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San Diego Region Irrigated Lands Group Quarterly Newsletter

Time for your second 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.sdirrigatedlandsgroup.org/qsis/login/2019/02 or click the “Quarterly Inspections” link on the menu bar at www.sdirrigatedlandsgroup.org.

Reminder on changes

If you acquire new parcels for your farm, either by purchase or lease, it is important to contact the office so your original Notice of Intent legal documentation can be upgraded. Likewise, the same goes for any parcels that are removed from your farm.

Annual Education Requirement

The General Order requires two hours of runoff pollution prevention training per year. Because of personnel changes at the local University of California Cooperative Extension office the next in-person training session has not been scheduled. Likewise, the UCCE on-line class option is pending release. For those who still need to meet their 2019 training, the deadline is not until December 31, 2019. When classes are scheduled and the online course is available, you will be notified.

Your annual obligations

As a reminder, in every calendar year all growers have the obligation to do the following to stay in compliance with the General Order and avoid the prospect of enforcement action by the San Diego Water Board.

- Institute and follow best practices for runoff pollution prevention
- Conduct four quarterly inspections (1st quarter 2019 now closed, 2nd quarter now open)
- Complete one Annual Self-Assessment (2018 deadline has passed)
- Pay annual acreage fee to fund the work of SDRILG (currently past due if not paid for 2019)

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