

AG PROGRAM TEMPLATE FOR INDIVIDUAL DISCHARGERS

What is it?

The Central Coast Region's 2012 Agricultural Order requires a subset of higher risk growers to implement individual monitoring of their agricultural discharges. The Agricultural Order also requires that these dischargers develop Sampling and Analysis plans and Quality Assurance Project Plans (QAPPs) for their monitoring activities. SWAMP staff in the Central Coast region developed templates for growers to use to help them meet this requirement. The templates have been reviewed by quality assurance officers for both the State Board and the SWAMP program. They were developed to maximize simplicity for use by growers or their consultants while still meeting the requirements and goals of the Agricultural Order.



Why is it important?

The templates were designed to reduce the effort and cost on the part of the growers, and to provide as much information as possible on content and format to ensure that the end products are of high quality and meet the needs of Water Board staff. This should reduce review and approval time, and minimize back and forth interactions between staff and growers. It should also help ensure that products are consistent and

include all of the content required by the Agricultural Order for good sampling and monitoring design and analysis.

How will this information be used?

The templates have been made available on the Central Coast Water Board web site for download and use by growers. It is anticipated that the bulk of growers will opt to use these formats as the basis for their required submittals. Templates can be downloaded at the <u>Central Coast Water</u> <u>Board</u> website.

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