

## 2020-21 Fee Schedules

### Section 2200.6. Annual Agricultural and Irrigated Lands Fee Schedule.

(a) Annual fees for waste discharge requirements and waivers of waste discharge requirements for discharges from agricultural lands,<sup>1</sup> including irrigated lands, shall be as follows:

(1) If a discharger is a member of a group that has been approved by the Regional Board or Regional Board Executive Officer to manage fee collection and payment, then the annual fee shall be based on agricultural activity according to the following fee schedule:

Agricultural Activity Tier for Group Enrollment	Per Acre Fee
<b>Tier A</b> – All agricultural activity except those identified in Tier B.	\$1.12
<b>Tier B</b> – Discharger or group of dischargers whose agricultural activities are managed wetlands, irrigated pastures with no external nitrogen input, those belonging to the California Rice Commission third party group, or are determined by the Regional Water Board or the Executive Officer to be exempt from the precedential requirement to develop an Irrigation and Nitrogen Management Plan. <sup>2</sup>	\$0.90

(2) If a discharger is not a member of a group that has been approved by the Regional Board or Regional Board Executive Officer to manage fee collection and payment, then the annual fee shall be based on agricultural activity according to the following fee schedule:

Agricultural Activity Tier for Individual Enrollment	Per Acre Fee
<b>Tier A</b> – All agricultural activity except those identified in Tier B.	\$28.00 per acre up to 300 acres plus \$14.00 per acre over 300 acres with a minimum fee of \$550
<b>Tier B</b> – Discharger or group of dischargers whose agricultural activities are managed wetlands, irrigated pastures with no external nitrogen input or are determined by the Regional Water Board or the Executive Officer to be exempt from the precedential requirement to develop an Irrigation and Nitrogen Management Plan. <sup>2</sup>	\$22.40 per acre up to 300 acres plus \$11.20 per acre over 300 acres with a minimum fee of \$550

<sup>1</sup> As used in this section, the acreage on which the fee is based refers to the area that has been irrigated or cultivated by the farmer or discharger at any time in the previous five years.

<sup>2</sup> Per State Water Board Order No. WQ 2018-0002, In the Matter of Review of Waste Discharge Requirements General Order No. R5-2012-0116 for Growers Within the Eastern San Joaquin River Watershed that are Members of the Third-Party Group.

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(b) Upon approval by the regional board to join a group subject to waste discharge requirements or waivers of waste discharge requirements for discharges from agricultural lands, including irrigated lands, the discharger shall submit to the state board an application fee, unless such fee is not required by the regional board. The application fee is a one-time fee of \$200 for dischargers that have received a written request to submit an application or report of waste discharge, and \$50 for all other dischargers. This application fee shall not apply to dischargers who were members of a group on or before June 30, 2008.

(c) For purposes of this section, the words “agricultural lands,” “irrigated lands,” “farm,” and “discharger” have the meaning contained in the applicable regional board or state board waste discharge requirements or waiver of waste discharge requirements for discharges from agricultural lands, including irrigated lands. These fees shall apply whether or not a regional board or the state board has previously waived the payment of fees for the discharge of waste.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 185 and 1058, Water Code. Reference: Sections 13260 and 13269, Water Code.