



# EL DORADO AGRICULTURAL WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT CORP

PROTECTING OUR PRECIOUS RESOURCE

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# Watershed Connection

*A publication for members of the El Dorado Subwatershed Coalition*

*A member of the Sacramento Valley Water Quality Coalition*

## Presidents Message

*By Dedrian Kobervig*

### Officers:

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Vineyard

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*Irrigated Pasture*

**Jana Rapetti**  
*Rapetti Farms*

On September 19, 2018, Lesa Osterhaus, Charlene Carveth and I attended an Upper Water Shed Listening Tour with representatives from the Regional Water Quality Control Board. The purpose of the tour, held in Sierraville, was to demonstrate and give members of the regional board a firsthand look at how the upper watersheds are different than those in the valley. Representatives and farmers from several foothill coalitions, the RCD (Resource Conservation District), and U.C. Davis presented a compelling and scientific argument on why the upper watershed coalitions should be under a different order due to the different types of agriculture and water management practices.

Discussed was how and why we are different due to our generally smaller acreage farms, low threat crops, low intensity farming, no till crops, cover crops on slopes, irrigated pasture, efficient irrigation systems (drip, micro-jets, sprinkler), low to no nitrogen use, low to no pesticide use, limited growing and irrigation seasons, fractured rock hydrologic system versus the valley's large groundwater basins. Because our surface water has consistently tested with excellent water quality results, we requested;

- ◆ That there be no Management Plans for toxicities, or pesticides yearly. But rather surface water monitoring once every five years and only for constituents that are currently used by agriculture in these areas (not just a slate of tests that have no correlation to the usage by ag), and no further testing for legacy pesticides.
- ◆ If we demonstrate that there is minimal to no nitrogen use and due to the fractured rock hydrologic system that lays beneath us, we should be excluded from the groundwater trend monitoring requirements.
- ◆ Allow members to check they are following county ordinances for sediment and erosion control if applicable and that they will continue to fulfill the requirement
- ◆ Consideration of low nitrogen use crops including irrigated pasture and alfalfa. All members that apply nitrogen should continue to record nitrogen applied and keep these records on site annually, but do not need to certify and take additional training for nitrogen self-certification.
- ◆ Allow low threat areas to be excluded from CV Salts discussions and requirements and to be excluded from the Delta Management Plans.

The attending Regional Water Quality Control Board members seemed receptive to our concerns. They thanked us for our time and the information presented to them. Time will only tell if our efforts will have an impact. Good scientific Information and education is our most valuable tool.

## Draft Timeline for New Regulations

Below is a draft timeline of new regulations that will be implemented if policies are not modified and we lose our low vulnerability status:

- ◆ Participation in outreach for Low Vulnerability begins in 2020;
- ◆ Beginning in 2021, we will all have to redo our Farm Evaluations (now called Management Practices Implementation Report) and submit a Summary Coalition Report to Sacramento. (We last updated our Farm Evaluations in 2015).
- ◆ Beginning in 2021, completed Irrigation & Nitrogen Management Reports will be collected from all members and a Summary Report will be provided to Sacramento. ***A reminder that if you apply Nitrogen you are to be filling out these reports annually and keeping them on site.***
- ◆ Beginning 2022, all Irrigated Lands that have a drinking water supply well will need to begin testing and monitoring the water.

MPIR = Management Practices Implementation Report

INMR = Irrigation & Nitrogen Management Report

LVA = Low vulnerability area

HVA = High Vulnerability area

Nitrogen Management Templates are available on our website at <http://eldoradoagwater.org> under forms

### 2019 Board Meeting Dates

El Dorado Agricultural Water Management Corporation  
EDC Agricultural Department - 311 Fair Lane, Placerville, CA

#### Annual Meeting of Members

January 28	Monday	6:00pm	Planning Comm. Board Room
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#### Board of Directors Meetings

January 15	Tuesday	3:30pm	<i>(if needed, room reserved)</i>
January 28	Monday	7:00pm	Planning Comm. Board Room
April 15	Monday	<b>3:00pm</b>	
June 17	Monday	3:30pm	<i>(if needed)</i>
August 19	Monday	3:30pm	
October 21	Monday	3:30pm	
December 16	Monday	3:30pm	

#### Executive Committee Meetings

March 18	Monday	3:30pm	
May 20	Monday	3:30pm	
July 15	Monday	<b>3:00pm</b>	
Sept 16	Monday	3:30pm	
November 18	Monday	3:30pm	

#### Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

To be called on a "as needed basis"

Adopted December 17, 2018

## Ag. Water Quality Member Update

### Treasurer's Report.....

By Bob Witters

<b>Proposed 2019 Budget</b>			
	Actual	Actual	Proposed
	2017	2018	2019
<b>Income:</b>			
AITC	\$314.00	\$1,913.00	\$1,913.00
Membership Dues	\$42,575.00	\$36,121.00	\$36,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$42,889.00</b>	<b>\$38,034.00</b>	<b>\$37,913.00</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
SVWQC	\$9,827.00	\$8,724.00	\$9,300.00
Contract Services	\$16,303.00	\$2,900.00	\$16,500.00
Insurance	\$2,064.00	\$2,015.00	\$2,112.00
Office Lease	\$3,528.00	\$3,498.00	\$3,500.00
Operations	\$3,818.00	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00
Utilities	\$1,800.00	\$1,760.00	\$1,700.00
Farm Evaluations	\$850.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$38,190.00</b>	<b>\$20,897.00</b>	<b>\$37,112.00</b>
<b>Revenue Short/Over</b>	<b>\$4,699.00</b>	<b>\$17,137.00</b>	<b>\$801.00</b>
<b>Comments:</b>			
2018 expenses are subject to change at year end			
2019 Contract Services include Lesa Osterholm's expenses for 9 months			

### Board Officers

President

Dedrian (Dee) Kobervig (2021)  
 Christmas Trees  
 622-7850  
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Norm Krizl (2018)  
 Vineyards

Secretary

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Treasurer

Robert (Bob) Witters (2020)  
 Vineyards

### Board Members

Merv de Haas (2021)  
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Carolyn Mansfield (2019)  
 Orchards

Sid Davis (2021)  
 Vineyards

Kirk Taylor (2019)  
 Specialty Crops

Ann Walker Johnson (2021)  
 Vineyards

Jana Rapetti (2020)  
 Christmas Trees



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**El Dorado County Agricultural Water Quality Management Corporation  
2019 Annual Members Meeting**

Monday, January 28, 2019

6 P.M. to 7 P.M.

Planning Commission Meeting Room  
2850 Fair Lane Court, Placerville

**Guest Speakers:**

Robert Ditto, CPESC

Compliance & Outreach Unit Supervisor  
Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program

*ILRP Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow*

Charlene Carveth, Commissioner

El Dorado County Agricultural

Farming In El Dorado County Update