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• Monitoring Requirements
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Why a Permit for Vineyard Properties?

- Excessive sediment leads to aquatic habitat impairment
- Vineyards and unpaved roads are widespread sediment sources
- One-sixth of Napa River and Sonoma Creek watersheds is planted in grapes
- Hillslope vineyard parcels include hundreds of miles of unpaved roads
- Permit ensures effective Best Management Practices (BMPs) are in-place to restore streambed conditions
Vineyard Properties

• Parcels where ≥ 5 acres are planted in grapes

• The Vineyard Permit requires landowners to:
  • Enroll in the permit
  • Develop a farm plan and have the plan “verified”
  • Implement the farm plan to achieve performance standards – July 2020 Deadline
  • Conduct and report monitoring to assess progress
Important Water Board Deadlines for Existing Vineyards

• July 2018 –
  • Enrollment Deadline

• Spring 2020 –
  • Annual Fee Collection Begins

• July 2020 –
  • Surface Water Quality Monitoring Plan Due
  • Deadline for Farm Plan Completion and Third-Party Verification

• July 2023 –
  • Surface Water Quality Monitoring Report Due
Approved Third-Party Programs

The Water Board has approved the following programs to assist farmers in developing Farm Plans:

- California Land Stewardship Institute
- California Sustainable Winegrowing Alliance
- Napa County Resource Conservation District
- Sonoma Resource Conservation District

We recommend that you finish the parts you’re responsible for ASAP, so that you’ll meet the July 2020 deadline.
# 2019-2020 Water Board Annual Fee Payment Options and Fee Example

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Monitoring and Reporting Requirements

• Tier 1:
  • Photo Point (BMP implementation)

• Tier 2:
  • Photo Point (BMP implementation)
  • Annual Reporting
  • Available for Group Monitoring Plans: Surface Water Quality Monitoring Plan
    • BMP Effectiveness
    • Streambed monitoring
    • Monitoring Results Report
Water Quality Monitoring Plan

- BMP Effectiveness will evaluate the performance of BMPs to control sediment
- Streambed Monitoring will measure fine sediment loading in streambeds
- Permit provides a group option for both these monitoring requirements
- Individual plans must be approved through review process
- Farm Bureaus will manage the Group monitoring program
- Benefits to Group monitoring
  - Provides compliance certainty
  - Shares burden and reduces cost
  - Expected to be $5 to $10 per acre per year
Enrollment Reminder

• Everyone should be enrolled by this point
• Enrollment is done through GeoTracker
• Fees are distributed and collected based on the information entered in GeoTracker by the enrollee
• Make sure your GeoTracker enrollment information is current and correct
• Make sure there are no redundant enrollments of your site
Summary

• Farm Plan verification deadline July 2020 – July 2021 for properties with burn extension

• Enrollment fees collected Spring 2020 for all enrollees

• Monitoring plans are due July 2020

• Group option benefits
  • Less paperwork
  • More cost-effective
  • Facilitates Compliance
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