



**Irrigated Lands Program
Electronic Notice of Intent (eNOI)
Instructions
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ELECTRONIC NOTICE OF INTENT REQUIREMENT

The Central Coast Water Board's Agricultural Order regulates discharges from irrigated agricultural lands to prevent agricultural discharges from impairing waters of the state.

Owners and/or operators of irrigated cropland on or from which there are discharges of waste that could affect the quality of any surface water or groundwater, must enroll in the Agricultural Order by submitting an electronic Notice of Intent (eNOI). **The eNOI must be updated to reflect changes to operation or ranch/farm information within 60 days of the change**, including any changes in acreage or contact information. The eNOI is entirely online and can be accessed on the Central Coast Water Board's Irrigated Lands Program Website.

There are two types of eNOI users:

- **New eNOI User:** Owners and/or operators that have not submitted an eNOI in the past must submit their initial eNOI as a "New eNOI User."
- **Returning eNOI User:** Owners and/or Operators that have already submitted an eNOI and have been provided with a username and password, must login to GeoTracker as a "Returning eNOI User."

New owners and/or operators should complete the eNOI as a "New eNOI User" and submit it by pressing the "Save & Submit" button. After verification of the initial eNOI submittal, the Water Board will provide a temporary username and password to the Operator/Responsible Party listed on the eNOI. Growers can then update the eNOI at any time and as necessary by logging in as a "Returning eNOI User."

INFORMATION NEEDED

- AW# if operation or ranch was previously enrolled
- Operation contact information
- Landowner contact information and associated assessor parcel number(s)
- Ranch contact information
- Date of last Farm Water Quality Management Plan (Farm Plan) update
- Number of domestic drinking water wells and agricultural wells on an individual ranch
- Drinking water notification(s)
- Ranch map(s) and location(s)
- Acres (irrigated and total tailwater)
- Irrigation type(s), crop type(s), chemical usage, backflow prevention, slope, impermeable surfaces
- Pesticide permit information

OPERATION INFORMATION

SECTION I: INTENT TO ENROLL OPERATION

Name of operation	Enter the legal name of the distinct farming business. To change the Operation name, contact Water Board staff at AgNOI@waterboards.ca.gov .
Operator/Responsible Party	Enter the legal first and last name of the person designated as the Operator/Responsible Party. <u>The Operator/Responsible Party needs to be the name of an individual person, not a corporation or business entity name.</u> To change the Operator/Responsible Party name contact Water Board staff at AgNOI@waterboards.ca.gov .
Business mailing address	Enter the completed business mailing address where correspondence should be sent.
Phone, fax, email	Enter the phone number, fax number, and email address of the individual person listed as the Operator/Responsible Party. The Water Board uses email to remind growers of upcoming due dates and send notification regarding compliance issues. <u>All correspondence sent from the Water Board via email will be sent to the email address listed on the Operation eNOI.</u>

SECTION II: SUBMITTAL TYPE

Respond appropriately to all the questions in this section, check all boxes that apply and provide the required information. An operation that produces commercial crops sells the crop for commercial purposes.

SECTION III: MONITORING AND REPORTING SELECTIONS

Growers have the option to become a member of third-party programs to comply with different monitoring and reporting requirements. To become a member of a third-party program, Growers must notify the approved third-party program administrator of their election to participate in the third-party program.

SECTION IV: FARM WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN (FARM PLAN)

Respond appropriately to the question in this section, check the box that applies and provide the required information.

SECTION V: WATER QUALITY EDUCATION

Growers must obtain appropriate farm water quality education and technical assistance necessary to achieve compliance with the Order. There are no minimum hours of

education required. Growers do not report education to the Water Board but must maintain records in their Farm Plan.

SECTION VI: AUTHORIZATION AND CERTIFICATION

Read the paragraph and provide requested information.

After submitting the eNOI, the **individual person** listed as Operator/Responsible Party must sign the NOI and the signed NOI must be sent via email or postage to the Central Coast Water Board:

Email: AgNOI@waterboards.ca.gov

Mail: Irrigated Lands Program
Central Coast Water Board
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101
San Luis Obispo, California 93401

RANCH INFORMATION

Enter the name of the ranch.

SECTION VII: RANCH STATUS

Respond appropriately to the YES or NO question in this section. If YES is selected, enter the date when the operation began farming at each ranch location in the MM/DD/YYYY format. If NO is selected because the ranch is farmed for less than 12 months, the landowner(s) or primary leaseholder must enroll the ranch and submit the eNOI.

To terminate an active ranch enrollment, select “No Longer Farming at the Ranch/Farm” and submit a signed Notice of Termination to the Central Coast Water Board.

SECTION VIII: RANCH LOCATION

Ranch address or location and city	Enter the physical location where your ranch is located. Provide and address or a road with the nearest cross street. Enter the city that applies to the ranch address.
Latitude and longitude	Provide the spatial location of each ranch using the online interactive location tool. The latitude and longitude coordinates should be located at the centroid of each ranch or at the center of the largest parcel. Click the button, “Mark the Ranch Location on an Interactive Map” then drag the red marker to the center of the ranch. Note: latitude and longitude coordinates are most accurately reported using the interactive locator map.

SECTION IX: PARCEL ENROLLMENT AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Assessor Parcel Number(s)	Provide landowner information for the designated and corresponding Assessor Parcel Number (APN) for each parcel. If there are multiple parcels, provide the information for each parcel. Manually enter parcel numbers or click on the interactive map to mark an APN. All numeric digits and dashes should be entered in one box. For more than one entry use multiple boxes. If you need assistance determining your APN(s), contact your local assessor's office.
Name of landowners(s)	Enter the legal first and last name of the legal landowner.
Mailing address	Enter the mailing address where landowner correspondence should be sent.
Phone, fax, email	Enter the phone, fax, and email contact information for the landowner.
Ranch contact	Enter the legal first and last name of the person responsible for managing the ranch and making the day-to-day decisions.
Mailing address	Enter the complete ranch contact address where correspondence should be sent.
Phone, fax, email	Enter the phone number, fax number, and email address of the ranch/farm contact person.

SECTION X: MAP(S)

The required ranch map can be a google map with the features added, like the map submitted to the Agricultural Commissioner's office. You must upload ranch maps directly to the eNOI on GeoTracker, using the eNOI submittal link, "Upload Ranch/Farm Maps."

The ranch map must contain the following information:

- Location of ranch including roads;
- Irrigation and stormwater runoff discharge points;
- Proximal surface waterbodies, groundwater wells, tile drains, tailwater or irrigation ponds, streams (perennial, intermittent, and ephemeral), riparian and wetland habitats;
- Location of latitude and longitude measurement indicated on the eNOI.

SECTION XI: GROUNDWATER MONITORING AND REPORTING / DRINKING WATER NOTIFICATION

Identification of groundwater wells	Provide the number of domestic drinking water wells and agricultural wells on each ranch. <u>If a well is both domestic and agricultural only report it once, as a domestic drinking water well.</u>
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Drinking water notification confirmation	<p>Respond appropriately to the questions in this section. Operator/Responsible Party must update their eNOI within 30 days of receiving results from the laboratory to confirm the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Well users have been provided with a summary of laboratory analytical results. b. Well users have been provided with information regarding health risks associated with well water containing nitrate and/or 1,2,3-TCP in excess of their respective public health drinking water standards (i.e., maximum contaminant levels (MCLs)). c. Well users have an alternate source of water for domestic purposes if the sampled well contains nitrate and/or 1,2,3-TCP in excess of their respective MCLs. d. If there has been a change in the population using the well in the past year (e.g., new tenants or residents), confirm that new well users have been provided with the information and resources described above.
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SECTION XII: RANCH CHARACTERISTICS

Total irrigated acres	Report total irrigated acres that are irrigated to produce a crop and in rotation within the next 12 months. Do not include acres that are roads, ponds, non-agricultural, dry farmed, or that only receive stormwater.
Total tailwater acres	<p>Total tailwater acres is auto calculated and populated with the sum of acres from sections A, B, and C that are reported under, "Irrigation Discharge Type."</p> <p>Irrigation water that is captured and re-used is not reported in this section. Stormwater runoff is not reported in this section.</p>
Irrigation discharge type	<p>Report irrigation discharge for acres used to produce a crop and in rotation within the next 12 months, defined as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acres discharging to only ditches or any other type of surface discharge; • Acres discharging to only tile drains or any other type of sub-surface drainage system; • Acres discharging to both ditches and tile drains; • Acres discharging to ponds. <p>Enter values in all boxes.</p>
Irrigation system type	Check all the irrigation types that most closely correspond to the ranch.
Crop type	Check the general crops grown in the past 12 months and/or in rotation within the future 12 months. For row crops, select the specific crop(s) from the drop-down lists.

Backflow prevention devices and well abandonment	<p>Check all boxes that apply and provide requested information.</p> <p>Contact the County Agricultural Commissioner’s office for information about required backflow prevention devices. Contact the County Environmental Health Services for information on proper destruction of permanently abandoned wells.</p>
Sustainability certification	<p>There is currently only one approved sustainability certification: Sustainability in Practice (SIP) for wine vineyards.</p> <p>Respond appropriately to the questions, check boxes as appropriate, and provide requested information.</p>
Additional questions	<p>Respond appropriately to the questions in this section.</p> <p>Slope. Must be determined across the natural topography of the land. Measure the highest and lowest elevations of the land, then measure the horizontal distance separating the highest and lowest elevations. Determine the slope using the formula below (multiply the ratio by 100 to find the percent value). There may be more than one slope value if the low elevation has higher elevations in different directions. The highest slope value calculated (highest percentage numerically) is the value to be reported.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Slope Formula</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Slope = (Elevation Difference / Horizontal Difference) X 100</p> <p>Slope. Value of slope expressed as a percentage. Elevation difference. Report in feet to an accuracy of one foot. Horizontal distance. Report in feet to an accuracy of one foot.</p> <p>Impermeable Surfaces. Plastic-covered surfaces that do not allow fluid to pass through, including polyethylene mulch and hoop houses.</p>

SECTION XIII: PESTICIDE PERMIT INFORMATION

Operator identification number	<p>This information can be located on the “Production Agricultural Monthly Pesticide Use Report” submitted to the Agricultural Commissioner’s office following pesticide application.</p> <p>Report this information in the format: 2-digit county code - year permit expires – permit# <u>XX – XX – XXXXXX</u></p> <p>Pesticide permit numbers must be current and modified when a change occurs. Do not report outdated permit numbers.</p>
Site ID	<p>The Site ID is the code assigned by the County Agricultural Commissioner that indicates a location where a pesticide</p>

	<p>application may occur. Report this information as it is reported on the Pesticide Use Report.</p> <p>Contact the County Agricultural Commissioner's office for the Site ID if unknown.</p>
Name of permit holder	Enter the legal first and last name of the person who holds the permit for the Operation Identification Number to apply pesticides.
Specific chemical use	State whether diazinon or chlorpyrifos have been used in the past 12 months.

Remember to click, “Save Changes,” to submit your form.

The form will not submit if required sections were left blank. Missing sections will be highlighted in yellow. After completing all sections click, “Save Changes” again.

The GeoTracker account homepage will appear when the eNOI is submitted successfully.

QUESTIONS AND ASSISTANCE

If you have questions, or need assistance with your username and password, please contact Irrigated Lands Program Staff at AqNOI@waterboards.ca.gov.

Information about the Agricultural Order's regulatory requirements and associated Monitoring and Reporting Programs is available on the Central Coast Water Board's Irrigated Lands Program website at https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/rwqcb3/water_issues/programs/ag_waivers/index.html