

## **IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM UPDATE**

### **January 2017**

This month's Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program update provides a summary of significant activities of the State Water Board and the Central Valley Water Board. Next month's report will present activities of the North Coast, San Francisco Bay, Central Coast, Los Angeles, Colorado River, Lahontan, Santa Ana, and San Diego Water Boards.

#### **STATE WATER BOARD**

On January 4, 2017, Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP) staff met with California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to discuss the memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the two agencies. The meeting objective was to discuss compliance of MOU requirements and strategy for implementing MOU activity for 2017.

On January 9, 2017, ILRP staff participated in a Farm Food Safety Conservation Network steering committee meeting. Topics of discussion centered on co-management of food safety and water quality protection.

On January 11, 2017, ILRP staff attended a Healthy Soils Summit sponsored by CDFA and Natural Resources Conservation Services.

On January 12, ILRP staff met with CDFA, CalRecycle, and California Association of Sanitation Agencies regarding co-digestion of poultry wastes at Public Owned Treatment Works.

On January 19, 2017, ILRP staff presented at the California Association of Pest Control Advisers and Certified Crop Advisers nutrient management certification workshop.

#### **CENTRAL VALLEY REGION**

Central Valley Water Board staff holds quarterly stakeholder meetings to provide an open forum for communication between staff, agricultural coalitions, environmental justice groups, and other interested parties in Central Valley Region. The January stakeholder meeting focused on recent ILRP enforcement activities.

In November 2016, enforcement panel hearings were held to consider imposing administrative civil liabilities on dischargers for failure to enroll in the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program or failure to provide reports in accordance with a General Order. The Central Valley Water Board approved two administrative civil liabilities in December 2016 and will consider more during the February 2017 Board meeting.

Central Valley Water Board staff concentrated compliance, outreach, and enforcement efforts on the following areas: agricultural parcel inspections; Water Code section 13260 Directives; Notices of Violation for failure to respond to a Water Code section 13260 Directive and failure to comply with Orders; Pre-Administrative Civil Liability Notification Letters; and Administrative Civil Liability Complaints.

Additional information can be found on the [Regional Board website](#).