



San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board

Dear Farming Community,

This is a courtesy reminder about the actions you are required to take to avoid potential fines and to help protect our State's water quality. If you are already enrolled in our Agricultural Program, please disregard this letter.

ALL COMMERCIAL AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS ARE REQUIRED TO ENROLL IN ONE OF THE SAN DIEGO WATER BOARDS DISCHARGE PERMITS

Agricultural operations include nurseries, orchards, vineyards, and any other operation that grows with the intent to sell their products. We hope you can avoid the legal enforcement procedures the Water Board must pursue against operations that are not enrolled. If you are not enrolled under one of the discharge permits, you may face fines of up to \$1,000 for every day you operate without coverage.

THIS CAN BE AVOIDED BY ENROLLING NOW!

The San Diego Water Board is actively pursuing enforcement against Operations that have failed to enroll. By voluntarily enrolling, you will:

- 1) Save \$150. If you are contacted by the San Diego Water Board's enforcement campaign, the enrollment fee is increased from \$50 to \$200;
- 2) Learn more about practices that can decrease your water and labor costs;
- 3) Improve water quality in our drinking water and streams; and
- 4) Be in compliance with the state's water quality regulations and avoid enforcement actions and fines of up to \$1,000 per day.

Learn more by reviewing the attached tri-fold flyer that describes the program, or by visiting the [Commercial Agriculture Regulatory Program](#) website.

Finally, we strongly recommend you join one of the following third-party groups (grower coalitions) to assist with enrollment and annual water quality sampling and reporting:

[De Luz Ag Group](#) (951) 366-0664;
[Frog Environmental Group](#) (310) 241-0866;
[San Diego Region Irrigated Lands Group](#) (760) 745-2215;
[Upper Santa Margarita Irrigated Lands Group](#) (909) 208-7847.

We are available to answer any questions and help you with the enrollment process. Please contact us via the phone numbers below or by email at RB9_AG_Order@waterboards.ca.gov.

Respectfully,

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