

Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

TO: Interested Persons

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SUBJECT: CONDITIONAL WAIVER OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR DISCHARGES FROM IRRIGATED LANDS WITHIN THE LOS ANGELES REGION - ORDER NO. R4-2016-0143

On April 14, 2016, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Water Board) adopted Order No. R4-2016-0143 to conditionally waive waste discharge requirements for discharges from irrigated agricultural lands (Conditional Waiver). The Conditional Waiver contains conditions to ensure that discharges from irrigated agricultural lands do not degrade water quality or impair beneficial uses of waters of the state within the Los Angeles Region. The Conditional Waiver requires agricultural operators (dischargers) to enroll irrigated agriculture property under the waiver in order to continue discharging waste to waters of the state. Agricultural operators may enroll as an individual discharger or as a member of a discharger group. The Nursery Growers Association-Los Angeles County Irrigated Lands Group (NGA-LAILG) and the Ventura County Agricultural Irrigated Lands Group (VCAILG) are the two discharger groups in the Los Angeles Region that have formed to comply with the Conditional Waiver. The discharger groups' contact information is provided below. Order No. R4-2016-0143 and appendices are available on the website of the Regional Water Board at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water_issues/programs/tmdl/waivers/index.shtml

Discharger group contact information in Ventura County:

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Commercial irrigated agricultural operators that do not enroll in the Conditional Waiver or join a discharger group must apply for an individual permit (waste discharge requirements). Information about applying for waste discharge requirements is available at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/land_disposal/waste_discharge_requirements.shtml.

Please contact Ms. Snejana Toneva at (213) 576-7159 or snejana.toneva@waterboards.ca.gov with any questions regarding the Conditional Waiver.