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Watershed Connection

A publication for members of the El Dorado Subwatershed Coalition

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Dear Members,

As 2021 draws to a close, we reflect on another year that has tested our fortitude and perseverance. The board would like to extend its condolences to our members who have lost their home and/or their 2021 crop.

2021 was a major monitoring year for us. We passed all monitoring testing with a stellar clean water record. There will be no monitoring for the next two years which is a huge savings for the coalition.

These savings can be carried on to future years through our due diligence when selecting the least toxic pesticides/herbicides and practicing best management applications.

There is one pesticide that concerns me and state regulators, that is Pyrethroids. In checking with pesticide use permits there are only a small handful of growers who use this particular pesticide in our county. I would like to suggest to anyone using Pyrethroids that they find an alternate product as stated in the Sac Valley News.

Pyrethroid pesticides are an important tool in protecting crops. However, they adhere strongly to sediment particles, can be carried off-site in run-off, negatively impact aquatic species, and trigger exceedances and in turn management plans. Under the Pyrethroid BPA, pyrethroid pesticides have VERY LOW exceedance thresholds. Exceedances will begin to trigger management plans VERY SOON, meaning just a small amount could have a huge impact. Consequences for mistakes during application expand beyond simply triggering management plans and adding to program costs; products could be restricted or prohibited, which would have far-reaching impacts.

I would like to thank you, the growers, and the board for their continued dedication to this program. Please join me in thanking the board at the next Member's Meeting February 7th.

Dedrian Kobervig, President

Ag. Water Quality Member Update

2021 Monitoring Results

On September 30, 2021, the 2021 Monitoring Year came to a close and the 2022 Monitoring Year began (monitoring years run from October-September). 2021 was an assessment year for Reduced Monitoring Subwatersheds (Napa, Lake, El Dorado, Upper Feather River, NECWA) and the last of two core monitoring years for the broader Sacramento Valley Water Quality Coalition (Coalition). 22 sites were visited in the 12-month period. Additionally, pyrethroid baseline monitoring was performed at most monitoring sites as part of the Pyrethroid Basin Plan Amendment (BPA). Results from the 2021 monitoring year show that with limited exceptions, surface water quality in the Sacramento Valley is good. Specific to El Dorado County, there were no exceedances reported.

The Coalition has been collecting surface water quality samples since 2005 under the Monitoring and Reporting requirements included as part of its original 2003 Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) and later 2014 WDR. A review of water quality monitoring data collected over the past 8 monitoring years generally shows minor variability between percent detections and percent exceedances. Therefore, the Coalition has requested that the Water Board implement reductions in the Coalition's current surface water quality monitoring schedule. This could potentially relieve the burden of some monitoring costs.

Informative Video about the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program

The Sacramento Water Quality Coalition, which we are a member of, has created a video on YouTube. It is a very informative video explaining the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program. It can answer many of your questions about this program conceptions, current requirements and structure. It is a great overview.

The video covers the following:

What is the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program?	Coalition member requirements.
What is the Sacramento Valley Water Quality Coalition?	Who do I contact for more information?
Do I have to be a member?	

It is a sixteen-minute video that also satisfies your annual outreach requirement. You can view it at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G_oR1xsblQ8

You can also search for it on **YouTube** by putting in the key words "Sacramento Valley Water Quality Coalition". It is the 2020-2021 SVWQC Outreach Presentation.

IRRIGATION AND NITROGEN MANAGEMENT PLAN REPORT TRAINING TO BE HELD JANUARY 2022, DATE TBD

Upcoming Training from NCWA!

Grower INMP Self-Certification Training Webinar

Tuesday, January 25, 2022 - 8 am to 12 pm The Training is an online webinar.

Tech requirements are: computer or smartphone with internet connection and an active email address

To Register: Call or email 916-778-0993 or svwqcinfo@gmail.com or visit www.svwqc.org

Ag. Water Quality Member Update

Treasurer's Report.....

December 2021

Treasurers comments on 2021

This year we saw increased fees from the SVWQC due to 2021 being a water monitoring year. For 2022, the Water Board has increased the acreage fee from \$1.12/acre to \$1.29/acre.

Despite this rate increase, membership dues will go down from \$7.00/acre to \$5.00/acre for 2022. This is due to a balance carryover from last year and the fact that it is not a monitoring year.

So you can look forward to a lower bill in the year to come!

Annual Meeting of the El Dorado Agriculture Water Quality Management Corp.

Our 2022 Annual Meeting is set for Monday, February 7, 6-7 P.M.

Location: Planning Commission Building C Hearing Room

2850 Fairlane Court Placerville, CA 95667

2022 Meeting Dates

EDC Agricultural Department 311 Fair Lane, Placerville

Board of Directors Meetings

January 17, Monday 3:30 P.M. if needed

February 7, Monday, 6:00 P.M. Planning Commission

April 18, Monday 3:30 P.M.

June 20, Monday 3:30 P.M. if needed

August 15, Monday 3:30 P.M.

October 17, Monday 3:30 P.M.

December 19, Monday 3:30 P.M.

Executive Committee Meetings

March 21, Monday 3:30 P.M.

May 16, Monday 3:30P.M.

July 18, Monday 3:30 P.M.

Sept 19, Monday 3:30 P.M.

November 21, Monday 3:30 P.M.

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

To be called on a "as needed basis"

Adopted December 13, 2021



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Required Reports From Coalition Members for the

2021 Growing Season

You should now have completed an Irrigation Nitrogen Management Plan Worksheet kept in your files for future reference.

You should have started to fill out your Irrigation Nitrogen Management Summary Report to turn in to the coalition by January 31, 2022. Even if you do not apply Nitrogen you must return the completed form. It is a membership requirement.

Hard copies of the required paperwork are available at the following locations:

El Dorado County Ag Department – Front Desk, 311 Fair Ln, Placerville

Placerville Fruit Growers Association – Office, 4600 Missouri Flat Road

Mail completed forms to EDAWQMC Box 286 Placerville CA. 95667

Electronic versions are available at our website: eldoradoagwater.org

To download a fillable form - Click on the far-left tab: FORMS > choose DOWNLOAD FORMS

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Contact Melissa Neal for member I.D. and/or APN parcels if needed

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