

Vineyard Permit 2020 Deadlines

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Agenda

- Background on Vineyard Permit
 - Why a Vineyard permit?
 - Basic Overview
- Farm Plans
 - 2020 Compliance Deadline
 - Third Party Programs
- Annual Fees
 - Group Option
 - Individual Option
- Monitoring Requirements
 - Group Option
 - Individual Option

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

	State Water Board Fees	Group Monitoring	Example with 20 Acres Planted
Farm Bureau Group Enrollment	\$1.08 per acre	Included in Farm Bureau Group	\$21.60 + Group Administrative Fees
Individual Enrollment	\$27.00 per acre up to 300 acres plus \$13.50 per acre over 300 acres with a minimum fee of \$550	Individual Responsibility	\$550.00 + Cost of independent monitoring program

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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