To Potentially Affected Party or Interested Person:

REMINDER - NOTICE OF ENROLLMENT DEADLINE (OCTOBER 28, 2017), CONDITIONAL WAIVER OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR AGRICULTURAL DISCHARGES IN THE SAN JACINTO RIVER WATERSHED (CWAD)

The Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) amended the CWAD and included extensions of key compliance schedule dates, including the enrollment deadline. Individual agricultural operators, owner/operators, and/or agricultural land-owners within the San Jacinto River Watershed must enroll in the CWAD program by October 28, 2017. The enrollment form must be completed online. The web address for the enrollment form is:

https://geotracker.waterboards.ca.gov/enoi/

INSTRUCTIONS:

Select “Region 8 – Santa Ana” from the drop-down menu. After completing the form, print and sign a paper copy and mail it to the Regional Water Board. Instructions for completing the form are enclosed.

For growers who do not have an Internet connection, there are opportunities and resources available to help with submitting this form, including:

1. Growers can schedule an appointment to meet with Regional Water Board staff, Mr. Eric Lindberg (951-782-3219), in person.

2. Growers can receive assistance from a third party, such as a technical assistance agency, industry group, or a consultant.

3. Growers can utilize computers and Internet connections at local libraries, colleges, or other public facility.
BACKGROUND:

On July 29, 2016, the Regional Water Board adopted Order No. R8-2016-0003 (Order), which requires eligible agricultural dischargers in the San Jacinto River watershed to enroll under the CWAD in order to obtain regulatory coverage for their nonpoint source discharges of agricultural wastes. On April 28, 2017, the Regional Water Board adopted Order No. R8-2017-0023, which extended the enrollment deadline to October 28, 2017.

The adopted Order is available in its entirety on the Regional Water Board website at:


LOCATIONS COVERED UNDER THE CWAD:

The San Jacinto River Watershed, which covers approximately 487,900 acres (about 762.3 square miles) of the Santa Ana River Basin. This watershed includes the San Jacinto River, Canyon Lake, Lake Elsinore, and their tributaries. See enclosed Groundwater Management Zone map.

REGULATED ACTIVITIES:

These activities in the San Jacinto River Watershed include irrigated lands, certain livestock operations, fertilized dry-land farming, and fallow land (collectively known as “agricultural operations”) that have discharges of waste that enter or threaten to enter into surface water and/or groundwater and that may cause or contribute to conditions of pollution or nuisance and/or to violations of applicable water quality standards. The Order specifies eligible dischargers are those who conduct:

1. agricultural or livestock operations on 20 or more acres, or

2. livestock operations on less than 20 acres with an animal density of more than three animal units per acre, or

3. agricultural operations on multiple parcels where the cumulative acreage equals or exceeds 20 acres that includes any portion that is irrigated, dry farmed, and/or fallowed.

The Order also covers any owner and/or operator of other agricultural operations that Regional Water Board staff finds to be a high risk for discharging animal wastes, including manure or other wastes that could affect water quality. A discharger may enroll as an individual farm or a member of a Coalition Group. Exemptions to the CWAD program may be authorized by Regional Water Board staff after a review of the completed enrollment form and one or more site inspections.

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1 Water quality standards are defined under Clean Water Act Section 303(d) and California Water Code, Division 7, Chapter 2 section 13050.
REGULATORY AUTHORITY:

The Regional Water Board is responsible for managing and protecting water quality in the Santa Ana River Basin, including the San Jacinto River Watershed. The Regional Water Board’s authority comes from the Porter Cologne Water Quality Control Act, the California Water Code, and the federal Clean Water Act.

Additional information, including the CWAD, the enrollment form (Notice of Intent; eNOI), the CWAD fact sheets, and other information are available on the Regional Water Board website indicated earlier.

Please direct comments or questions regarding enrollment to the CWAD Program Coordinator, Mr. Eric Lindberg at (951) 782-3219 or Eric.Lindberg@waterboards.ca.gov. He is available to assist those encountering difficulties with the enrollment form. If you have other questions, you may contact me at (951) 782-4920 or Lauma.Willis@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Lauma Willis  
Environmental Program Manager  
Chief, Planning Division  
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board

Enclosures (2)
ELECTRONIC NOTICE OF INTENT REQUIREMENT:
Owners and/or operators of irrigated agricultural operations in the San Jacinto River Watershed must enroll in the Conditional Waiver of Agricultural Discharges (CWAD) Program by submitting an electronic Notice of Intent (eNOI) form: Region 8 eNOI

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

PURPOSE:
The CWAD Program regulates discharges from orchards, wholesale nurseries, vineyards, and cropland. The purpose of the program is to protect surface water and groundwater from discharges from agricultural operations. To protect surface water and groundwater, the Santa Ana Regional Board adopted Order R8-2016-0003 (as amended by Order R8-2017-0023). Owners and/or operators of irrigated agricultural operations 20 acres or larger must enroll in the CWAD program and comply with the conditions of the Order. Alternatively, owners/operators that do not wish to enroll in the CWAD may instead submit a Report of Waste Discharge and receive an individual discharge permit (Waste Discharge Requirements; WDRs).

SAMPLE eNOI:
A sample eNOI form is available at the following website: Santa Ana CWAD webpage. This sample form allows growers to view the form and content prior to completing the required eNOI.

eNOI ASSISTANCE:
If you have questions about the CWAD Program, please contact the Program Coordinator, Eric Lindberg at 951-782-3219 or eric.lindberg@waterboards.ca.gov

If you need assistance with your username and password, please contact State Water Board staff at (805) 542-4645, or (805) 542-4695, or the GeoTracker Help Desk at (866) 480-1028.

For growers who do not have an internet connection, there are opportunities and resources available to help with submitting this form, including:
1. Growers can schedule an appointment to meet with Santa Ana Regional Board staff in person.
2. Growers can receive assistance from a third party, such as technical assistance agency, industry group, or a consultant.
3. Growers can utilize computers and internet connections at local libraries, colleges, or other public facility.

CWAD PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:
Information regarding the General Agricultural Orders can be found on the Santa Ana Regional Board’s CWAD webpage at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/santaana/water_issues/programs/planning/ag_waiver.shtml

Frequently asked questions, grower resources, and grower tools are also available on the website.

INFORMATION NEEDED TO COMPLETE THE ELECTRONIC NOTICE OF INTENT:

1. Operation contact information
2. Landowner/Property Owner contact information and associated assessor parcel number(s)
3. Agricultural Operation contact information
4. Number of groundwater wells used for drinking water and number of agricultural/irrigation wells located on the property
5. Acreages (irrigated, non-irrigated, and total)
6. Irrigation type(s) and crop type(s)
7. Name of waterbody(s) located on or adjacent to agricultural operation
8. Pesticide Permit Information (if applicable)
**OPERATION INFORMATION** *(submit online and complete required information for an operation)*

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<th>Section I: Intent to Enroll Operation</th>
<th>All of the information in this section is required, except fax number which is optional.</th>
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<td>Name of Operation</td>
<td>Enter name of the agricultural operation. Example: ABC Farms.</td>
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<td>Operator/Responsible Party</td>
<td>Enter the legal name (first and last) of the person designated as the Operator/Responsible Party. This is the farmer responsible for the operation. To change the Name of Operation or the name of the Operator/Responsible Party, contact Water Board staff at (951) 782-3219 or send an email to <a href="mailto:eric.lindberg@waterboards.ca.gov">eric.lindberg@waterboards.ca.gov</a></td>
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<tr>
<td>Operation Contact</td>
<td>Enter the name of the day to day person to contact (farmer/foreman/office admin) that Regional Board staff will call if there are questions related to the farming operation or to schedule site inspections, etc.</td>
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<td>Business Mailing Address, City, State, Zip</td>
<td>Enter the mailing address for the agricultural operation.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Phone Number, Fax Number, Email Address</td>
<td>Enter the phone number, fax number (optional), and email address of the operation contact person.</td>
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| Section II: Submittal Type | All operations in the Santa Ana Region are new enrollments. Enter the approximate date that this farming operation began. |

| Sections III and IV: | Informational only |

| Section V: Ranch Information | Click on Add Ranch/Farm to continue. You may submit multiple farm/ranches as necessary. |
| Name of Operation | Enter name of Agricultural Operation |

| Section VI: Ranch/Farm Status | Enter the date when agricultural operations began farming at this particular location. Enter the date in the format MM/DD/YY. Select “No Longer Farming at this Ranch / Farm” if you are no longer operating at this location. |

| Section VII: Parcel Information and Contact Information | All of the information in this section is required, fax number which is optional. |
| Assessor Parcel #: | Provide landowner (property owner) information for each Assessor Parcel Number (APN). If there are multiple parcels, provide the information for each parcel. To include additional landowners, click on Add Additional Land Owner. If you need assistance determining your APN(s), please contact your local assessor's office. |
| Landowner Information | Enter landowner for this farm: name, mailing address, phone number, fax number, and email address. |
| Ranch/Farm Contact | Enter day-to-day contact for this farm: name, mailing address, phone number, fax number, and email address. |

| Section VIII: Ranch Location | All of the information in this section is required. |
| Ranch/Farm Address or Location and City | Enter the physical location of the agricultural operation. Provide an address or a road with the nearest cross street. |
| Latitude and Longitude | Provide spatial location of each farm or ranch using the online interactive location tool. The latitude and longitude coordinates should be located at the center of each farm 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: Maps

If you have a PDF map of your operation, click **UPLOAD RANCH/FARM MAPS**

### Section X: Monitoring

Respond appropriately to the questions in this section and provide the required information.

**Water Well Information**

Provide the number of groundwater wells used for domestic (i.e. household) supply and irrigation/agricultural supply. If a groundwater well is for both domestic supply and for irrigation, report it ONCE, in the box for domestic us purposes.

**Groundwater Monitoring Selection**

Currently only Individual Groundwater Monitoring is available. This will be updated when Coalition Groups are formed and approved.

**Best Management Practices Proposal**

*This will be due 180 days after your receive a Notice of Authorization of your enrollment. Best Management Practices include irrigation conservation, runoff capture, etc.*

**Surface Water and Groundwater Monitoring Program Plan Proposal**

*This will be due 180 days after your receive a Notice of Authorization of your enrollment.*

### Section XI: Ranch/Farm Characteristics

**Acres**

Enter acres of land where irrigated crops are grown, where non-irrigated crops are grown and total size of agricultural operations used to produce crops.

**Irrigation Discharge Type(s)**

Fill in surface water discharge estimates for your agricultural operation in cubic feet.

**Irrigation System Type(s)**

Check ALL the irrigation type(s) that most closely correspond to irrigation methods used on the agricultural operation.

**Crop Type(s)**

Check the crop type(s) that were grown in the past 12 months and/or plan to be grown within the next 12 months.

**Backflow Prevention and Well Abandonment**

Check the Yes/No buttons as appropriate to indicate whether your operation uses fertigation or applies pesticides via the irrigation system. If you have inactive wells, contact EMWD to inquire about the well capping program.

Indicate the amount and type of fertilizers applied.

Indicate whether you currently employ any Best Management Practices (i.e. conservation practices) to conserve water or prevent nutrients from being discharged to surface water and groundwater.

### Section XII: Waterbody Information

Respond appropriately to the questions in this section, check all boxes that apply.

### Section XIII: Pesticide Permit Information

Respond appropriately to the questions in this section and provide the required information.

**Operator Identification Number**

Report this information in the format provided. This information can be located on the “Production Agriculture Monthly Pesticide Use Report” submitted to the Agricultural Commissioner following pesticide application.

Format: XX - XX - XXXXXXX

county # year permit #

Pesticide permit numbers must be kept up-to-date and should be modified whenever a change to the permit number occurs. Outdated permit numbers should not be reported in this section.
Remember to click Save Changes to submit your form.

If any required sections were left blank, the form will NOT submit. It will highlight the missing sections in yellow. Complete all sections, then click Save Changes again. When your eNOI submittal is successful, you will be automatically directed back to your GeoTracker account homepage.

The deadline to enroll in the CWAD Program is October 28, 2017.

For more information about the CWAD program, click the link below or type this address into your internet browser:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/santaana/water_issues/programs/planning/ag_waiver.shtml

Please print and mail the completed form to the Santa Ana Regional Water Board:
Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board
Attn: Eric Lindberg, Regional Planning Programs
3737 Main Street, Ste. 500
Riverside, CA 92501

If you have questions or if you need assistance with the form, please contact Eric Lindberg at 951-782-3219 or via email at eric.lindberg@waterboards.ca.gov

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¹Note: NOAs are issued by the Executive Officer after the enrollment form is found to be complete/applicable.
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Sources: Esri, USGS, NOAA