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Watershed Connection

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 A member of the Sacramento Valley Water Quality Coalition*

Presidents Message

By Dedrian Kobervig

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Dear Members,

As the year draws to a close, we can look back and see that it has been another year that has tested our commitment to farming. Continued drought, frost, rising prices and labor shortages are just a few of the problems we have had to deal with in 2022.

There is good news in our coalition's costs. The state has eased off on monitoring for counties that are low vulnerability, which we are. We are in a three-year cycle of no monitoring. The savings have been substantial. In 2020 our expenses were \$27,905.00. In 2021 they took a tremendous increase to \$50,408.00 (this was due to the addition of monitoring for Pyrethroids; **an additional cost of approximately \$23,000.00**). In 2022 our final expenses will be around \$14,036.00. You can see how important it is for us to convince the state that if we do not use Pyrethroids in the county we should be exempt from this particularly expensive monitoring.

Again, we ask all grower to find an alternative if looking at Pyrethroid pesticides.

The budget which you will be asked to vote on at our February 6th annual meeting is an estimate of costs for 2023. The fees collected from members to pay for the program is based on enrolled acres. There has been a trend in the last three years of decreasing enrolled acreage, which puts a bigger burden on enrolled members to pay for the program. This has happened in all the sub-watersheds in our coalition group. We have asked, along with the other sub-watersheds, that the state follow up on delinquent members and verify that they are not irrigated agriculture. We feel this is part of the services we should get for the \$1.35 per acre we are now paying the state!

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 6th.

Dedrian Kobervig, President

Ag. Water Quality Member Update

Board Member Needed

If you are interested in being on the board, please contact Melissa Neal at mjineal16@gmail.com. Your commitment would be 7 meetings a year for approximately 1 1/2 hour each.

Proposed Budget - 2023	
Income:	
Membership Dues	\$18,891
Total	\$18,891
Expenses:	
SVWQC	\$2,988
Contract Services	\$1,000
Insurance	\$2,500
Office Lease	\$2,541*
Operations	\$3,600
Utilities	\$2,000
Employee Payroll	\$7,000
Farm Evaluations	\$1,500
Total	\$20,841
Revenue (over/short)	\$-1,950
Participating Acreage	2,988.75
Current Number of Members	207
* Lease calculated through August. Then office location terminated.	

Treasurer's Report.....

For 2023 Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program Fees, the Water Board has increased the acreage fee from \$1.29/acre to \$1.35/acre.

Despite this rate increase, membership dues are proposed to go down from \$5.00/acre to \$3.00/acre for 2023, pending approval at the Annual Member meeting. The AWQ Board is able to provide this savings to members due to our financial reserves and the fact that it is not a monitoring year. So you can look forward to a lower bill in the year to come! Next monitoring will occur in 2025.

The above Draft 2023 Budget will be approved at the 2023 Annual Members meeting held February 6th, 2023.

Ag. Water Quality Member Update

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

Our 2023 Annual Meeting is set for Monday, February 6, 6-7 P.M.

Location: Planning Commission Building C Hearing Room

2850 Fairlane Court Placerville, CA 95667

Guest Speakers

El Dorado County Ag Commissioner The interim or new Agriculture Commissioner will review what is new in the Agriculture community and current county grading ordinances. Questions are welcome.

Bruce Houdesheldt, Director of Water Quality Northern California Water Association

In this role, he has program management responsibility for the Sacramento Valley Water Quality Coalition, a watershed-based agricultural water quality program. Working with growers, local Farm Bureau leadership, crop specialists from the University of California Cooperative Extension, natural resource specialists and Agricultural Commissioners he ensures the compliance and reporting requirements of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board's Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP) are met for the 8,600 farmers and wetlands managers enrolled Coalition.

2023 Meeting Dates

EDC Agricultural Department 311 Fair Lane, Placerville

Board of Directors Meetings

January 16, Monday 3:30 P.M. if needed (room reserved)

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

April 17, Monday 3:30 P.M.

June 19, Monday 3:30 P.M. *if needed*

August 21, Monday 3:30 P.M.

October 16, Monday 3:30 P.M.

December 18, Monday 3:30 P.M.

Executive Committee Meetings

March 20, Monday 3:30 P.M.

May 15, Monday 3:30P.M.

July 17, Monday 3:30 P.M.

Sept 18, Monday 3:30 P.M.

November 20, Monday 3:30 P.M.

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting

To be called on a "as needed basis"

To be Adopted December 18, 2022



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Required Reports From Coalition Members for the
2022 Growing Season**

You should have a completed Irrigation Nitrogen Management Plan Worksheet kept in your files for future reference.
You need to start to fill out your Irrigation Nitrogen Management Summary Report to turn in to the coalition by January 31, 2023. 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

El Dorado County Farm Bureau Office — 2460 Headington Rd. Placerville

Mail completed forms to EDAWQMC P.O. 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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