilot Watershed Management Practices Plan”. This program alternative would provide, among other things, an alternative approach to standard water quality monitoring requirements. The MRP Order states:

A Pilot Watershed Management Practices Plan must contain all of the following elements:

- *A set of management objectives (by crop type or type of agricultural operation),*
- *A set of management practices that will be effective in addressing agricultural discharge-related impacts to water quality and achieving the objectives,*
- *The approach that will be used by the Coalition to promote implementation of the management objectives and practices, and*
- *The mechanism(s) that will be used to track the watershed-wide level of management practice implementation and identification of performance goals for implementation.*

The NCPCWG will implement the required elements as follows:

I. Management Objectives

Management of irrigated wine grape vineyards and irrigated olive orchards will be based on resource concerns and quality criterion outlined in the USDA NRCS Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG), 2009, http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/efotg_locator.aspx?map=CA. This NRCS conservation planning guidance document indicates that excess soil erosion, excess irrigation system runoff, and suspended sediments, nutrients, and pesticides should be prevented from entering waterways adjacent to irrigated farm lands. The following table summarizes management objectives, organized according to NRCS Quality Criterion:

**NRCS Napa County Field Office Technical Guide
Resource Concerns and Quality Criterion**

1. Soil

Resource Concern	NRCS Quality criterion
Sheet and rill erosion (Includes potential for soil-borne nutrients and pesticides)	Erosion does not exceed “2T+1” *, based on USDA Universal Soil Loss Equation, (USLE)
Farm road erosion	Adequate storm runoff control in place to prevent visible rills or washes.

2. Water Quality

Resource Concern	NRCS Quality criterion
Excess irrigation runoff	Irrigation water is uniformly applied according to crop needs, avoiding runoff.
Suspended sediments (Sourced from farmed lands and farm roads)	Conservation practices are in place to control excessive amounts of sediment transport from farmed fields.
Excessive nutrients in surface waters (Crop-applied)	Crop nutrients are applied in a manner that prevents drift or runoff of materials. Any applied manures or other potential sources of the E-coli bacterium are composted prior to application, or are applied to the soil only during non-storm runoff periods of the growing season.
Pesticides in surface waters (Crop-applied)	Pesticides are applied in a manner that prevents drift or runoff of materials.

*"T" refers to the USDA rating for soil loss tolerance, based on the soil map unit in question

II. Management Practices to Address Potential Agricultural Discharge Impacts

Using FOTG resource concerns and quality criterion, the NCPCWG adapted a series of 13 best management practices (BMPs) in 2007, based on the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide, (see attachment). These management practices have become common technology in Napa County within the last twenty years, partially as a result of the Napa County Conservation Regulations ordinance.

The ordinance was originally adopted by the county board of supervisors in 1990 (interim ordinance) and 1991 (permanent ordinance) to address soil erosion problems and water quality protection. The Soil Conservation Service (SCS, now known as the NRCS) provided consultation to the County on both the need for the ordinance, as well as on technical aspects of erosion control and water quality protection. As background to the ordinance, in 1985 and 1990, the SCS and the Napa County RCD published a collaborative study that showed soil erosion on Napa County farmlands exceeded the USDA erosion tolerance, or “T” factor for erosion on lands steeper than 5%, where erosion control BMPs were not being followed. It was also determined at that time that sediment runoff from these lands was more likely to mobilize and enter downstream waters on the same lands.

Because pesticides and crop nutrients are applied to the land during the non-rainy season, the main opportunity for these constituents to enter downstream waters comes via storm runoff and via sediment bound transport. The NRCS determined that if practices are therefore in place to control soil erosion and sediment transport, i.e., the County conservation ordinance, the corresponding critical conservation practices that must be in place to limit the potential for pesticides and nutrients to leave the farmed area are Pest Management (NRCS FOTG Practice 595) and Nutrient Management (NRCS FOTG Practice 590).

Practices 590 and 595 are included in a suite of conservation practices that are offered through the USDA’s Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). Farmer applicants are eligible for funding assistance to implement conservation practices if their farming program is not already addressing the NRCS benchmark treatment needs. The good news is that, in the 12 years that NRCS has been offering EQIP in Napa County, few farmlands have qualified for Practices 590 and 595 cost-sharing, due to the fact that most farms are already meeting the minimum conservation treatment standard. Because crop nutrients are applied in small quantities, and precisely targeted to each vine or tree during the growing season, there is little to no potential of runoff. Also, many nutrients are applied via fertigation with drip irrigation systems, which do not generate runoff unless the system is damaged. Vine and tree crops in Napa County are not typically fertilized with animal manures, and the various forms of organic source nutrients applied are not considered to be a potential source of E-coli bacteria. Where manures are applied to irrigated farmland, a grower certification questionnaire has been developed for members to provide further details on use.

As a part of the EQIP program eligibility analysis for Pest Management (Practice 595), growers supply information to determine if the UC Integrated Pest Management (IPM) guidance is being followed for their cropped land. The IPM standard incorporates grower usage of pest monitoring, scouting, and application of precisely-applied materials or organic alternative materials to address pest control. This kind of precise pest management program -- as compared

to applying a standard series of pesticide material on a calendar basis -- provides a high degree of certainty that materials are being applied according to need and proper timing.

More particular to this pilot program, in the 12 years since EQIP funding became available for growers in the Putah Creek watershed area of Napa County, the NRCS has not been able to identify program any eligible growers; program applicants to date appear to be applying pesticides, nutrients, and irrigation water to an acceptable conservation standard.

III. Promotion of Management Objectives and Practices

It is anticipated that the current NCPCWG steering committee, comprised of representatives from Napa County Farm Bureau, NRCS, Napa County RCD, Napa County Agricultural Commissioner's Office, irrigating growers, and also Napa County Supervisor Diane Dillon, will continue to work together on promotion of management objectives. To date, the Napa County Farm Bureau (FB) has played a critical coordination role with growers and partnering agencies. FB has also supported tracking and management of grower participation and communications with the Sacramento Valley Water Coalition and State Water Board staff. Napa County RCD has performed water quality monitoring tasks, and the other partners have assisted with program development and management, including NRCS's role in developing BMPs and educating growers on proper use of BMPs.

Annual workshop meetings have been held for growers, providing an educational forum for management practice training and for informing growers of the requirements and responsibilities associated with participation in the group watershed process. Members of the steering committee have also worked with Napa County's Watershed Information Center and Conservancy (WICC) to post watershed group reports and information on management practices. All of these activities would continue in the proposed pilot program.

Promotional work and outreach to growers has been very effective in keeping participation levels high (typically more than 80% by grower number) and attendance at grower meetings has also been good. The NCPCWG is confident that it can continue to achieve effective participation in a Pilot Watershed Program, using similar outreach coordination techniques. It should be noted that at their February 5, 2010 meeting, the steering committee presented recommendations for participation in an optional Pilot Watershed Management Program. Grower members in attendance voted unanimously to submit a pilot program proposal to the Region V Water Board. Also, annual water quality monitoring reports have consistently demonstrated that irrigated agricultural lands are not a significant source of water quality impairment, supporting the premise that a pilot program focused on continuing implementation of best management practices is therefore appropriate.

The NCPCWG would continue to utilize the same communication and education processes and agency partner roles, as described above. We will also look to state and/or local government for more financial resources via grants or a joint powers agreement.

IV. Mechanisms to Track Practice Implementation

Grower documentation requirements would be addressed by having grower/ landowners fill out the attached “Annual BMP Implementation” questionnaire and submit it to the Napa County Farm Bureau with the grower’s annual dues check. The questionnaire has been developed based on NCPCWG’s determination that grower/owners routinely utilize farm management measures that reduce the likelihood of water quality impairment. For instance:

- a) Nearly all farms utilize high efficiency drip irrigation systems, which rarely produce any runoff at all.
- b) Farms commonly follow general UC IPM programs, including field scouting and reduced pesticides.
- c) Virtually all pesticide materials are applied in small increments during months of the year when no storm runoff occurs.
- d) Most farms utilize soil and/or petiole analysis on a regular basis, applying low amounts of precisely-targeted crop nutrients. Nutrients applied are typically either “dripped-in” with micro-irrigation systems, or are foliar-applied during dry spring or summer months. Potential loss of nutrients to surface waters is therefore very minimal.
- e) Growers with active Erosion Control Plan Applications, (ECPA’s) will be a source of valuable information and documentation of implemented water quality protection measures.

The NRCS Napa County office offers a variety of USDA conservation funding assistance programs to farms and ranches. All applications are screened and ranked to determine if conservation targets for key issues such as water quality protection are being met on the farm. Through that process, NRCS has determined that most farmers already meet standards for pesticide and nutrient application, and also already utilize state-of-the-art irrigation practices. For example, since the inception of the EQIP in 1997, no applicant irrigated lands have needed additional treatment to meet nutrient or pest management targets aimed at protecting water quality. The same finding has been found for EQIP cost share offerings for irrigation water conservation, as vineyards and orchards were already utilizing high efficiency drip irrigation systems and system management.

Using the NRCS Field Office Technical Guide, the tables below note resource concerns (shown as “Potential Water Quality Impairment Source”) with a listing of management practice and sources of documentation for those practices. The tables were originally used to identify the full suite of BMP’s adopted by the NCPCWG. Depending on terrain factors, soil type, and management inputs, not all BMP’s apply to all farms. Further evaluation is needed for any given farm field.

**-Performance Goals-
Management Practices & Appropriate Documentation Sources**

1. Soil

Potential Water Quality Impairment Source	<u>Mngmt Practices</u> (That Address NRCS Quality Criterion Needs)	<u>Source of Documentation</u>
Sheet and rill erosion (Includes potential for soil-borne nutrients and pesticides)	Cover crops Diversion Underground outlets Grassed waterways Mulching	N.C. Conservation Regulations NRCS/ RCD conservation assistance http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/treemenuFS.aspx
Farm road erosion	Access road Critical area treatment Mulching	N.C. Conservation Regulations NRCS/ RCD conservation assistance http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/treemenuFS.aspx

2. Water Quality

Potential Water Quality Impairment Source	<u>Mngmt Practices</u> (That Address NRCS Quality Criterion Needs)	<u>Source of Documentation</u>
Excess irrigation runoff	Irrigation water management Micro-irrigation system	Engineered drip irrigation syst. NRCS conservation assistance http://cesanjoaquin.ucdavis.edu/files/13563.pdf http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/treemenuFS.aspx
Suspended sediments (Sourced from farmed lands and farm roads)	Sediment basin Herbaceous buffers Streambank stabilization Riparian forest buffer	N.C. Conservation Regulations NRCS/ RCD conservation assistance http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/treemenuFS.aspx http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/treemenuFS.aspx
Excessive nutrients in surface waters (Crop-applied)	Nutrient management	Regular soil/ petiole analysis http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/treemenuFS.aspx
Pesticides in surface waters (Crop-applied)	Pesticide management	UC IPM Program- Grapes http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/PMG/C302/m302yi01.html http://efotg.nrcs.usda.gov/treemenuFS.aspx

Through its ongoing, existing free technical assistance program, NRCS would also be available to assist growers with on-farm management practice evaluations and planning assistance on a continuous basis as a part of its ongoing conservation program. Growers needing to improve their existing conservation systems or needing to implement management practices could also apply for incentive funding grants through NRCS's farm bill programs, such as the EQIP.

The attached grower questionnaire documents compliance with the Napa County Conservation Regulations and grower participation in existing programs like that of California Certified Organic Farmers (CCOF). The Napa County Farm Bureau would annually tabulate grower questionnaire results and provide summary reports to the Sacramento Valley Water Coalition, much as is done with the current monitoring program. Members of the NCPCWG steering

committee would then review questionnaires to track active participants and help determine field certification needs.

As discussed at our July 2009 field meeting, with NCPCWG members, Region V staff, and Sacramento Valley Water Coalition staff, all irrigated agricultural growers participating in the Pilot Watershed Plan group process would be subject to inspection of their lands. The “Annual Inspections” section on pages 15 and 16 propose a process for conducting certification that BMP’s have been implemented on member grower’s lands.

Attachments

- Description of the Napa County Conservation Regulations
- RCD Water Quality Monitoring Reports 2005-2008
- NCPCWG Best Management Practices- Adopted 2007
- 1985 and 1990 RCD/NRCS Napa County Erosion Studies and follow-up-
(These 2 reports will be mailed as they are not in an electronic format)

Proposed Annual Questionnaire for Growers (follows)

**Napa County Putah Creek Watershed Group
2009 Grower's Management Practices Questionnaire***

Name: _____

Assessor Parcel Number/s: _____

Total Acres Farmed: _____

Acres Under Irrigation in the most recent crop year: _____

Crops Grown, (By acreage) : _____

<p>1 Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>I have attended the most current NCP CWG BMP workshop which was held on _____.</p>
<p>2 Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Irrigated farmlands I own or farm were planted or re-planted under requirements of the Napa County Conservation Regulations. (If "Yes", answer next row).</p>
<p>3 Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>The RCD continues to provide winterization inspection of my Putah Creek watershed farm. (Include a copy of the latest inspection memo from RCD and/or Napa County. My ECPA # is listed by Napa County planning documents as:</p>
<p>4 Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>I maintain erosion control practices, including a cover crop program, (maintaining cover throughout the vineyard from October through March), and inspect my farmland and farm roads for erosion conditions after each storm event.</p>
<p>5 Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>I am currently CCOF certified, or am in transition to organic certification on lands I farm in the watershed. (Please attach CCOF Organic Certification Plan, OSP, or CCOF Application materials as documentation).</p>
<p>6 Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>I understand and follow the UC-IPM program for my crop, or I utilize the services of a PSA who manages my farm pest management program. (UC-IPM reference = http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/PMG/C302/m302yi01.html)</p>
<p>7 Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>I apply pesticides in a manner that avoids drift and rainfall runoff.</p>
<p>8 Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>My primary irrigation system is drip (micro-irrigation), and it was designed by a competent agricultural engineer or irrigation designer.</p>
<p>9 Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>I utilize overhead sprinklers for frost protection.</p>
<p>10 Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>I utilize irrigation water management techniques, monitoring soil moisture and crop needs, and only apply water necessary to meet crop needs.</p>
<p>11 Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>I maintain my irrigation system and inspect fields during each irrigation to insure that there are no damages or leaks in the system. (QUESTIONS CONTINUE ON THE NEXT PAGE)</p>

Page 2 of 2 Grower Questionnaire, (Continued)	
12 Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	I perform annual soil or petiole analysis, and apply crop nutrients based on crop needs. I also time sprayings to avoid drift and runoff of any aerosol crop nutrient materials applied.
13 Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	I do not apply crop nutrients during the months of November through March. If "Yes", list nutrients applied:
14 Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	I apply manure on my irrigated acreage. (If you answered "Yes", list when you apply manures, and whether the manure is pre-composted prior to application: Date of application: _____ Manure is composted? Y N
15 Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	I do not apply pesticide spray materials, (includes herbicides and insecticides) during the months of November through March. If "Yes", list pesticides applied during this or the last crop year:
16 Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Riparian areas adjacent to farmed lands are left undisturbed, or have been managed for, natural ground cover and control of streambank erosion in consultation with qualified professionals such as the NRCS.
17 Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	I have a copy of the Napa County Putah Creek Watershed Best Management Practices and utilize them on my irrigated farmland.
18 Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	I would like to request consultation with the NRCS, RCD, or other professional consultants, to better understand BMPs and ensure that I am applying them appropriately to the land.

Signature

Date

**This questionnaire must be submitted annually to the Napa County Putah Creek Watershed Group Steering Committee, upon payment of yearly dues. The series of Best Management Practices, adopted in 2007 represent the basis for determining technical adequacy of farming measures evaluated in questions 1 through 15. If you have any questions or need technical clarification for your responses, you can call the Napa County office of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, (NRCS) at 707.252.4189.*

Annual Inspections:

Proposed Criterion and Procedures for Selecting Sites for Field Confirmation of Grower Data

The following criterion has been established by the steering committee, in response to comments received from the Region V staff in January, 2010. The Pilot Watershed Program concept requires that local groups establish an annual certification/ verification program that provides reasonable assurance that growers are actively applying best practices on irrigated lands to protect water quality.

Napa County is actively implementing the Napa County Conservation Regulations Program. Under these local regulations, irrigated lands in the watershed are already subject to regular inspections and spot inspections by the County of Napa and by the Napa County Resource Conservation District, (RCD). Because the regulations require adherence to management practices that control soil erosion, manage runoff to minimize water quality impairment, and also require protection of riparian areas through farming setbacks, the NCPCWG will utilize documentation from this program as a first line of verification with its grower members.

Annual Grower Questionnaire data will be further used to verify grower self-certified information that will be subject to spot checks by the NCPCWG steering committee. Farms selected for inspection will be asked to produce records that provide evidence of NCPCWG Best Management Practices. These records may include Pest Control Advisor monitoring reports, records of pesticide use, soil or crop petiole analysis reports, and records of plant nutrient application, and county agricultural commissioner pesticide application permits.

Member growers will also be required to attend, or send a designated representative to attend annual NCPCWG meetings, which will include technical discussions on Best Management Practice implementation. Attendance records will be cross-checked with the questionnaire by the steering committee.

The NCPCWG steering committee will select farmland parcels for their yearly inspection, totaling at least 5% of its member total acreage. Based on 2009 data, this will amount to at least 175 acres of land, owned by at least 3 watershed group members. Lands subject to certification will not require recertification for a period of at least 5 years, and steering committee members will be required to abstain from participating in certification of lands they own or manage. They will also be required to abstain from participating in certification of lands adjacent to land that they own or manage.

Selection of Lands Requiring Certification

Lands selected for annual BMP certification will be evaluated based largely on GIS mapping data available to the steering committee and their advisory members. Data layers will include information on irrigated lands adjacent to USGS blue line streams, irrigated land parcels

comprised of lands greater than 5% slope, and irrigated lands subject to active Napa County ECP applications, including winterization inspections or county spot checks within the calendar year. Other data used may include pesticide application permits issued by the Napa County

Agricultural Commissioner's Office, and data supplied on the Grower's Management Practices Questionnaire.

A second category of lands subject to certification will be member lands where membership status has lagged in at least one of the past 3 years.

On-Site Certification Documentation

The NCPCWG steering committee will develop a standard form for recording in-field observations related to visual indicators of features including the presence of cover crops, active soil erosion processes, and irrigation system type. The standard form will also include a checklist of grower-submitted BMP implementation records as referenced on the Grower's Management Practices Questionnaire. Steering committee members affiliated with agencies including the Agricultural Commissioner's Office, the NRCS, the RCD, and the UC Cooperative Extension will only serve in an advisory capacity to the steering committee, and will only engage in certifications where the landowner has requested their presence and services. Steering committee members will reserve the right to seek to qualified technical advice as they deem necessary and appropriate to fulfill their charge.

Certification field visit times and dates may vary, but the steering committee will endeavor to visit properties during the late fall or winter season, to allow for a better visual gauge of BMP implementation.

Appendix I

Napa County Putah Creek Watershed Group Best Management Practices

Napa County Putah Creek Watershed Group

Best Management Farming Practices for Water Quality Protection

January, 2007



Best Management Practices: Strategies and Implementation

The Napa County Putah Creek Watershed Group (NCPCWG), was formed in 2004 to address water quality issues related to the state's irrigated agriculture waivers program mandate. The centerpiece of the NCPCWG's efforts has been to assess the potential for water quality impairment sourcing from irrigated agriculture, and to put in place an ongoing water quality monitoring program to insure that clean water goals are achieved.

Progressive conservation programs and sustainable farming efforts already in place in Napa County have allowed the NCPCWG to demonstrate that threats to water quality impairment due to agriculture discharges are not expected to be likely or common.

As an adjunct to its water quality monitoring program being carried out by the Napa County RCD, the NCPCWG has developed a list of 14 Best Management farming practices (BMP's). The BMP's are intended for growers to use as guidance for documenting farming and land management practices that protect water quality by managing potential runoff of soil, pesticides, and nutrients from their irrigated farmland.

The BMP's are based on USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, (NRCS) conservation practice standards that have been further adapted for use in Napa County. Because each farm has its own set of unique soil, climatic, and terrain features, as well as unique farming and natural resources components, the degree to which various BMP's should be applied to the land will vary. On some lands, for instance, soil erosion control needs and storm runoff management issues will require more intensive attention.

The *Irrigation Water Management*, *Nutrient Management*, and *Pesticide Management* BMP's will be fully implemented on all enrolled lands, with appropriate farm-specific planning to achieve water quality protection goals.

Growers are encouraged to work with professional advisors, including the NRCS, licensed Pest Control Advisors, the University of California, licensed engineers, and other qualified professionals, to assess their land and farming practices and determine the effectiveness of their current conservation farming program.

The following pages include a simple, single-page description of the following BMP's, as well as appropriate sources of additional guidance to tailor appropriate applications.

BMP Practice List

- **Access Road**
- **Cover crops**
- **Critical Area Planting**
- **Diversion**
- **Grassed Waterway**
- **Irrigation Water Management**
- **Mulching**
- **Nutrient Management**
- **Pest Management**
- **Riparian Forest Buffer**
- **Sediment Basin**
- **Streambank & Shoreline Protection**
- **Underground Outlet**

Best Management Farming Practices for Water Quality Protection

Access Road (NRCS Conservation Practice Code 560)



DEFINITION

Vehicular and farm equipment travelways constructed and maintained to provide access to farms, fields, structures, and other non-farmed destination points.

PURPOSES

- To provide stable, reliable travel surfaces.
- Maintain access, while reducing runoff and soil erosion potential.
- Protect water quality.
- Maintain efficient transport, while avoiding disturbance or blockage to riparian areas and sensitive habitats.

CONDITIONS

Roads will be constructed and maintained to facilitate and control the disposal of runoff water, reduce soil erosion, and make the most efficient use of topographic features. Roads should generally follow natural contours and sloped/graded to minimize disturbance of natural drainage patterns. Where possible, roads will be located away from watercourses, and where watercourses are traversed, blockage or alteration of stream flow patterns will be avoided. Associated practices such as relief culverts, rolling dips, waterbars, cut/ fill grades, mulching, sediment basins, and riparian herbaceous cover, and critical area plantings will be used to stabilize the landscape and prevent excess sediment from entering aquatic areas and downstream lands.

TECHNICAL RESOURCES:

- **USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Napa County.**
- **Consulting engineers and Certified Prof Erosion and Sediment Control specialists.**
- **NRCS Field Office Technical Guide & various rural roads design/ maintenance guides.**
- **CA Dept of Fish and Game Salmonid Restoration Handbook.**

Best Management Farming Practices for Water Quality Protection

Cover Crops (NRCS Conservation Practice Code 340)



DEFINITION

Grasses, legumes, forbs, or other herbaceous plants established in vineyards and orchards to provide seasonal, or year round groundcover for conservation purposes.

PURPOSES

- Reduce soil erosion from storm runoff
- Increase soil organic matter
- Cycle excess nutrients before reaching waterways
- Increase bio-diversity
- Suppress unwanted weeds
- Manage soil moisture
- Reduce dust
- Manage crop vigor

CONDITIONS

Cover crops will be established and managed to provide ground protection when runoff from the land may pose potential for soil erosion. The Universal Soil Loss Equation will provide guidance on the type and degree of groundcover necessary to reduce soil erosion potential to standards established in the Napa County Conservation Regulations. Soil type, terrain factors, rainfall intensity, and farm management factors will be evaluated to determine whether a cover crop management program will meet conservation needs for water quality protection and soil quality enhancement.

TECHNICAL RESOURCES:

- NRCS Napa County Field Office Technical Guide
- Universal Soil Loss Equation: Special Applications for Napa County, USDA-NRCS, 1994.

Best Management Farming Practices for Water Quality Protection

Critical Area Planting (NRCS Conservation Practice Code 342)



DEFINITION

Critical Area Planting is planting vegetation such as trees, shrubs, grasses, and other plants to stabilize critically eroding land.

PURPOSES

- Stabilize soil.
- Protect water quality in downstream areas.
- Improve wildlife habitat and improve landscape esthetics.

CONDITIONS

Plant materials are established to provide effective ground cover and rooting to hold steep or erodable non-farmed land. Appropriate plants and planting methods are selected to provide stabilization and reduce storm water runoff. Where appropriate and necessary, mulches, fertilizer, and weed control are utilized to provide rapid vegetation establishment. Where possible and practical, irrigation water will be applied to plantings ahead of fall rains. Applied mulches will consist of grain straw, erosion control fabrics, and coarse organic materials. Prior to planting, land surfaces will be smoothed to prevent channeling of storm runoff. Other conservation practices such as diversions, grassed waterways, and sediment basins may be necessary to stabilize soil erosion and prevent sediment from reaching downstream areas.

TECHNICAL RESOURCES:

- **USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Field Office Technical Guide.**
- **Riparian Vegetation Management for Pierce's Disease in North Coast Vineyards Information Manual.**
- **Certified Professionals in Erosion and Sediment Control.**

Best Management Farming Practices for Water Quality Protection

Diversion (*NRCS Conservation Practice Code 362*)



DEFINITION

A diversion is a small channel conveyance constructed across the slope to convey storm water runoff to a protected outlet or down slope conveyance device.

PURPOSES

- Control soil erosion and protect water quality.
- Spread storm water runoff to multiple low-discharge locations.
- Provide temporary or long-term erosion protection on newly-developed or redeveloped farmland.

CONDITIONS

Diversions will be designed to capture storm water runoff and prevent it from channeling down slope through farmland. Diversion placement will be predicated on the need to break up long-running slopes into smaller, non-erodable increments. Running across the slope, diversions generally do not have a run exceeding five percent. For mid-slope diversions in farmed fields, the Universal Soil Loss Equation will be used to determine the maximum allowable distance between diversions. Where temporary diversion are warranted (two year life or less), the design capacity will at least equal the 2-year, 24-hour storm event. Permanent diversion will carry up to a 10-year, 24-hour storm, and will be protected with no-till cover or appropriate armoring to control scour erosion.

TECHNICAL RESOURCES:

- **USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and Napa County Resource Conservation District consultation.**
- **NRCS Field Office Technical Guide and NRCS Engineering Field Handbook.**
- **Qualified consulting engineers and Certified Professionals in Erosion and Sediment Control.**

Best Management Farming Practices for Water Quality Protection

Grassed Waterway (*NRCS Conservation Practice Code 412*)



DEFINITION

Grassed waterways are natural or constructed channels, typically broad and shallow in shape, that are planted and continuously maintained with low-growing grassy cover to convey storm water runoff.

PURPOSES

- Convey storm water runoff non-erosively to a protected outlet or natural waterway.
- Protect water quality.
- Provide a more natural, lower velocity alternative to other means of storm water conveyance.

CONDITIONS

Grassed waterways will be used to control soil erosion from concentrated water flow or gullying where storm water runoff can be conveyed at velocities less than five feet per second. Where grading is used to construct waterways, an effective sod, preferably comprised of permanent grasses, will be established with mulch and irrigation prior to the beginning of the fall rainy season. Where conditions warrant additional erosion protection, stone-lined channel bottoms, or periodic rock checks finished at channel-bottom grade may be used. Associated conservation practices include Critical Area Planting (342) and Rock-lined Waterway (468).

TECHNICAL RESOURCES:

- **NRCS Napa Field Office Technical Guide and NRCS Engineering Field Handbook.**
- **Qualified consulting engineers.**

Best Management Farming Practices for Water Quality Protection

Irrigation Water Management (NRCS Conservation Practice Code 490)



DEFINITION

Irrigation water management is the process of determining and controlling the volume, frequency, and application rate of irrigation water in a planned, efficient manner.

PURPOSES

- To manage soil moisture to promote desired crop quality.
- Minimize potential for irrigation induced soil erosion.
- Decrease or eliminate potential for non-point source pollution of surface and groundwater resources.

CONDITIONS

Irrigation systems will be designed and maintained to apply water to meet the basic evapotranspirative needs of the crop, minimizing the potential for excess runoff. In most cases, drip or micro-irrigation systems will be used to supply irrigation, but similar standards will be applied to overhead sprinkler systems supplying water for frost protection. Irrigation systems will be set up with appropriate flow and pressure controls to apply water uniformly across the field. Soil moisture, climatic conditions, and crop condition will be closely monitored to determine appropriate application timing and amount. Where irrigation water is used to mobilize soil-applied fertilizer and soil amendments, care will be taken to insure that applied materials do not move below the crop root zone, or off the field. Associated conservation practices include 590 Nutrient Management.

TECHNICAL RESOURCES:

- UC Cooperative Extension Service and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service publications.
- Consulting irrigation engineers and Certified crop management specialists.
- California Irrigation Management Information System, (CIMIS), data and farm weather data systems.

Best Management Farming Practices for Water Quality Protection

Mulching (NRCS Conservation Practice Code 484)



DEFINITION

Applying plant residues or other suitable materials to the soil surface.

PURPOSES

- To conserve soil moisture
- Reduce runoff and soil erosion potential.
- Prevent surface compaction or soil crusting.
- Control weeds and aid in establishment of desirable plant cover.

CONDITIONS

Bare, exposed soil surfaces that are deemed to be potential critical erosion areas. In most cases, mulch will consist of grain straw residue. Straw mulches will generally be applied at a rate of 4,000 lbs. per acre. Key areas for mulch application will be field perimeters, vineyard avenues, and steep slope lands requiring quick erosion control cover. Mulches, including wood fiber materials and manufactured erosion control blankets may also be used. Where feasible, late summer irrigation will be utilized to help bind mulch and establish vegetative cover before fall rains commence. Straw bales, straw wattles, and other similar materials may also be installed in critical locations to provide sediment retention and storm runoff control. Mulched surfaces will be maintained throughout the rainy season.

TECHNICAL RESOURCES:

- **Napa Co RCD and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Napa County.**
- **NRCS Field Office Technical Guide.**
- **Qualified Professional Engineers and Certified Soil Erosion & Sediment Control Specialists.**

Best Management Farming Practices for Water Quality Protection

Nutrient Management (NRCS Conservation Practice Code 590) 



DEFINITION

Managing the amount, form, placement, and timing of applications of plant nutrients.

PURPOSES

- Supply nutrients for optimum crop quality.
- Minimize potential entry of nutrients to surface waters and groundwater.
- Maintain or improve the chemical and biological condition of the soil.

CONDITIONS

Soil and petiole analysis will be conducted during key crop growth periods to determine appropriate kinds and rates of nutrient applications, avoiding excessive nutrient application. Farming operations that maintain soil tilth and reduce potential soil compaction will be practiced, to reduce potential nutrient runoff and optimize efficient uptake of applied nutrients. Soil erosion control practices will be planned to minimize soil loss and runoff that may pose the potential to carry dissolved and attached nutrients to surface waters. Organic materials such as compost and soil organic building green manure crops will be utilized to maintain optimum soil organic matter and soil nutrient retention. Application of nutrients will be timed to maximize optimum uptake and utilization of nutrients.

TECHNICAL RESOURCES:

- UC Cooperative Extension Service
- NRCS Field Office Technical Guide
- Licensed, qualified soil and crop laboratories and crop management advisors.

Best Management Farming Practices for Water Quality Protection

Pest Management (NRCS Conservation Practice Code 595A)



DEFINITION

Management of agricultural pests, (including weeds, insects, rodents, and diseases), considering both the needs of the crop as well as the surrounding aquatic and terrestrial environment.

PURPOSES

- Minimize farm chemical inputs necessary to manage agricultural pests.
- Reduce or eliminate the potential for applied pesticide materials to reach surface or groundwater
- Manage farm cultural operations to reduce loss of materials by runoff and airborne drift.

CONDITIONS

Pesticides and pest control practices will be carried out through consultation with licensed Pest Control Advisors, (PCA). Planning emphasis will identify the use of integrated pest management systems that utilize the most appropriate means of control, including cultural, mechanical, chemical, and biological alternatives. Pest control models will be utilized in conjunction with regular field scouting to target appropriate timing and application methods and amounts of material. Applicator equipment will be kept in good working condition to maintain accurate calibration. Loading, mixing, and rinsing operations will be conducted away from sensitive environmental areas and aquatic habitats.

TECHNICAL RESOURCES:

- Napa County Agricultural Commissioners Office
- UC pest management publications and Napa County Farm Advisor's Office
- Licensed Pest Control Advisors

Best Management Farming Practices for Water Quality Protection

Riparian Forest Buffer (NRCS Conservation Practice Code 391A)



DEFINITION

A zone of trees and shrubs between farmland, up-gradient from streams and other water bodies.

PURPOSES

- Reduce excess amounts of sediment, nutrients, pesticides and other potential pollutants in runoff
- Provide a source of detritus and large woody debris for fish and other aquatic organisms
- Create shade to lower water temperatures to improve habitat for fish and other aquatic organisms

CONDITIONS

Riparian forest buffers will be maintained or established to provide native, non-farmed habitat and conservation cover. Buffers will be established or maintained to provide a transition zone of reasonable width between the farmed area and average riparian water surface area. Native plant materials that are non-systemic hosts for the Pierce's Disease bacterium will comprise the preferred vegetation type. Establishment and management of forest buffers will be carried out in accordance with all required permits and agreements.

TECHNICAL RESOURCES:

- NRCS Napa County Field Office Technical Guide
- Riparian Vegetation Management for Pierce's Disease in North Coast CA Vineyards manual.

Best Management Farming Practices for Water Quality Protection

Riparian Herbaceous Cover (NRCS Conservation Practice Code 390)



DEFINITION

Grasses, grass-like plants and forbs that are established or managed in the transitional zone between farmland and aquatic habitats.

PURPOSES

- Improve and protect water quality by reducing the amount of sediment, and other potential pollutants such as pesticides and nutrients in storm runoff.
- Help stabilize stream banks and shorelines.
- Provide food, cover, and shading for wildlife and amphibians.

CONDITIONS

Growers will develop or manage zones of buffer vegetation between farmed and non-farmed seasonal or perennial aquatic areas. Where possible, herbaceous buffers will provide a transition between woody riparian vegetation areas and the farmed ground. Buffer widths will vary, but minimum width per side will include the 1st bench of the floodplain, and will be at least 1.5 times bank-full stream width, or 15 feet for other water bodies. If mowing is necessary to maintain cover, it will occur after July 15 to protect nesting areas, and will leave at least 5 to 6 inches of surface residue to provide erosion protection prior to fall rains. Plant species that may be alternate hosts for diseases such as Pierce's Disease will be avoided, and native plants will be utilized as much as possible. The location, layout, and vegetative composition of the buffer should complement natural features.

TECHNICAL RESOURCES:

- NRCS Napa Field Office Technical Guide
- Licensed, qualified agronomists and crop management advisors.
- North Coast Pierce's Disease Riparian Management Manual.

Best Management Farming Practices for Water Quality Protection

Sediment Basin (NRCS Conservation Practice Code 350) 



DEFINITION

A basin constructed to collect and store soil sediment and prevent excessive sediment runoff into receiving surface waters.

PURPOSES

- Capture significant excess sediment originating on farmed lands.
- Minimize potential entry of sediment and attached nutrients to surface waters.
- Optimize the efficacy of erosion control practices on newly developed or replanted vineyards and orchards.

CONDITIONS

Temporary or permanent sediment basin installations will be constructed, as appropriate to augment erosion control practices on lands where recently disturbed soils pose a potential to exceed acceptable soil loss standards. Sediment basins will be designed and sited in appropriate terrains to optimize sediment trapping efficiency where eroded soils pose potential to leave the site and enter surface waters or neighboring lands. Applications will related mostly to lands over 5% slopes, or situations where excessive sediments may concentrate. The Napa County Conservation Regulations guidelines, as prescribed by the NRCS and Napa Co RCD will be followed in the design and siting of basins.

TECHNICAL RESOURCES:

- Napa Co RCD and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Napa County.
- NRCS Field Office Technical Guide and NRCS Engineering Handbook.
- Qualified Professional Engineers and Certified Soil Erosion & Sediment Control Specialists.

Best Management Farming Practices for Water Quality Protection

Streambank & Shoreline Protection (NRCS Conservation Practice Code 580)



DEFINITION

Treatments used to stabilize and protect banks of natural streams, constructed waterways, and shorelines of lakes and reservoirs.

PURPOSES

- To control excessive erosion scour and stabilize failing banks.
- Reduce runoff and soil erosion potential.
- Protect water quality.
- Restore critical habitat, shade, and riparian cover for wildlife and fisheries benefit.

CONDITIONS

Critically eroding banks that are retreating into the land, are leading to loss of valuable riparian or aquatic habitat, and are discharging excessive amounts of sediment will be treated to control erosion. Erosion control treatments will emphasize use of natural stream energy training methods and use of suitable native plants to stabilize banks with minimal use of hardscape materials. Design treatments will be planned with respect to natural, stable stream planform and will avoid usage of man-made materials that may pose potential for water quality impairment, or disturbance of habitats. The CA Dept. of Fish and Game will be consulted for potential need for a stream alteration agreement, prior to commencement of any work in riparian or wetland areas.

TECHNICAL RESOURCES:

- USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Napa County.
- NRCS Field Office Technical Guide and NRCS Engineering Field Handbook.
- CA Dept of Fish and Game Salmonid Restoration Handbook.

Best Management Farming Practices for Water Quality Protection

Underground Outlet (NRCS Conservation Practice Code 620)



DEFINITION

A conduit installed below ground to collect concentrated discharge of surface water and convey it to a protected, managed outlet.

PURPOSES

- To collect excess surface runoff before it can concentrate and produce gullies and other serious forms of erosion.
- Minimize potential entry of sediment and attached nutrients to surface waters.
- Protect vineyard avenues, swales and other terrain where runoff may begin to concentrate.
- Spread discharged waters to the maximum extent possible.

CONDITIONS

Runoff waters will be collected from avenues, swales, and constructed erosion control diversions to be piped to appropriate protected discharge locations or water spreading devices. Care will be taken to minimize installation of conduits that may deliver high volumes of runoff to single-discharge locations. Runoff control designs will be geared to spread discharge of waters to multiple locations in smaller incremental amounts, or guide discharge to protected outlets or sediment basins. The Napa County Conservation Regulations guidelines, as prescribed by the NRCS and Napa Co RCD will be followed in the design and siting of basins.

TECHNICAL RESOURCES:

- Napa Co RCD and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Napa County.
- NRCS Field Office Technical Guide and NRCS Engineering Handbook.
- Qualified Professional Engineers and Certified Soil Erosion & Sediment Control Specialists.

Appendix II

Napa County Putah Creek Watershed Group Background Data

- Napa County Conservation Regulations
- Napa Co RCD Water Quality Monitoring Reports 2005 to 2009
- Napa Co Agricultural Commissioner's Pesticide Use Report, 2008
- Napa County Markeley Cove Coliform Water Quality Report

ORDINANCE NO. 1219

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NAPA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTIONS 18.108.010, 18.108.027, 18.108.030, AND 18.108.140 OF AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 18.108.135 TO THE NAPA COUNTY CODE, SPECIFYING ADDITIONAL PURPOSES, PROVIDING NEW STANDARDS IN AND EXPANDING THE NUMBER OF DOMESTIC WATER SUPPLY WATERSHEDS, SPECIFYING GENERAL OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES, MONITORING AND INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS, AND AMENDING CURRENT BONDING PROVISIONS OF THE CONSERVATION REGULATIONS

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Napa, State of California, ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 18.108.010 (Purpose) of Chapter 18.108 (Conservation

Regulations) of the County Code is amended to read in full as follows:

18.108.010 Purpose.

A. The purpose and intent of these regulations is to protect the public health, safety and community welfare, and to otherwise preserve the natural resources of the county of Napa. Further, these regulations are intended to ensure the continued long-term viability of county agricultural resources by protecting county lands from excessive soil loss which if unprotected could threaten local water quality and quantity and lead ultimately to loss of economic productivity. These regulations have been developed in general accord with the policies and principles of the general plan, as specified in the land use element and the open space and conservation element.

B. It is furthermore intended that these regulations accomplish the following:

1. Minimize cut, fill, earthmoving, grading operations and other such man-made effects in the natural terrain;
2. Minimize soil erosion caused by human modifications to the natural terrain;
3. Maintain and improve, to the extent feasible, existing water quality by regulating the quantity and quality of runoff entering local watercourses;
4. Preserve riparian areas and other natural habitat by controlling development near streams and rivers;
5. Encourage development which minimizes impacts on existing land forms, avoids steep slopes, and preserves existing vegetation and unique geologic features; and
6. Protect drinking water supply reservoirs in sensitive domestic water supply drainages from sediment, turbidity, and pollution.

C. It is not the intent of these regulations to provide that compliance with these regulations shall provide a defense to a charge of violating Section 5650 of the California Fish and Game Code.

D. It is also the intent of these regulations to further the intent and purpose of Section 1600 of the California Fish and Game Code.

SECTION 2. Section 18.108.027 (General Provisions-Vegetation Preservation

In Municipal Water Supply Areas) of Chapter 18.108 (Conservation Regulations) of the County

Code is amended to read in full as follows:

18.108.027 Sensitive Domestic Water Supply Drainages.

A. Applicability. The provisions of this section shall apply in sensitive domestic water supply drainages.

B. Vegetation clearing. A minimum of sixty percent of the tree canopy cover on the parcel existing on June 16, 1993 along with any understory vegetation, or when vegetation consists of shrub and brush without tree canopy, a minimum of forty percent of the shrub, brush and associated annual and perennial herbaceous vegetation shall be maintained as part of any use involving earth-disturbing activity.

C. Winter shut-down. All earth-disturbing activities shall be limited to the period of April 1st through September 1st of each year. No earth-disturbing activities other than installation of winterization measures shall take place during other times of the year. All winterization measures shall be in place by September 15th of any given year.

D. Drainage facilities. Concentration of runoff shall, wherever feasible, be avoided. Runoff shall instead be spread in small incremental doses into relatively flat buffer areas. Those drainage facilities and outfalls that unavoidably have to be installed shall be sized and designed to handle the runoff from a one hundred-year storm event without failure or unintentional bypassing. Outlets shall be protected against erosion in the one hundred-year storm event.

E. Notice required. The Director shall provide notice to the owner/operator(s) of a public-serving water supply system(s) located in a sensitive domestic water supply drainage of each erosion control plan filed in their drainage. Said notice shall include a copy of the plan submitted and shall provide twenty-one days for a response. If the owner/operator(s) submits credible evidence within this time period that the delivery of sediment or other pollutants into their reservoir(s) from the drainage will be increased by more than one percent on an individual project basis or by more than ten percent on a cumulative basis, the subject erosion control plan shall not be approved until a public hearing on the matter has been held before the commission and a use permit has been issued.

F. Geotechnical report required. A report prepared by a qualified professional specifying the depth and nature of the soils and bedrock present and the stability, both current and projected, of the area potentially effected shall be submitted by the property owner at the time of application for any project located in a sensitive domestic water supply drainage.

SECTION 3.

Section 18.108.030 (Definitions) of Chapter 18.108 (Conservation

Regulations) of the County Code is amended to read in full as follows:

18.108.030 Definitions.

“Drainage ditch” means a channel constructed solely for the purpose of providing drainage for agricultural use. A drainage ditch is not a stream as that term is defined in this section.

“Earthmoving or earth-disturbing activity” means any activity that involves vegetation clearing, grading, excavation, compaction of the soil, or the creation of fills and embankments to prepare a site for the construction of roads, structures, landscaping, new planting, and other improvements. It also means excavations; fills or grading which of themselves constitute engineered works or improvements.

“Erosion” means the wearing away of the ground surface as a result of the movement of wind or water.

“Erosion hazard area” means those portions of parcels of land having slopes over five percent.

“Failure” or “failed” with respect to an erosion control measure means that the measure has operated in the past or is expected to operate in the future in such a manner that erosion and/or resultant sedimentation have or will be increased above design rates or that flows exceed the capacity of the measure and bypassing has or will occur.

“Grading” shall mean any stripping, cutting, filling, contouring, recontouring or stockpiling of earth or land, including the land in its cut or fill condition.

“Hydrophilic vegetation” means vegetation that grows in water or on a substrate that is at least periodically deficient in oxygen as a result of excessive water content (i.e., plants typically found in wet habitats).

“Improvement” means any man-made, immovable item which becomes part of, placed on, or affixed to, a parcel of land.

“Land clearing” means the removal of tree canopy, understory or herbaceous vegetation down to bare soil, by any method.

“Landscape structure” means a structure, object and/or feature for human use and enjoyment of the land associated with decorative landscaping in relationship to a residential structure, which does not require issuance of a ministerial or discretionary permit by the county.

“Major storm event” means a two year or larger storm (i.e., a storm with a fifty percent or less probability of occurring in any given year).

“One hundred-year storm” means a storm with a one percent probability of occurring in any given year.

“Resolution” means any resolution duly adopted by the Napa County board of supervisors.

“Riparian vegetation” means vegetation commonly occurring adjacent to or within streams and watercourses or along their banks including, but not limited to, such plants as willows, cottonwoods and their associated understory vegetation.

“Sensitive domestic water supply drainage” means any of the following drainages as depicted on the Sensitive Domestic Water Supply Drainages Map(s) maintained and hereafter modified from time to time as necessary by the Director:

1. Kimball Reservoir Drainage

2. Rector Reservoir Drainage
3. Milliken Reservoir Drainage
4. Bell Canyon Reservoir Drainage
5. Lake Hennessey Drainage including Friesen Lakes
6. Lake Curry Drainage
7. Lake Madigan Drainage

“**Slope**” means the inclination of the terrain calculated in accordance with the methodology set forth in Resolution No. 91-61, which is incorporated herein by reference.

“**Stream**” means any of the following:

1. A watercourse designated by a solid line or dash and three dots symbol on the largest scale of the United State Geological Survey maps most recently published, or any replacement to that symbol;
2. Any watercourse which has a well-defined channel with a depth greater than four feet and banks steeper than 3:1 and contains hydrophilic vegetation, riparian vegetation or woody vegetation including tree species greater than ten feet in height;
3. Those watercourses listed in Resolution No. 91-61 and incorporated herein by reference.

“**Structure**” means anything which is built or constructed, or any piece of work artificially built up or composed of parts joined in some definite manner whether installed on, above, or below the surface of the land.

“**Vegetation canopy cover**” means the crown area of a stand of trees (i.e., upper-story vegetation) in a natural stand of vegetation. For the purposes of this chapter, canopy cover is the collective cover of a grouping of trees viewed from an aerial photograph of the latest edition on file with the department, where the tree stand is continuous. Single trees are not considered canopy cover.

“**Vegetation outboard dripline**” means the furthestmost edge of riparian vegetation, including the dripline of the canopy cover of woody vegetation of a stream visible on the latest edition of aerial photographs on file with the department or as determined by a field inspection conducted by the director or his/her designee.

“**Vegetation understory**” means shrub or brush vegetation within a natural stand of vegetation that commonly grows to a height below established tree levels, and also includes associated annual and perennial herbaceous vegetation.

“**Vineyard replanting**” shall mean vine removal, ripping, recontouring or grading or any installation of erosion control measures and replanting of vines where the removal of vines began no more than six years prior to submittal of vineyard replanting program or erosion control plan to the department.

SECTION 4. A new Section 18.108.135 entitled “Oversight and Inspection” of

Chapter 18.108 (Conservation Regulations) of the County Code is added to read in full as

follows:

18.108.135 Oversight and Operation.

- A. Installation oversight.** The qualified professional preparing an erosion control

plan shall oversee its implementation. Prior to the first winter rains after construction begins and each year thereafter until the project has received a final inspection from the County or its agent and been found complete, the qualified professional shall inspect the site and certify in writing to the Director that all of the erosion control measures required at that stage of development have been installed in conformance with the plan and related specifications.

B. Maintenance. The property owner is responsible for insuring that the erosion control measures installed operate properly and are effective in reducing to a minimum erosion and related sedimentation. The property owner shall either personally or have personnel inspect and repair/clean as necessary the erosion control measures installed at least weekly during the period between October 1st and April 1st of each year. Moreover, the property owner shall either be onsite him/herself or have personnel on site as required when it is raining to inspect the erosion control measures present and take those actions necessary to keep them functioning properly.

C. Monitoring. For projects disturbing more than one acre of land or with an average slope greater than fifteen percent, the property owner shall implement, prior to the first winter rains after installation of the planned facilities is commenced, a permanent, on-going program of self-monitoring of groundcover condition, and erosion control facility operation. The groundcover monitoring shall follow the procedures promulgated by the National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS, formerly the SCS) for determining rangeland condition for hydrologic assessment.

For projects involving disturbance of more than forty acres of land or containing areas with slopes greater than thirty percent totaling a quarter acre or more, an ***Annual Erosion Control Plan Operation Status Report*** specifying ground cover condition and how the erosion control measures involved are operating shall be provided to the Director and, if in a sensitive domestic water supply drainage, the owner/operator(s) of any public-serving drinking water supply reservoir present by September 1st of each year. This report shall specify the proposed management and cultural measures to be used the following year to return or maintain the ground cover in good condition in all parts of the area disturbed including vineyard avenues and any remedial actions that will be taken to get the other erosion control measures present to operate in such a manner as to minimize erosion and resultant sedimentation.

D. Failures. The following provisions shall apply where erosion control measures have failed or are in imminent danger of failing.

1. **Property owner duties-Temporary measures.** The property owner shall:
 - a. notify the Director in writing of the failure or pending failure of any erosion control measures within twenty four hours of discovery and indicate the temporary measures taken to stabilize the situation;
 - b. modify, within twenty four hours of the time that they receive comments from the independent engineer hired by the County to review the adequacy of these temporary measures, the temporary measures in the manner deemed necessary by the property owner's engineer so as to make them adequate to prevent further damage and problems;
2. **Property owner duties-Permanent remedial measures.** The property owner shall:
 - a. submit within ninety six hours after the discovery of a failure or pending failure
 - i. an engineered plan for the remedial measures necessary to permanently correct the problem and an engineer's estimate of the cost thereof, and
 - ii. a plan for cleanup of the damage done with an engineer's estimate for the cost of

this work;

b. re-submit to the County, within 48 hours of the time comments are received from the independent engineer hired by the County to review the temporary measures installed, the plan, and engineer's cost estimates revised plans and estimates;

c. pay the County the costs of this review within 48 hours of demand;

d. post a security in one of the forms specified by subsection (A)(1)-(4) of Section 17.38.030 in the amount equal to one hundred percent of the accepted estimated total cost to do the work required to correct the situation and cleanup the damage done within forty eight hours of demand; and

e. insure that the revised plan prepared is fully implemented within ninety six hours of its approval.

The time frames specified in this sub-section are maximums. The Director may in the case of an immediate threat to public health and/or safety require performance in shorter time periods.

3. **Plan preparer duties.** The plan preparer shall provide a notice to the County within twenty four-hours of full implementation of the plan prepared to permanently correct the problem certifying that the measures shown have been installed in conformance with said plan and related specifications.

4. **Non-compliance.** Failure to adhere to the provisions of subsections D(1) and (2) above may be considered a threat to public health and safety. The Director may in such instances take immediate action without further notice or hearing to remedy the situation and bill the property owner for the remedial work done. The Director shall keep an itemized account of the costs incurred in remedying the situation. The Board shall conduct a hearing on the costs in accordance with Sections 1.20.090-1.20.130 of this code and shall give the property owner an opportunity to object to the costs prior to recording a lien against the property or pursuing other cost-recovery actions.

E. Inspection.

1. Each project requiring an erosion control plan that has not received a final inspection and been found complete by the Director or his/her agent shall be inspected by the County or its agent after the first major storm event of each winter until the project has been completed and stable for three years. If it is found that the erosion control program implemented is not functioning properly or is ineffective the property owner shall take such remedial measures as the Director deems necessary to reduce erosion and related sedimentation to minimal levels. The full costs of said measures and the related inspections shall be borne by the property owner.

2. Five percent of projects that have received a final inspection and been found complete by the Director or his/her agent shall be spot checked by the Director or his/her agent each year to confirm groundcover condition and the proper operation of other erosion control measures. The Director, in cooperation with the Napa County Resource Conservation District (RCD) and other County departments and agencies, will develop a remedial program to address any deficiencies that may be identified as the result of these spot checks. The property owner shall implement this program, which may include re-seeding all or some portions of the site or changing agricultural or management practices. He/she shall pay all costs associated with these spot-checks.

F. Right of entry. With the property owner's consent, with a warrant, or in an emergency, the property owner shall give the Director and his/her agents full and complete

access to and throughout the project area so as to allow:

1. inspection of the erosion control and any remedial measures installed there to insure that they are functioning properly,
2. the making of necessary repairs or corrections to alleviate an erosion control problem or potential erosion control problem, or
3. the performance of needed maintenance.

SECTION 5. Section 18.108.140 (Violation-Penalty) of Chapter 18.108

(Conservation Regulations) of the County Code is amended to read in full as follows:

18.108.140 Security, Violations, and Penalties.

A. Security.

1. No earthmoving activity, grading, improvement, or construction of a structure for which an erosion control plan is required by this chapter shall commence until the property owner has filed security in the form, specified in subsection (A)(2) of this section if any of the proposed earth moving activities

- a. may pose a significant safety or public health risk,
- b. may result in a potential water quality impairment,
- c. is located in an area determined to have a severe soil erosion hazard as determined by the Director in consultation with the Napa County Resource Conservation District based on the Napa County Soil Survey prepared by the federal Resource Conservation Service, incorporated herein by reference,

- d. is located in a sensitive domestic water supply drainage,
- e. involves a failure or potential failure of existing erosion control measures, or
- f. is otherwise deemed warranted by the Director.

2. The security required by subsection (A)(1) of this section shall be comprised of both of the following:

- a. Security in the amount of the estimated cost of original installation of the required erosion control measures, which shall be posted with the Director in one or more of the forms specified by subsections (A)(1) through (4) of Section 17.38.030.

- b. Security in the amount of ten percent of the estimated costs of original installation of the required erosion control measures, which shall be in the form of recorded lien as specified in subsection (A)(5) of Section 17.38.030 against the parcel on which the measures are installed for the purpose of ensuring ongoing maintenance of the required erosion control measures in the manner specified in the erosion control plan.

3. The security required under subsection (A)(2)(a) of this section shall not be released by the Director until:

- a. all required measures have been installed/implemented,
- b. in the case of a failure any cleanup needed has been completed,
- c. three winters after (a) and (b) have been completed have passed without any substantial problem, and
- d. the Director has made a final inspection and approved the installation

B. Violations. Whenever the Director determines that a violation of this chapter has occurred, the Director may notify the violator in writing of the violation and require that certain

conditions be implemented or adhered to in a reasonable amount of time to correct the erosion problem. Each failure to comply with the director's notice or meet the deadlines specified therein shall constitute a separate and distinct violation, punishable as set forth in subsection (C) of this section. Moreover, the County and its agents may with the property owner's consent, with a warrant, or in an emergency enter the property and make necessary repairs or corrections, or perform needed maintenance. The property owner shall fully and completely reimburse the County for the costs associated with this remedial work.

C. Penalties. It is unlawful and a public nuisance for any person to violate any of the provisions of this chapter for any purpose or to cause any other person to do so. Such a violation shall be enforceable as a misdemeanor pursuant to Napa County Code Sections 1.20.150 and 1.20.160. Such a violation may also be abated as a public nuisance by judicial action or by administrative enforcement in accordance with the procedures set forth in Chapter 1.20, commencing with Section 1.20.010, including those pertaining to treble damages for multiple judgments. In addition administrative penalties may be imposed in the manner specified in Chapter 1.28 (Administrative Penalty) of the Napa County Code.

SECTION 6. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this chapter is for any reason held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The Board of Supervisors of the County of Napa hereby declares it would have passed and adopted this ordinance and each and all provisions hereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more of said provisions be declared invalid.

SECTION 7. This ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days from and after the date of its passage.

SECTION 8. A summary of this ordinance shall be published at least once 5 days before adoption and at least once before the expiration of 15 days after its passage in the Napa Valley Register, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Napa, together with the names of members voting for and against the same.

The foregoing ordinance was first introduced and read at a regular meeting of the Conservation Development and Planning Commission, held on the 5th day of March, 2003, and passed at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Napa, State of

California, held on the 18th day of March, 2003, by the following vote:

AYES:	SUPERVISORS	<u>DODD, DILLON, LUCE, RIPPEY and</u> <u>WAGENKNECHT</u>
NOES:	SUPERVISORS	<u>NONE</u>
ABSTAIN:	SUPERVISORS	<u>NONE</u>
ABSENT:	SUPERVISORS	<u>NONE</u>

BRAD WAGENKNECHT, CHAIRMAN
Napa County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Clerk of the Board

By: _____
Deputy

Putah Creek Ag Waiver Monitoring Project

Results Summaries: Years 2005 to 2008

Putah Creek Ag Waiver Monitoring Project
 Napa County Resource Conservation District

Site Name: **Pope Creek**
 Site Code: **POP1 (PCULB)**

Sample Date	12/1/2008	1/5/2009	2/3/2009	3/2/2009	4/1/2009	5/1/2009
Sample Time	11:30	12:10	11:30	10:45	12:29	10:30
Physical Parameters:						
Flow (cfs)	0.09	0.5	1.4	1000	10.6	5.8
Air Temp (°C)	9.0	6.0	10.0	12.0	22.0	14.0
Water Temp (°C)	8.4	5.4	7.4	11.4	16.4	16.4
DO (mg/L)	9.45	12.26	11.4	10.3	10.33	8.78
DO (% saturation)	80.8	97.3	94.9	94.4	105.7	89.9
Specific Cond. (µS/cm)	665	432.5	555	131.5	431.6	555
pH	7.0	7.0	8.2	7.5	8.3	8.3
Color (CU)	32	18	not sampled			
TOC (mg/L)	8.3	3.5	2.4	6.1	4.2	3.9
TSS (mg/L)	ND	ND	ND	130	ND	ND
TDS (mg/L)	480	290	360	100	270	340
Hardness (mg/L)	not sampled	220	290	70	220	290
Turbidity (NTU)	0.31	0.14	0.13	92	0.49	1
Pathogens:						
Fecal Coliform	not sampled	not sampled	not sampled	not sampled	50	220
E. Coli (MPN/100 mL)	18	24	8.5	820	40	160
Pesticides:						
Glyphosate (µg/L)	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND

WATER QUALITY LIMITS	
Low Trigger	High Trigger

-	-
-	-
-	-
5.0	-
-	-
-	700
6.5	8.5
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	450 (narrative)
-	-
-	variable

-	400
-	235

-	700
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Simazine (µg/L)	ND	ND	ND	ND	not sampled	
Metals:						
Arsenic (µg/L)	not sampled	0.7	1.2	1.5	not sampled	
Boron (µg/L)		320	420	94		
Cadmium (µg/L)		ND	ND	ND		
Copper (µg/L)		2.1	1.8	10	1.1	1.2
Lead (µg/L)		ND	ND	1.9	not sampled	
Nickel (µg/L)		3.6	3.1	54		
Molybdenum (µg/L)		0.77	1.0	ND		
Selenium (µg/L)		ND	ND	ND		
Zinc (µg/L)		ND	ND	19		
Nutrients:						
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (µg/L)	not sampled	0.18	0.24	0.58	ND	ND
Nitrate plus Nitrite (µg/L)		0.25	ND	0.13	0.25	ND
Total Ammonia (µg/L)		ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
Un-ionized Ammonia (µg/L)		ND	0.0028	ND	ND	ND
Total Phosphorous (µg/L)		ND	ND	0.31	ND	ND
Soluble Orthophosphate (µg/L)		ND	ND	ND	ND	ND

Result within limits

Result exceeded limits (min or max)

-	4.0
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-	variable (10-38 based on hardness range of 70-290)
-	variable (52-320 based on hardness range of 70-290)
-	variable (350-1200 based on hardness range of 70-290)
-	10
-	50
-	variable (89-300 based on hardness range of 70-290)

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-	variable use worksheet
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Putah Creek Ag Waiver Monitoring Project
 Napa County Resource Conservation District

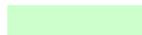
Site Name: **Capell Creek**
 Site Code: **CAPI**

Sample Date	1/13/2005	3/7/2005	5/3/2005	1/24/2006	3/9/2006	5/1/2006	1/2/2007	2/27/2007	5/1/2007	1/2/2008	3/3/2008	5/1/2008
Sample Time	12:50	13:15	10:47	13:15	13:20	12:47	12:29	13:23	12:53	13:05	13:50	13:35
Flow (cfs)	77.9	57.0	9.6	52.8	115.9	42.0	2.2	48.9	1.6	< 1	19.4	2.1
Air Temp (°C)	9.0	23.5	24.0	14.0	11.5	27.0	15.0	6.0	19.0	11.0	18.0	22.5
Water Temp (°C)	8.7	13.2	16.3	10	12.2	17.1	8.7	7.8	16	10.2	11.7	15.6
DO (mg/L)	10.55	11.86	9.38	10.22	10.31	10.52	8.9	10.9	7.48	3.49	11.1	6.53
DO (% saturation)	90.6	113.2	95.7	90.6	96.1	109.1	76.5	91.8	75.8	31.4	102.3	65.7
Specific Cond. (µS/cm)	327.7	399.3	513	385	316.1	370.4	465.5	274.7	498.1	663	387.5	493.4
pH	6.6	6.5	7	6	6.5	6.5	6.5	6	6.5	7.1	7.4	7.6
Color (CU)	20	13	6	13	25	8	7	60	8	4	10	6
TOC (mg/L)	3.2	2.8	5	6.8	4.7	9.2	1.9	4.9	1.6	1.3	2.5	1.6
TSS (mg/L)	3	ND	ND	ND	8	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND
TDS (mg/L)	190	230	270	220	190	260	280	180	300	410	230	290
Turbidity (NTU)	3.9	1.7	0.57	3.7	13	1.5	0.47	34	0.54	0.23	1.8	0.26
E. Coli (MPN/100 mL)	77	26	>2419.6	15	11	120	52	820	46	6.2	25	28

Site Name: **Pope Creek**

Site Code: **POP1**

Sample Date	1/13/2005	3/7/2005	5/3/2005	1/24/2006	3/9/2006	5/1/2006	1/2/2007	2/27/2007	5/1/2007	1/2/2008	3/3/2008	5/1/2008
Sample Time	12:50	11:10	12:31	11:07	11:15	10:50	10:55	11:45	11:28	11:30	11:45	12:00
Flow (cfs)	192.6	84.2	23.3	59.5	235.6	56.9	13.6	246.9	1.05	4.5	32.8	4.5
Air Temp (°C)	6.0	17.5	27.0	10.5	13.0	21.5	10.5	9.5	21.5	5.0	15.0	19.0
Water Temp (°C)	7.9	13	17.8	8.8	11	18.3	6.5	8.3	20.4	4.6	10.7	16
DO (mg/L)	10.94	12.15	9.01	10.71	10.94	11.18	11.57	12.21	7.7	12.61	11.8	9.88
DO (% saturation)	92.2	115.5	95	92.3	99.2	118.9	94.4	103.9	85.6	97.8	106.4	100.4
Specific Cond. (µS/cm)	245.1	335.9	564	354.8	267.9	484.3	355.6	183.7	514	329	350.1	667
pH	6.9	6.5	7.5	6.5	7	7.5	6.5	6	7	7.3	8	7.3
Color (CU)	25	20	8	17	20	17	20	35	12	20	13	20
TOC (mg/L)	3.8	3.3	5.5	3.6	3.5	7.7	3.3	3.8	2.1	3.5	3.1	3
TSS (mg/L)	ND	ND	ND	ND	1.5	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	5
TDS (mg/L)	160	170	310	290	150	280	240	120	330	220	220	420
Turbidity (NTU)	3.7	1.6	0.54	2.1	6.1	2	0.7	9.2	1.3	0.4	0.9	0.68
E. Coli (MPN/100 mL)	31	47	2400	15	56	120	50	39	30	96	44	44

 within limits
 min or max exceedance

Water Quality Objectives

PARAMETER	MIN	MAX	UNITS
DO	5		mg/L
pH	6.5	8.5	units
E. Coli		235	MPN/100ml
TDS		500	mg/L
Conductivity		900	µS/cm

null value = 0.001

Source: Table 15. Adopted Basin Plan and California Toxics Rule Objectives for Analytes Monitored for the 2006 Storm Season

Pesticide Use in the Putah Creek Drainage

The vast majority of pesticides applied to lands in the Napa County Putah Creek drainage are applied to wine grapes. The following table summarizes pesticide use data compiled by the Napa County Agricultural Commissioner's office in the area. A total of 34 growers in the Putah Creek drainage (30 wine grape, 1 pasture, and 3 oat hay) reported pesticide use in calendar year 2008.

Irrigated Agriculture , Year 2008 *: (Source: Napa County Agricultural Commissioner)

CHEMICAL	PESTICIDE TYPE	AMOUNT
2,4-D	Herbicide	43.75 GAL
Acetochlor	Herbicide	1.25 GAL
Adjuvant	Adjuvant	178 LB
Adjuvant	Adjuvant	630.1625875 GAL
Azoxystrobin	Fungicide	37.130625 GAL
Bacillus pumilis	Insecticide	1153.5625 GAL
Bacillus subtilis	Insecticide	3642.06 LB
Bacillus thuringiensis	Insecticide	4.2 LB
Bifenzamate	Insecticide	145.19 LB
Buprofezin	Insecticide	105.5 GAL
Carfentrazone-ethyl	Herbicide	0.42453125 GAL
Copper Hydroxide	Fungicide	30.62 LB
Copper Hydroxide	Fungicide	113.0540625 GAL
Cuprous Oxide	Fungicide	1060.3 LB
Cyprodinil	Fungicide	34.87 LB
Cyprodinil	Fungicide	2.4375 GAL
Dinotefuran	Insecticide	1.13 LB
Dinotefuran	Insecticide	1.696796875 GAL
Diphacinone	Rodenticide	98.5 LB
Diuron	Herbicide	189.56 LB
Diuron	Herbicide	1.953125 GAL
Etoxazole	Miticide	0.016640625 GAL
Fenarimol	Fungicide	5.25 GAL
Fenhexamid	Fungicide	58 LB
Flumioxazin	Herbicide	13.05 LB
Flumioxazin	Herbicide	56.4903125 GAL
Glufosinate ammonium	Herbicide	5.955 GAL
Glyphosate	Herbicide	1086.0858375 GAL
Imidacloprid	Insecticide	20.2020125 LB
Imidacloprid	Insecticide	17.423046875 GAL
Kaolin	Barrier	714.2 LB
Kresoxim methyl	Fungicide	13.75 LB
Lime Sulphur	Fungicide	635.78 GAL
Myclobutanil	Fungicide	202.030625 LB
Myrothecium verucarria	Nematicide	182.6 LB
Oryzalin	Herbicide	107.2875 GAL
Oxyfluorfen	Herbicide	210.94515625 GAL
Potassium Bicarbonate	Fungicide	165.59 LB
Pyraclostrobin	Fungicide	725.858125 LB

Pyrethrins	Insecticide	345.4975 GAL
Pyridaben	Insecticide	3.5 LB
Pyrimethanil	Fungicide	3 GAL
Quinoxifen	Fungicide	34.90845625 GAL
Simazine	Herbicide	40.5 GAL
Spinosad	Insecticide	199.26 GAL
Strychnine	Rodenticide	3 LB
Sulphur	Fungicide	102839.17191875 LB
Sulphur	Fungicide	3.34 GAL
Tebuconazole	Fungicide	309.6125 LB
Thiophanate-Methyl	Fungicide	25.5 LB
Trifloxystrobin	Fungicide	129.615625 LB
Triflumizole	Fungicide	10.7 LB
Triflumizole	Fungicide	28.676875 GAL
White Oil	Fungicide	1762.1075 GAL
CHEMICAL	PESTICIDE TYPE	AMOUNT
2,4-D	Herbicide	43.75 GAL

* Data reflects amount of manufactured product used, not active ingredient. Most manufactured products include inert ingredients, some at a very high percentage of the total product.

In pounds of active ingredient, elemental sulfur is by far the greatest pesticide usage in the Putah Creek watershed, distantly followed by glyphosate herbicide. Research results from an evaluation of pesticide use data from Napa County by UC Davis (Napa County Agricultural Commissioner personal communication with Minghua Zhang [mhzhang@ucdavis.edu] and Jennifer Campos [jycampos@ucdavis.edu]; 530-754-9292) indicate a significant decline in FQPA I & II pesticide use in Napa County between 1993 and 2001 and substantiate that a high number of growers only use sulfur and glyphosate in their vineyards.

It is important to note that insecticide applications are not typically applied in the winter rainy season, when storm runoff from the land would be generated.

County Of Napa- Water Quality Sample Summary- Total Coliform- Markeley Cove, Lake Berryessa

Name of System: Markley Cove- Lake Berryessa SN 2800585 Source Type Lake/Reservoir

	Sample Day	Sample Date (per LT2 Plan)	Sample Day	Sample Date (Actual)	Date Flag	E-coli Result (MPN/100 ml)	Detection Limit (if result "0"/ND)	Comments (please note reason for missing result/sample if available)
1	Wednesday	10/08/08	Monday	10/06/08		0		Total coliform = 248.1
2	Wednesday	10/22/08	Monday	10/20/08		1		Total coliform = 387.3
3	Wednesday	11/05/08	Monday	11/03/08		3.1		Tot coliform = 1203.3
4	Wednesday	11/19/08	Monday	11/17/08		0	1	Tot coliform = 153.9
5	Wednesday	12/03/08	Monday	12/01/08		1		Total coliform = >2419.2
6	Wednesday	12/17/08	Monday	12/15/08		2		Total coliform = 1299.7
7	Wednesday	12/31/08	Monday	12/29/08		0		Total coliform = >2419.2
8	Wednesday	01/14/09	Monday	01/12/09		0	1	1299.7
9	Wednesday	01/28/09	Monday	01/26/09		0	1	396.8
10	Wednesday	02/11/09	Monday	02/09/09		0	1	135.4
11	Wednesday	02/25/09	Monday	02/23/09		9.7		648.8
12	Wednesday	03/11/09	Monday	03/09/09		0	1	613.1
13	Wednesday	03/25/09	Monday	03/23/09		0	1	>2419.2
14	Wednesday	04/08/09	Monday	04/06/09		0	1	47.2
15	Wednesday	04/22/09	Monday	04/20/09		0	1	6.3
16	Wednesday	05/06/09	Monday	05/04/09		0	1	40.4
17	Wednesday	05/20/09	Monday	05/18/09		3.1	1	77.6
18	Wednesday	06/03/09	Monday	06/01/09		0	1	135.4
19	Wednesday	06/17/09	Monday	06/15/09		0	1	total coliform: 387.3
20	Wednesday	07/01/09	Monday	06/29/09		0	1	268.2
21	Wednesday	07/15/09	Monday	07/13/09		0	1	214.3
22	Wednesday	07/29/09	Monday	07/27/09		1	1	165.8
23	Wednesday	08/12/09	Monday	08/10/09		0	1	435.2
24	Wednesday	08/26/09	Monday	08/24/09		0	1	206.3
25	Wednesday	09/09/09	Tuesday	09/08/09		0	1	2419.2
26	Wednesday	09/23/09	Monday	09/21/09		0	1	131.3

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June 2013

ATTACHMENT B

REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD

CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

PILOT PLAN APPROVAL LETTER, APRIL 2010



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22 April 2010

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NAPA COUNTY PUTAH CREEK SUBWATERSHED GROUP PILOT WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PRACTICES PLAN

Thank you for submittal of the Napa County Putah Creek Watershed Group's (NCPCWG) *Pilot Watershed Management Practices Plan* (Pilot Plan) proposal on 22 February 2010. The Pilot Plan proposal was submitted jointly by the Sacramento Valley Water Quality Coalition (Coalition) and the NCPCWG Subwatershed.

Per the Coalition's Monitoring and Report Program Order No. R5-2009-0875 (MRP Order), the Coalition has the option of demonstrating that management practices have been implemented in lieu of conducting water quality monitoring for up to three subwatersheds. To receive full approval for this alternative approach, the Coalition must submit a management practices plan for the subwatershed *and* demonstrate that 75% of their member growers are implementing practices identified in that plan. This letter serves as approval of the Pilot Plan submitted by the Coalition and NCPCWG. Reduced monitoring requirements will apply once the necessary documentation of member grower implementation of management practices has been provided.

As stated in the MRP Order, Special Project monitoring activities must continue, where applicable. At the end of the first full year of the Pilot Plan, the Coalition must submit evidence that management practice implementation has been attained by 95% of member growers enrolled in the ILRP within the NCPCWG.

I am extending the deadline for submitting the documentation of management practices implementation from 1 May to 15 June 2010. This extension will allow NCPCWG the time needed to distribute and receive surveys back from its members. In addition, time will be needed for the Subwatershed Group to respond to questions from members and to follow-up on any questionnaires that were not fully completed by its members.

California Environmental Protection Agency

I would like to thank the Coalition and NCPCWG representatives for the extra efforts they have made for their members and this Program. If there are any questions regarding this letter, please contact Susan Fregien at 916-464-4813 or by email at sfregien@waterboards.ca.gov.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pamela C. Creedon". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pamela C. Creedon
Executive Officer

**Napa County Putah Creek Watershed Group
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ATTACHMENT C

REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD

CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

APPROVAL OF NCPCWG 2011 ANNUAL REPORT

NOVEMBER, 2011



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Governor

14 November 2011

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NAPA COUNTY PUTAH CREEK AND EL DORADO SUBWATERSHEDS PILOT
MANAGEMENT PRACTICES PLAN ANNUAL REPORTS

Thank you for your submission of the Pilot Management Practices Plan Annual Reports for the Napa County Putah Creek and the El Dorado subwatersheds of the Sacramento Valley Water Quality Coalition (Coalition) on 30 June 2011. I accept and approve these reports in fulfillment of the requirements of the Pilot Watershed Management Practices Plans as described in the Monitoring and Reporting Order R5-2009-0875. The Plans were approved for these two subwatersheds on 22 April 2010. Each of these reports describes management objectives, management practices, and the implementation approach taken by the subwatershed groups to prevent agricultural discharge-related impacts to water quality. In addition, these reports show how the groups are demonstrating and verifying adequate implementation of management practices.

I commend the Coalition and the subwatershed groups for the progress made thus far on the implementation of the Pilot Management Practices Plans. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Mark Cady at 916-464-4654 or by email at mcady@waterboards.ca.gov.

Pamela C. Creedon
Executive Officer

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ATTACHMENT D

REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD

CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

APPROVAL OF NCPCWG 2012 ANNUAL REPORT

SEPTEMBER, 2012

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

7 September 2012

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NAPA COUNTY PUTAH CREEK AND EL DORADO SUBWATERSHEDS PILOT WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PRACTICES PLAN ANNUAL REPORTS

Thank you for submitting the Pilot Watershed Management Practices Plan (Pilot Plan) Annual Reports for the Napa County Putah Creek and El Dorado subwatersheds of the Sacramento Valley Water Quality Coalition (Coalition) on 30 June 2012. I accept and approve these reports in fulfillment of the requirements of the Pilot Watershed Management Practices Plans (Pilot Plans) as described in the Monitoring and Reporting Order R5-2009-0875. The Pilot Plans were approved for these two subwatersheds on 22 April 2010. An extension of the Pilot Plans was approved on 23 April 2012. Pilot Plan requirements will be in place until they are superseded by alternative requirements or Central Valley Water Board adoption of a new Monitoring and Reporting Program Order.

Each of these reports describes management objectives, management practices, and the implementation approach taken by the subwatershed groups to prevent agricultural discharge-related impacts to water quality. In addition, these reports show how the groups are demonstrating and verifying management practices implementation by 95% of member growers or on 95% of member growers' acreage in the respective subwatersheds through surveys of all growers and with on-farm visits to a subset of member growers.

I commend the Coalition and the subwatershed groups for the progress made implementing the Pilot Plans. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Mark Cady at 916-464-4654 or by email at mcady@waterboards.ca.gov.



 Pamela C. Creedon
Executive Officer

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Carolyn Mansfield, El Dorado County Agricultural Water Quality Management Corporation
Valerie Zentner, El Dorado County Farm Bureau

RE: EL DORADO COUNTY AGRICULTURAL WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT CORPORATION

The Board of Directors of the El Dorado County Agricultural Water Quality Management Corporation (the Corporation) has reviewed the proposed amendments to the Corporation's Bylaws and has approved the same. The Board of Directors of the Corporation is hereby authorized to execute and deliver to the Secretary of the Corporation the necessary documents to effectuate the amendments to the Corporation's Bylaws.

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ATTACHMENT E

NCPCWG 2013 ON-SITE CERTIFICATION FORM

**Napa County Putah Creek Watershed Group
2012 On-Site Certification Form**

Member Name: _____
Site Address: _____
Assessor's Parcel Numbers: _____
Irrigated Acres Farmed (by crop): _____
Acres Irrigated in most recent crop year: _____

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

GIS Info

Is the Irrigated Land Adjacent to USGS Blue-line Stream? No: ___ Yes: ___
Does the Irrigated Parcel Include Land >5% Slope? No: ___ Yes: ___

Documents and Records

Does the irrigated land have an Active Napa County Erosion Control Plan? No: ___ Yes: ___
Was an ECP winterization or spot inspection conducted in 2010? N/A: ___ No: ___ Yes: ___
Is the irrigated land certified under a green certification program? No: ___ Yes: ___
Pest Control Advisor (or other qualification) Monitoring Reports? No: ___ Yes: ___
Records of Pesticide Use? No: ___ Yes: ___
NC Ag Commissioner Pesticide Application Permits? No: ___ Yes: ___
Soil or Plant Tissue Analysis Reports? No: ___ Yes: ___
Plant Nutrient Application Records? No: ___ Yes: ___
Organic Certification for Irrigated Cropland? No: ___ Yes: ___

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

(Site Visit Team: Please take some pictures of installed practices to provide photo documentation of BMP implementation.)

Are the Following BMPs Being Utilized?

Access Road (560) No: ___ Yes, Describe: _____

Cover Crop (340) No: ___ Yes, Describe: _____

Critical Area Planting (342) No: ___ Yes, Describe: _____

Diversion (362) No: ___ Yes, Describe: _____

Grassed Waterway (412) No: ___ Yes, Describe: _____

Irrigation Water Management (490) No: ___ Yes, Describe: _____
(Include Frost Protection) _____

_____ Documentation: No: ___ Yes: ___

Mulching (484) No: ___ Yes, Describe: _____

Nutrient Management (590) No: ___ Yes, Describe: _____

_____ Documentation: No: ___ Yes: ___

Pest Management (595A) No: ___ Yes, Describe: _____

_____ Documentation: No: ___ Yes: ___

Riparian Forest Buffer (391A) No: ___ Yes, Describe: _____

Riparian Herbaceous Cover (390) No: ___ Yes, Describe: _____

Sediment Basin (350) No: ___ Yes, Describe: _____

Streambank and Shoreline Protection (580) No: ___ Yes, Describe: _____

Underground Outlet (620) No: ___ Yes, Describe: _____

Are there any observed water quality improvements or controls which are not recorded in the above practices questions? _____

Are there any observed water quality impairment issues not being addressed by BMPs? _____

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ATTACHMENT F

REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD

CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

COMPLETION OF pH MANAGEMENT PLAN

JANUARY, 2013

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

23 January 2013

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COMPLETION OF THE pH MANAGEMENT PLAN ON POPE CREEK IN THE NAPA COUNTY-PUTAH CREEK SUBWATERSHED

Thank you for your letter of 8 January 2013 requesting approval for completion of the pH Management Plan at Pope Creek. The basis of the request is evidence that pH near 8.5 represents typical conditions in the Pope Creek drainage, and is not caused by agricultural drainage. Based on the information provided by the Sacramento Valley Water Quality Coalition (Coalition) in this request, I have determined that this pH Management Plan is complete and further actions identified in the Plan are not required.

This Management Plan was triggered by pH readings at the Coalition monitoring site above the water quality objective range (pH 6.5 – 8.5) on 1 December 2009 (pH 8.61), and 1 March 2010 (pH 8.55). Monitoring data from this location, included in the request, show that pH is often high. Supplemental monitoring from various locations within the watershed in February and April 2012 showed that elevated pH is common in tributaries of Pope Creek. In addition, there is a demonstrated high rate of best management practices adoption.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this approval, please contact Mark Cady at (916) 464-4654, or by email at mcady@waterboards.ca.gov.


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