Central Coast Groundwater Coalition
2019 Program Update

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CCGC Membership

2018 Summary

-- 377 members, 200,000+ acres
-- 1,719 active member ranches
-- 3211 Total Wells
  ◦ 754: Domestic
  ◦ 2457: Irrigation
CCGC Membership Reporting Compliance

Ag Order 3.0 Primary Irrigation Well/ Domestic Well Sampling

Compliance levels of CCGC members

- 92% of member ranches
- 93% of member wells (primary irrigation and domestic wells)
CCGC Activities (2013-2019)

- Track member ranch & well activity: report to Regional Water Board
  - Assist members to schedule well sampling
- Assist member compliance and other questions (well/sampling history, eNOI updates, etc.)
- Process sampling data from third party labs
  - Send Exceedance Notifications
- Track member sampling to achieve compliance
- Provide assistance preparing Total Nitrogen Applied (TNA) reports

*Members know who to call for answers.*

*Gives growers/members more time to FARM*
CCGC Activities

Value to Regional Water Board and Public

• Quarterly Reports submitted to RWB
  • Membership Report
  • Exceedance Notifications
  • Comprehensive Domestic Exceedance Report
• Follow up on compliance issues; ensure correct sample data uploaded to Geotracker
• Helping growers better understand water quality issues / RWB requirements
• Work toward improving water quality

Third party gives RWB a “go-to intermediary” that benefits them and growers
CCGC Activities
Value to Growers

- Reminders on compliance requirements
- Track wells that need sampling
- Provide templates for domestic well exceedance notifications
- Facilitate laboratory communications
  - Quality control check on sample results uploaded to Geotracker
- Provide worksheet tool for TNA reporting
- Answer grower questions in a timely manner
CCGC Proposed 4.0 Trend Monitoring Approach

Ag Organization Alternative (page 2)

“Groundwater trend monitoring: methodology developed by ag third party for staff review”

- Can propose science based groundwater trend monitoring
- Waiting for staff time to discuss before proceeding with draft plan
Follow Up on Domestic Well Exceedances

CCGC Board Recommendation for 4.0

- Follow-up should be responsibility of Regional Water Board only
- ESJ Order directs Central Valley RWB to implement domestic well sampling (no third party involvement)

- No third party benefit to help growers comply
4.0 = More Work for All!

New Order will likely have:
- More complicated compliance requirements
- More reporting on BMPs
- More growers filing TNA reports

Third party can assist both growers and Regional Water Board achieve program goals
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