

Fees Stakeholder Meeting

Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program

Fee Schedule Alternatives

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AGENDA

- Welcome and Introductions
- Fee Schedule Alternatives
- Open Discussion
- Upcoming Stakeholder Activity

Fee Schedule Alternative Concepts

1. Reduced Reporting
2. ESJ Exemptions
3. Coalition Activity Matrix
4. Threat to Water Quality/Complexity
5. No Change – per-acre fee

1. Reduced Reporting

- ≤10% of growers needing Management/Work Plans
 - Surface Water Quality Management Plans
 - Groundwater Quality Management Plans
- ≤10% of growers with Exceedances
- ≤10% of growers needing Enforcement Actions

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Metric-based option• Potential big discount to some, minimal impact to growers who don't qualify• Correlation to reduction in staff time | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requires re-evaluation of fees each year on site-specific basis• Uncertain and fluctuating fees to entire program |
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2. ESJ Exemptions

- Identified exemptions in ESJ Order
- Recognized reduced need to submit reports

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Based on established exemptions• Potential big discount to some, minimal impact to growers who don't qualify• Correlation to reduction in staff time | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Few could potentially qualify |
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3. Coalition Activity Matrix

- ESJ - baseline
- Additional requirements in other orders
- Value-added activities

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Many could qualify• Sliding scale | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requires re-evaluation of fees each year on site-specific basis• Uncertain and fluctuating fees to entire program |
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4. Threat to Water Quality/Comp.

- Threat to Water Quality I, II, III
- Complexity A, B, C

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consistent with other program fee schedules• One-time set-up• Steady rates over time | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• May vary within coalition area• Potential issues with subjectivity |
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5. No Change – Per-acre fee

- Maintain current fee structure
- Rates based on acreage
- Some tiering based on presence of third-party group

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

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| • Steady, predictable rates | • Doesn't take into account site-specific impacts |
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Questions/Comments?

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