STATE OF CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD CENTRAL COAST REGION

STAFF REPORT FOR REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 28-29, 2015 Prepared April 10, 2015

ITEM NUMBER: 15

SUBJECT: Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program: Annual Compliance Form, Management Practice Reporting Overview

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KEY INFORMATION

Location:	Region Wide
Type of Discharge:	Irrigated Lands
Existing Orders:	Order No. R3-2012-0001

THIS ACTION: Informational

This is an informational item to update the Central Coast Water Board about the Annual Compliance Form reporting requirement, which is contained in the Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Irrigated Lands (Agricultural Order). Staff will present an overview of the requirement and summary statistics of the management practice data that growers have reported.

Tier 2 and 3 ranches are required to submit and update the Annual Compliance Form annually by October 1. Water Board staff has assessed Annual Compliance Form data received for the October 1, 2014 update. For the assessment, staff focused on is the management practice section of the Annual Compliance Form, where growers can check which water quality management practices they are implementing and assessing. Staff considers this an important component of reporting since it helps demonstrate the iterative approach growers are implementing toward meeting water quality objectives. The management practice section of the Annual Compliance form has been available to growers since October 2013. Growers must review and update the form every October. Therefore, staff has one full year (October 2013 and October 2014) of data to assess and can use this data as a baseline in the years ahead.

Staff will provide a PowerPoint presentation to provide an overview of enrollment in the Agricultural Order, grower-reported management practice implementation, implementation assessment, and corresponding summary statistics.

Attachment 1 includes a brief update on the status of the implementation of the groundwater monitoring and reporting requirements of the Agricultural Order. Staff is preparing a detailed discussion of the groundwater monitoring results to present at a future Board meeting.

ATTACHMENT

1. ILRP Groundwater Monitoring and Reporting Update