

2016-17 Fee Schedules

CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS

TITLE 23. Division 3. Chapter 9. Waste Discharge Reports and Requirements

Article 1. Fees

Section 2200. Annual Fee Schedules.

Each person for whom waste discharge requirements have been prescribed pursuant to Section 13263 of the Water Code shall submit, to the state board, an annual fee in accordance with the following schedules. The fee shall be submitted for each waste discharge requirement order issued to that person.¹

¹ Federal facilities will generally not be invoiced for the portion of the annual fee that is attributable to the state board's ambient water monitoring programs. See *Massachusetts v. United States* (1978) 435 U.S. 444.

Section 2200.6. Annual Agricultural and Irrigated Lands Fee Schedule.

(a) Annual fees for waste discharge requirements and waivers of waste discharge requirements for discharges from agricultural lands¹, including irrigated lands, shall be as follows:

(1) Tier I: If a discharger is a member of a group that has been approved by the state board to manage fee collection and payment, then the fee shall be \$100 per group plus \$0.75 per acre of land.

(2) Tier II: If a discharger is a member of a group that has been approved by the state board but that does not manage fee collection and payment, then the fee shall be \$100 per farm plus \$1.27 per acre of land.

(3) Tier III: If a discharger is not a member of a group that has been approved by the state board, the following fee schedule applies:

| Acres | Fee Rate | Min Fee | Max Fee |
|-------------|-----------------------|---------|------------|
| 0-10 | \$404 + \$13.50/Acre | \$404 | \$539 |
| 11-100 | \$1,010 + \$6.70/Acre | \$1,084 | \$1,680 |
| 101-500 | \$2,692 + \$3.40/Acre | \$3,035 | \$4,392 |
| 501 or More | \$5,384 + \$2.70/Acre | \$6,737 | No Max Fee |

(b) Upon approval by the regional board to join a group subject to waste discharge requirements or waivers of waste discharge requirements for discharges from agricultural lands, including irrigated lands, the discharger shall submit to the state board an application fee, unless such fee is not required by the regional board. The application fee is a one-time fee of \$200 for dischargers that have received a written request to submit an application or report of waste discharge, and \$50 for all other dischargers. This application fee shall not apply to dischargers who were members of a group on or before June 30, 2008.

(c) For purposes of this section, the words "agricultural lands," "irrigated lands," "farm," and "discharger" have the meaning contained in the applicable regional board or state board waste discharge requirements or waiver of waste discharge requirements for discharges from agricultural lands, including irrigated lands. These fees shall apply whether or not a regional board or the state board has previously waived the payment of fees for the discharge of waste.

¹ As used in this section, the acreage on which the fee is based refers to the area that has been irrigated or cultivated by the farmer or discharger at any time in the previous five years.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 185 and 1058 of the Water Code. Reference: Section 13260 and 13269 of the Water Code.