

Central Coast Groundwater Coalition 2019 Program Update

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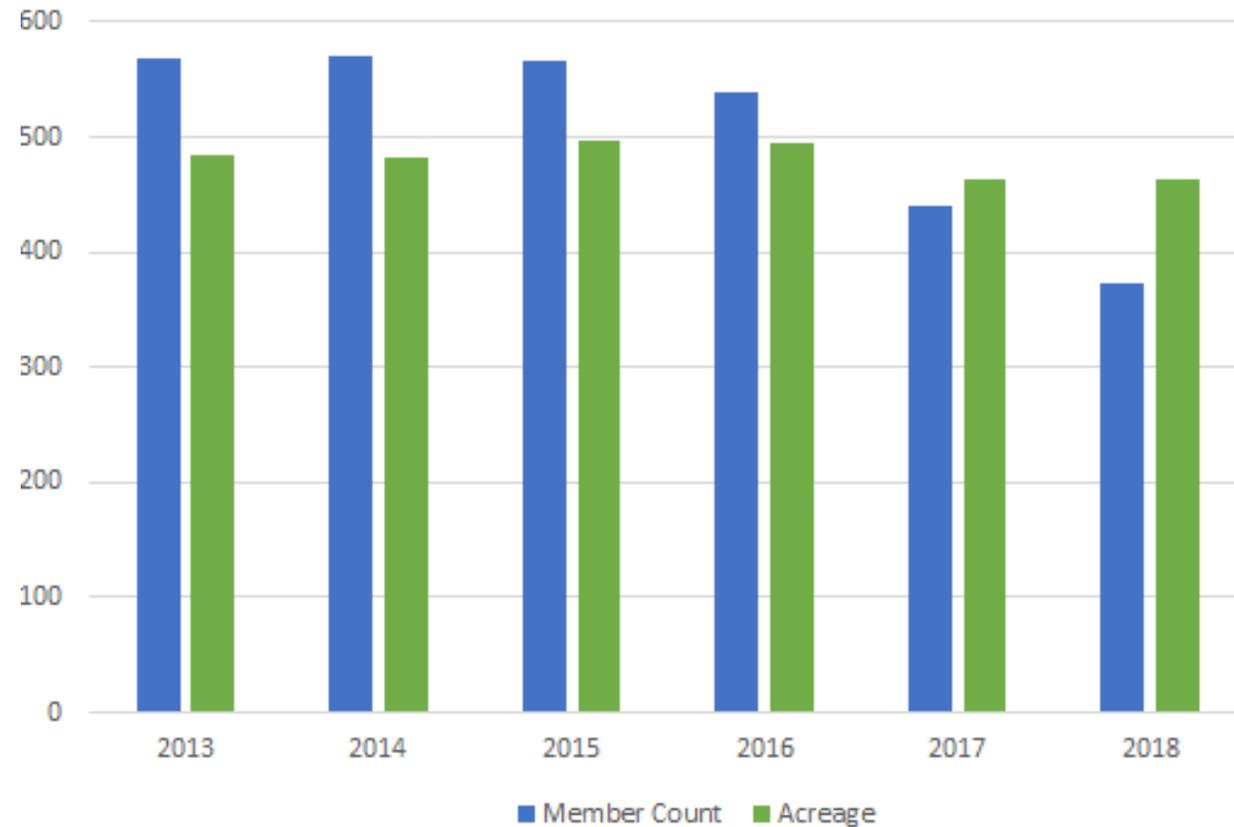
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CCGC Member Counts and Acreage



CCGC Membership

2018 Summary

- 377 members, 200,000+ acres
- 1,719 active member ranches
- 3211 Total Wells
 - o 754: Domestic
 - o 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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