Does My Property Need Coverage Under the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP)?

The ILRP addresses discharge of waste (e.g., sediments, pesticides, nitrates) from commercial irrigated lands. These wastes can harm aquatic life or make water unusable for drinking water or agricultural uses. The goal of the ILRP is to protect surface water and groundwater and to reduce impacts of irrigated agricultural discharges to waters of the State.

Helpful ILRP Links

ILRP Web Site:
https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/irrigated_lands/

Information for Growers
https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/irrigated_lands/regulatory_information/

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1 For the purpose of the ILRP, commercial irrigated lands are irrigated lands that have one or more of the following characteristics: 1) The landowner or operator holds a current Operator Identification Number / Permit Number for pesticide use reporting; 2) The crop is sold to a third party including, but not limited to, (a) an industry cooperative, (b) harvest crew/company, or (c) a direct marketing location, such as farmers’ markets; 3) The landowner or operator files federal taxes using federal Department of Treasury Internal Revenue Service Form 1040, Schedule F Profit or Loss from Farming.

2 Irrigated lands – Land irrigated to produce crops or pasture for commercial purposes including lands that are planted to commercial crops that are not yet marketable (e.g., vineyards and tree crop). Irrigated lands also include nurseries, and privately and publicly managed wetlands.

3 Separate orders – Other Water Board orders that include managed applications to cropland are not required to have additional coverage under the ILRP. An example of another order is the Confined Animal Facility Order (i.e., dairy, poultry, bovine).