

IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM MONTHLY REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2015

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD:

On October 1-5, 2015, Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP) and Division of Information Technology staff (Project Management Team) conducted a review of the Highland Consulting Group deliverables for the ILRP Information Management Solution (ILRP IMS). The document reviewed by the Project Management Team was presented to the Division of Water Quality Deputy Director (Executive Sponsor) for review on October 8, 2015. The Project Management Team and the Executive Sponsor will meet on October 29, 2015 to finalize the deliverables and determine the next steps for advancing the project.

On October 5, 2015, ILRP staff participated in the quarterly meeting of the Farm Food Safety Conservation Network (FFSCN). Meeting discussion focused on a paper titled "Comanaging Fresh Produce For Nature Conservation And Food Safety" authored by Daniel S. Karp, Sasha Gennet, Christopher Kilonzo, Melissa Partyka, Nicolas Chaumont, Edward R. Atwill, and Claire Kremen who represent Department of Environmental Science, Policy, and Management University of California, Berkeley, CA; The Nature Conservancy, San Francisco, CA; Department of Population Health and Reproduction, School of Veterinary Medicine, University of California, Davis; and The Natural Capital Project, Stanford, CA, respectively. Of concern to the FFSCN are statements made by the authors that certain vegetated buffers may increase the risk of pervasive pathogen presence. FFSCN will be reaching out to the authors to schedule a meeting in the near future with the authors in the near future.

On October 6 and 29, 2015, ILRP staff participated in the annual Natural Resources Conservation Service State Advisory Committee meeting. The meeting was held in Davis, CA and included discussion on:

- Timelines for signup, ranking, and funding obligation dates;
- Continuous Signup, Planning and Obligation Process;
- Solicit input on existing and new initiatives related to Pacific Salmon;
- Catastrophic Wildfire Recovery, and Drought Initiative;
- EQIP Tribal Initiative Review of Tribal Advisory Committee/2016 Funding Priorities;
- 2015 State Conservation Innovation Grant (CIG) Funding/Timeline and Priorities;
- Composting on Rangeland Interim Standard;
- Farm Bill Communications;
- Landowner Profile:
 - Soil Health; Agricultural Conservation Easement Program;
- 2014 Farm Bill Program changes; and
- National Easement Support Services Team.

On October 7, 2015, ILRP staff met with California Department for Food and Agriculture CDFA, Department of Pesticides Regulation (DPR), California Air Resources Board (ARB), and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). The purpose for the meeting was to reconvene a multi-agency agricultural related group that was named the Interagency Agriculture Coordinating Team (IACT) and led by United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Region 9. Because of retirement of USEPA Region 9 staff the IACT that has not met over the last two years. USEPA and the participating member agencies noted above agreed to reconvene the IACT to assist growers address the many agricultural initiatives currently being developed, including the Healthy Soils Initiative. USEPA suggested renaming the multi-agency

group to the Interagency Workgroup for California Agriculture or IWCG) and to include CalRecycle and the RCDs as members.

On October 8, 2015, ILRP staff met with the California Bioresources Alliance (CBA) to finalize planning for the CBA annual symposium scheduled for November 4-5, 2015. Symposium presentations will build on the Governor's Healthy Soils Initiative and will explore the potential benefits regarding application of organic residual products to improve soil quality and moisture retention, setting standards for these products and developing best management practices. Sessions will also feature work with digestates and biochar, and a session in conjunction with the Association of Compost Producers on compost policy and marketing. The two-day event is co-hosted by UC Davis Extension and the USEPA Region 9.

On October 16, 2015, ILRP staff participated in an internal Water Board discussion to revise the current Multi-Agency Agreement (MAA) between the State Water Resources Control Board and DPR.

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REGIONAL WATER BOARD:

This month's Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP) report provides an update on the activities of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) ILRP through October 31, 2015, as presented in the Regional Water Board October 1-2, 2015 Executive Officer report.

Future monthly reports alternately present the status of the Central Valley Regional Water Board ILRP for one month, and the Regional Water Board ILRPs the alternate month.

Current and past ILRP program monthly reports can be found on the State Water Board Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program website:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/agriculture/

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CENTRAL VALLEY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD IRRIGATED LANDS REGULATORY PROGRAM (ILRP) OCTOBER 2015

Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Development

On July 24, 2015, the Executive Officer issued a letter clarifying the requirement to attend third-party group outreach events that applies to growers regulated by the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP). Growers who are members of a third-party group are required to participate in third-party outreach events at least annually if any of the grower parcels are in a designated high-vulnerability area for surface water or groundwater. The goal of attending third-party outreach events is to become informed of water quality issues and ways to minimize the impact of irrigated agriculture on water quality. At its June 5, 2015 meeting, the Central Valley Regional

Water Quality Control Board (Regional Water Board) expressed support for allowing growers to comply with the annual outreach requirement in a manner similar to distance learning. Third-parties will develop a process and material appropriate for distance learning that must meet all requirements for conducting, tracking, and reporting of the education and outreach activities.

On August 28, 2015, Regional Water Board staff released the tentative revisions to the Waste Discharge Requirements General Orders for growers within the Central Valley that are members of a third-party group (ILRP General Orders) for public comment. Growers regulated by the ILRP General Orders are required to participate in third-party outreach events at least annually if any of the member parcels are in a designated high vulnerability area for surface water or groundwater. The proposed revisions will clarify that a designee can participate in outreach events on behalf of a third-party member in fulfillment of the requirements for the following ILRP General Orders:

- Eastern San Joaquin River Watershed R5-2012-0116
- Tulare Lake Basin Area R5-2013-0120
- Western Tulare Lake Basin Area R5-2014-0001
- Western San Joaquin River Watershed R5-2014-0002
- Sacramento River Watershed Area R5-2014-0030
- Sacramento Valley Rice Growers R5-2014-0032

Interested-person comments are due by September 28, 2015. The anticipated schedule for bringing the tentative revisions to WDRs to the board for consideration is on October 1-2, 2015.

Western San Joaquin River Watershed WDRs

On July 31, 2015, the Regional Water Board adopted revisions to the Waste Discharge Requirements for the Members of the Westside San Joaquin River Watershed Area. The revisions modified the Western San Joaquin River Watershed boundary to correspond to the corrected description of the area served by the Grassland Bypass Project, which defines the southern boundary of the Western San Joaquin River Watershed.

Grassland Bypass Project/Grassland Drainage Area WDRs

On July 31, 2015, the Regional Water Board adopted waste discharge requirements for the Grassland Bypass Project and for discharges from irrigated agricultural lands in the Grassland Drainage Area:

- Waste Discharge Requirements issued to the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority and the United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation address surface water discharges from the Grassland Bypass Project to Mud Slough (north) and the San Joaquin River.
- Waste Discharge Requirements General Order for Growers in the Grassland Drainage Area is a part of the Irrigated Land Regulatory Program and addresses discharges to groundwater. The Grassland Basin Drainage Steering Committee of the Grassland Basin Drainage Management Activity Agreement is recognized as the third-party representing Members under this Order. The Grassland Basin Drainage Management Activity Agreement members and Steering Committee have long been involved in developing and implementing near- and long-term solutions for drainage problems in the Grassland Drainage Area. The Steering Committee will assist its Members in complying with the requirements of this Order

On August 31, 2015, Regional Water Board staff received a Quality Assurance Program Plan (QAPP) from the Bureau of Reclamation, as required by the Waste Discharge Requirements for surface water discharges from the Grassland Bypass Project. The QAPP is under Regional Water Board staff review.

Nitrogen Management Plan Technical Advisory Work Group

The Nitrogen Management Plan (NMP) Technical Advisory Work Group was convened by the Central Valley Water Quality Coalitions to develop guidance for member growers to estimate nitrogen removed. The NMP Work Group will also be developing a “Crop Nitrogen Knowledge Gap Study Plan.” On April 24, 2015, the NMP Work Group met to discuss the goals of the Work Group, current nitrogen management tools, and discussion items for future meetings. On June 26, 2015, the NMP Work Group met to discuss methods to estimate available nitrogen in organic amendments and residual in soil. On July 20, 2015, the NMP Work Group met to discuss methods used to estimate the amount of nitrogen removed during plant harvest for various crops.

ILRP Stakeholder Meeting

On July 14, 2015, the ILRP held a stakeholder meeting at the Merced County Farm Bureau. The meeting was held to Provide open forum for communication between Regional Water Board staff, agricultural coalitions, environmental justice groups, and other interested parties in the Central Valley Region. Updates were provided by representatives of the Regional Water Board, California Department of Food and Agricultural (CDFA), agricultural coalitions, and environmental justice groups. Regional Water Board staff recommendations for delineating disadvantaged communities and how disadvantaged communities will be considered in ILRP was also discussed.

ILRP Compliance, Outreach & Enforcement

Agricultural Parcel Inspections

The purpose of these inspections is to determine if the parcels are commercial irrigated lands that require coverage under ILRP. Data gathered during these inspections will be used to focus and prioritize the issuance of CWC 13260 directives to commercial irrigated lands that are not covered by the ILRP. Growers may obtain coverage by joining an agricultural water quality coalition and enrolling in the associated ILRP general order or enrolling in the ILRP individual general order. The table below presents parcel inspections conducted for each coalition area. Coalition areas not shown had no inspections during the reporting period.

Coalition Area	Parcel Inspections July 1 – Aug 31
East San Joaquin	24
Kings River	209
San Joaquin County & Sacramento Valley	126
West San Joaquin (Westside)	312
Total	685

Water Code Section 13260 Directives

During July and August 2015, 118 and 20 Directives were sent to the Sacramento Valley Water Quality Coalition area and the Western San Joaquin River Watershed Coalition area, respectively. These directives are sent to owners of commercial irrigated lands as identified through Regional Water Board staff inspections of agricultural-zoned parcels. The recipients are

required to submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) to obtain either group or individual regulatory coverage within 15 days of receipt of the Directive. Coalition areas not discussed had no directives mailed during the reporting period.

Notices of Violation for Failure to respond to a Water Code Section 13260 Directive

Notices of Violation (NOVs) are sent to landowners who fail to respond to a 13260 Directive. These owners of commercial irrigated lands were previously mailed directives that required the recipients to submit proof of coalition membership or a Notice of Intent to get regulatory coverage. The NOVs give the recipients 15 days to respond or face administrative civil liability. The table below presents NOVs mailed by coalition area. Coalition areas not shown had no NOV mail outs during the reporting period.

Coalition Area	NOVs Mailed July 1 – Aug 31
Kings River	74
San Joaquin County & Delta	6
West San Joaquin (Westside)	13
Total	93

Coalition Enrollment Summary

The tables below provide the latest coalition enrollment data based on coalition member lists submitted on or about July 31, 2015 per the ILRP general order requirements.

Table 1 of 2. Coalition Enrollment Information Summary in the Sacramento, Delta, East and Western				
Coalition Group	East San Joaquin	Sacramento Valley	San Joaquin Co. & Delta	Western San Joaquin River
Outreach Start Date	Jan 2013	June 2014	April 2014	March 2014
Participating Growers and Associated Acreage				
Number of Growers, Pre-Order ¹	2,225	7,888	3,256	2,450
Number of Growers, as of July 2015	3,719	8,550	3,515	2,507
Change (Additional Growers Enrolled)	1,494	622	259	57
Number of Acres, Pre-Order ²	535,653	1,183,491	348,200	467,625
Number of Acres, as of July 2015	711,844	1,292,661	386,452	446,057
Change in Acres Enrolled	176,191	109,170	38,252	-21,568 ³

Table 2 of 2. Coalition Enrollment Information Summary for the Tulare Lake and Western Tulare Lake								
Coalition Group	Buena Vista	Cawelo	Kaweah Basin	Kern River	Kings River	Tule Basin	Westside	Westlands
New Order Outreach Start Date	Apr 2014	Apr 2014	Feb 2014	Feb 2014	Nov 2013	Apr 2014	May 2014	Feb 2014
Participating Growers and Associated Acreage								

Number of Growers, Pre-Order ¹	3,794 (Southern San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition ³)							1,070
Number of Growers, as of July 2015	61	87	1,321	819	5,165	1,116	43	1,214
Change (Additional Growers Enrolled)	4,818 (Southern San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition to multiple Tulare Lake coalitions)							144
Number of Acres, Pre-Order ²	957,362 (Southern San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition ⁴)							507,489
Number of Acres, as of July 2015	30,788	34,524	163,422	513,097	790,358	225,018	99,761	511,467
Change (Additional Acres Enrolled) ⁴	899,606 (Southern San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition to multiple Tulare Lake coalitions)							3,978

¹The East San Joaquin coalition pre-Order participating growers comes from July 2012; the rest of the coalitions comes from July 2013. Participant values were provided by the coalitions or calculated by staff using a pivot table to determine the number of unique names.

²East San Joaquin Coalition is derived from the 2012-2013 Annual Fees; for the rest of the coalitions, the acre value is derived from the 2013-2014 Annual Fees. Reporting acres vary (e.g., acres, irrigated acres, farmable acres, assessed acres, etc.)

³ Acreage reductions in Western San Joaquin River Coalition area are due to drought-related fallowing of land.

⁴ Participant information prior to 2014 uses data derived from the Southern San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition

Sacramento River Watershed Coalition Groups

California Rice Commission Coalition

On May 20, 2015, the California Rice Commission submitted a Surface Water Quality Management Plan for Dissolved Oxygen (DO) which examines DO exceedances for the cold and warm water quality objectives from 2004 to 2014. The request for a Management Plan was triggered by water quality objective exceedances in the 2014 season. The DO management plan is under staff review.

On June 4, 2015, the California Rice Commission submitted a proposed Nitrogen Management Plan template as required by General Order R5-2014-0032. The proposed Nitrogen Management template is specific for rice and will be a web-based system to assist rice growers in managing nitrogen applications. No comments were received on the proposed template, which were due on July 3, 2015. The proposed template is under staff review.

On June 12, 2015, the California Rice Commission submitted a draft outline for the Groundwater Trend Monitoring Workplan and Data Gap Assessment Plan for staff review. The draft outline

details the information and format for the Workplan required by October 1, 2015. The outline is not required by the Order; Regional Water Board staff acknowledged that the outline appears to address all required elements of the work plan.

Sacramento Valley Water Quality Coalition

On June 30, 2015, Sacramento Valley Water Quality Coalition (SVWQC or Coalition) submitted their Draft Comprehensive Surface Water Quality Management Plan as required by Waste Discharge Requirements General Order R5-2014-0030-R1. Regional Water Board staff is in the process of reviewing the report.

On July 2, 2015, the El Dorado County Agricultural Water Quality Management Corporation (El Dorado subwatershed) submitted a proposal for the Reduced Monitoring / Management Practices Verification Option for review and approval by the Regional Water Board Executive Officer. Regional Water Board staff has completed review of the proposal and has requested supplemental information from SVWQC and the subwatershed.

On August 3, 2015, SVWQC submitted a Draft Monitoring Plan Update for the 2016 monitoring year (October 2015 – September 2016). Regional Water Board staff is in the process of reviewing the update.

On August 12, 2015, Regional Water Board staff held a Quarterly Management Plan Meeting with the SVWQC to discuss third-party and member reporting requirements; the Reduced Monitoring / Management Practices Verification Option; the Delta Regional Monitoring Program (RMP) reduced monitoring proposal; the status of submitted management plan completion requests; and the progress of SVWQC's management plans.

On August 13, 2015 Regional Water Board staff participated in a Healthy Soils Initiative field tour, hosted by the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA). The goal of the field tour was to inform legislative representatives (of Governor Brown, Speaker Atkins, and Assemblymember Dodd) about the importance of healthy soils. Representatives from the State Water Resources Control Board, Natural Resource Conservation Service, Air Resources Board and CalRecycle were also in attendance. The field tour included visits to Dixon Ridge and Rominger Brothers Farms.

On August 14, 2015, the Regional Water Board Executive Officer issued conditional approval of the SVWQC's June 8, 2015 Sediment Discharge and Erosion Assessment Report (Report). The Report determines which irrigated agricultural areas within the Sacramento River Watershed are subject to erosion and have the potential to discharge sediment that may degrade surface waters. For final approval, the Coalition must submit a work plan with a timeline to address proximity to surface waters by January 1, 2016.

San Joaquin River Watershed Coalition Groups

East San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition

On July 17, 2015, Regional Water Board staff discussed the in-kind trade options for the Delta Regional Monitoring Program (Delta RMP) at the San Joaquin River at Vernalis with the East San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition (Coalition) and Westside San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition representatives. The discussion particularly focused on the cost of monitoring the San Joaquin River at the Vernalis location.

On July 24, 2015, the Regional Water Board Executive Officer conditionally approved the May 15, 2015 East San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition's Sediment Discharge and Erosion Assessment Report (SDEAR). The SDEAR identifies which irrigated agricultural areas within the Coalition's area are subject to erosion and may discharge sediments that may degrade surface waters. The SDEAR uses a modeling approach that relies on slope and rainfall information to assess the potential for erosion. For the final approval, the Coalition must develop a work plan by December 1, 2015 to address parcels in close proximity to surface waters not covered by the model.

On August 1, 2015, the East San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition submitted the Monitoring Plan Update report for the 2016 water year (October 1, 2015 – September 30, 2016). The Monitoring Plan Update is currently under Regional Water Board staff review. .

On August 3, 2015, the East San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition submitted a proposal outlining the monitoring reductions to compensate for the monetary contribution to the Delta RMP. Regional Water Board staff has completed the review of the Coalition's proposal and determined that the monitoring reductions would permit the Coalition to continue to comply with the Order.

On August 11, 2015, Regional Water Board staff held the 24th quarterly meeting with the East San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition to discuss progress of implementing the Coalition's Management Plan, performance goals and status of other activities in progress. The Coalition provided an update on the monitoring results and outreach in the subwatersheds that have active management plans.

On August 24, 2015, the Coalition submitted a request to remove 30 constituents from 17 site subwatersheds management plans and management plan monitoring schedule. The request is currently under Regional Water Board staff review.

On September 1, 2015, Regional Water Board staff received the East San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition's Quarterly Monitoring Data Report for the period January-March 2015.

San Joaquin County and Delta Water Quality (SJD) Coalition

On July 31, 2015, the SJD Coalition submitted a proposal outlining its reduction in monitoring that could accompany its contribution to the Delta Regional Monitoring Program. The reduced monitoring involves eliminating specific months from the core site monitoring schedule where there have not been water quality issues for toxicity, applied pesticides or applied metals. It is under Regional Water Board staff review.

On August 1, 2015, the SJD Coalition submitted its annual 2015 Monitoring Plan Update by the Order's deadline. The Monitoring Plan Update proposes the water quality monitoring schedule for the period between October 2015 and September 2016. It is under Regional Water Board staff review.

On August 12, 2015, the State Water Resources Control Board QA Officer approved the Coalition's QAPP amendment request. The Coalition is revising the data quality objectives for acceptable percent recovery limits in laboratory control spikes and matrix spikes.

On August 12, 2015, the Regional Water Board Executive Officer conditionally approved the April 27, 2015 SJD Coalition's Sediment Discharge and Erosion Assessment Report (SDEAR). The SDEAR identifies which irrigated agricultural areas within the Coalition's area are subject to erosion and may discharge sediments that may degrade surface waters. For the final approval,

the Coalition must develop a work plan by December 15, 2015 to address parcels in close proximity to surface waters.

Westside San Joaquin River Watershed Coalition

On July 7, 2015, Regional Water Board staff held a meeting with the Westside San Joaquin River Watershed Coalition (Coalition) regarding the Sediment Discharge Erosion Control Report (SDEAR) issues. Regional Water Board staff provided the details about requirements of the SDEAR and how to address the associated issues. Coalition's SDEAR is under Regional Water Board staff review.

On July 10, 2015, Coalition submitted a report of "Water Quality Monitoring in the Grassland RCD." It is submitted as part of the previously submitted June 2015 Semi-Annual Monitoring Report (SAMR), which covers the monitoring period from September 2014 through February 2015.

On July 15, 2015, Regional Water Board staff held a discussion with the Coalition regarding proposed monitoring at Almond Drive Drain and Poso Drain. Timing and frequency along with monitoring constituents were discussed in detail.

On July 17, 2015, Regional Water Board staff discussed the in-kind trade options for the Delta Regional Monitoring Program (Delta RMP) with the East San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition and Westside San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition representatives. The discussion was focused on the cost of monitoring the San Joaquin River at Vernalis location, which is a TMDL monitoring site for the East San Joaquin Coalition.

On July 30, 2015, Regional Water Board staff held a meeting with the Coalition representatives to discuss options for reducing monitoring in order to offset the cost of Delta RMP contributions.

On July 30, 2015, Coalition submitted their Surface Water Quality Management Plan (SQMP). The Management Plan is currently under Regional Water Board staff review.

On August 11, 2015, the Coalition submitted their Delta RMP proposal that was later revised and submitted on August 17, 2015 after initial comments from the Regional Water Board staff. Regional Water Board staff has completed the review of the Coalition's proposal and agreed that the monitoring reductions would permit the Coalition to continue to comply with the Order while providing the monetary support for the Delta RMP.

On August 13, 2015, the Coalition proposed an amendment to their Quality Assurance Project Plan to address changes needed to update their reporting limits. It is currently under Regional Water Board staff review.

On August 19, 2015, Regional Water Board staff held a Quarterly Management Plan Meeting with the Coalition representatives. Management plan activities, monitoring data and Coalition's outreach activities were discussed.

Tulare Lake Basin Coalition Groups

Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority

During July and August 2015, Regional Water Board staff issued 13 Notices of Applicability (NOAs) to growers within the Kern River Watershed Coalition Authority area, notifying them of their coverage under Waste Discharge Requirements General Order R5-2013-0120.

Kings River Watershed Coalition Authority

During July and August 2015, Regional Water Board staff issued 60 Notices of Applicability (NOAs) to growers within the Kings River Watershed Coalition Authority area, notifying them of their coverage under Waste Discharge Requirements General Order R5-2013-0120.

Tule Basin Water Quality Coalition

During July and August 2015, Regional Water Board staff issued 9 Notices of Applicability (NOAs) to growers within the Tule Basin Water Quality Coalition area, notifying them of their coverage under Waste Discharge Requirements General Order R5-2013-0120.

Westlands Water Quality Coalition

During July and August 2015, Regional Water Board staff issued 2 Notices of Applicability (NOAs) to growers within the Westlands Water Quality Coalition area, notifying them of their coverage under Waste Discharge Requirements General Order R5-2014-0001.

Other Projects

Data Management

In May 2015, the Central Valley Regional Data Center's (CVRDC or Data Center) contract expired, and the Data Center will not be able to provide assistance with loading ILRP data into the California Environmental Data Exchange Network (CEDEN) until a new contract is executed. This has delayed data uploads of ILRP data into CEDEN and will make it more difficult for interested parties to obtain some of the data.

Data collected prior to 2009 will continue to be available on the ILRP surface water quality data webpage until those sets are processed and transferred to CEDEN. Regional Water Board staff is currently processing the Westside and Sacramento Valley Coalition data collected between 2004 and 2008. Once complete, this set will complement the existing data on CEDEN providing all of the data submitted by the Westside Coalition since program inception.

On June 15, 2015, the Westside San Joaquin River Coalition provided their semi-annual monitoring data deliverable. After the data management team validates the data, it will be loaded into the CV RDC database replica.

In July 2015, the data management team posted the CEDEN toxicity guidance documents on the Central Valley Water Board's website. ILRP data providers will be transitioning from CVRDC template format to CEDEN format data templates during the next year. To promote the process, Regional Water Board staff is revising the CVRDC guidance documents for the CEDEN templates.

Regional Water Board staff continues to process USBR Grassland Bypass Project monitoring data for 2013 and 2014. These data are new for the ILRP to process and will require a significant amount of Regional Water Board staff time to be loaded into the CV RDC replica.

Regional Water Board staff has loaded the 4th quarter Sacramento Valley data deliverable covering the monitoring period October through December 2014 into the CV RDC replica before submitting to CEDEN.

Regional Water Board staff has loaded the June 2015 West San Joaquin River Coalition data deliverable covering the monitoring period September 2014 through February 2015 into the CV RDC replica before submitting to CEDEN.

Managed Wetlands Workgroup

The Managed Wetlands Workgroup met on July 28, 2015 to discuss the status of information being compiled which will be addressed during a December 2015 Board Meeting Information Item. Topics included extension of the deadline for managed wetlands enrollment in the Tulare Lake Basin Order area; groundwater quality information collected for Tulare Lake Basin; a proposed definition for managed wetlands; and a description of operations on private wetlands versus public wetlands. In addition, workgroup members discussed managed wetlands regulatory alternatives and made a suggestion to revise the current ILRP Orders to include a reduced monitoring option for managed wetlands.

Rice Pesticides Program

Monitoring for thiobencarb started the last week of April 2015 and ended on July 1, 2015. Exceedances of the thiobencarb performance goal (1.5 µg/L) were observed in two Colusa Basin Drain sites (CBD5 and CBD1), with no detections (minimum detection level of 0.1 µg/L) at the water intakes for West Sacramento and the City of Sacramento. The California Rice Commission initiated additional monitoring upstream of CBD5 that is not required by the Rice Pesticides Program to better characterize the drainage. A RPP stakeholder meeting to discuss the 2015 thiobencarb monitoring results will be held during October 2015.

ILRP Roundtable

On September 16-17, 2015, Regional Water Board hosted the statewide Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP) Roundtable. ILRP staff from the State Water Board and other Regional Water Boards participated in the Roundtable. The first day consisted of presentations and information exchange between water board and CDFA staff. The second day was a field tour of the Dry Creek watershed in Modesto. This was coordinated with the East San Joaquin Water Quality Coalition who provided a bus for the tour. Water board staff met growers, and the Coalition explained their surface water monitoring and management plan efforts at Dry Creek during the tour.