

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL COAST REGION**

STAFF REPORT FOR REGULAR MEETING OF APRIL 17, 2026

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ITEM NUMBER: 14

SUBJECT: Irrigated Lands Program – Background and History

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ACTION: Information/Discussion

SUMMARY

The objective of this informational item is for Central Coast Water Board staff to present Board Members with background and historical context regarding the Irrigated Lands Program¹ (ILP) in the Central Coast Region. This item is intended to provide context to inform future discussions and decisions related to irrigated agriculture. Staff will provide a brief summary of key program milestones, including the development and progression of the Agricultural Order(s) since 2004.

Additionally, State Water Board staff will also present an update on the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program - Second Statewide Agricultural Expert Panel.²

¹ ILP website: https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/water_issues/programs/ilp/

² Second Statewide Agricultural Expert Panel website:
https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/agriculture/2025-expert-panel.html