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Member Number:

You are receiving this newsletter as a member of the San Diego Regional Irrigated Lands Group (SDRILG). As a reminder, SDRILG is a non-profit organization governed by seven farmers who volunteer their time as members of the board of directors. Joining SDRILG is a benefit exclusively for Farm Bureau members. As a member you are enrolled in a third-party group as required by the General Order for Agriculture (General Order) adopted by the State of California's San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (San Diego Water Board).

Time for your third 2019 Quarterly Self-Inspection Report (Quarterly Inspection)

As required by the General Order, to remain in compliance you are obligated to complete the simple Quarterly Inspection. If you know your farm well and walk it regularly, the report should take you no more than five to ten minutes to complete. *Remember* the overall success of our members completing these self-inspections is the best tool to show that an expensive and intrusive inspection program by regulators is not necessary. You can access the quarterly inspections at <https://noi.sdrrigatedlandsgroup.org/qsir/login/2019/02> or click the “Quarterly Inspections” link on the menu bar at www.sdrrigatedlandsgroup.org.

Annual Education Requirement Options

The General Order requires two hours of runoff pollution prevention training per year. For those who still need to meet their 2019 training, the deadline for completion is December 31, 2019. You now have two compliance options:

- In-person class - The next class offering will be October 24. 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Location will be the Farm bureau office. RSVP at <https://ucanr.edu/survey/survey.cfm?surveynumber=28472>.
- Online – Follow the following steps
 1. Create an account at <https://campus.extension.org/login/index.php>
 2. Confirm enrollment when confirmation email received
 3. Go to Ag Water Quality Course at <https://campus.extension.org/enrol/index.php?id=1699>
 4. Log in with your username and password then code awq2019 for class
 5. When class is completed, keep a copy of your certificate and send a copy to SDRILG.

Enforcement

The San Diego Water Board is stepping up enforcement against growers who have not enrolled in a third-party group. There were 128 enforcement letters sent in September and at least 100 more scheduled for this month. That pace is expected to continue monthly until all non-compliant growers have been noticed they are subject to enforcement action and penalties.

Drinking Water Wells

As a reminder, growers with drinking water wells on their farms need to comply with testing as described in the letter that was sent in early as September. State approved water testing facilities can be found at <http://www.sdrrigatedlandsgroup.org/welltesting.pdf>

As always, if you have any questions about SDRILG or your compliance responsibilities, please feel free to call 760-745-2215 or email info@sdrrigatedlandsgroup.org.