

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

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Agricultural Water Quality Coalitions
[See Attached List]

PROVISION OF SEDIMENT AND EROSION CONTROL PLAN TEMPLATE

Thank you for your 9 October 2015 submittal of a proposed Sediment and Erosion Control Plan template. Per Section VII.C. of your respective Third-party Group General Orders under the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program, I am providing the attached Sediment and Erosion Control Plan template that must be distributed to your Members and used by them to fulfill the applicable requirements of the General Order governing discharge from their irrigated lands. Any proposed changes to the Template instructions or form must be approved by me prior to the change being implemented. The draft Template was made available for public review and comment from 21 October through 20 November 2015.

The attached Sediment and Erosion Control Plan template differs from your 9 October 2015 submittal in the following ways:

1. We have added a requirement for the inclusion of a map of the respective farming operation to the Template.
2. We revised the Section 4 instructions to clarify that the certifying agencies are not required to complete the Sediment and Erosion Control Plan, but that the Plan must adhere to the site-specific recommendations provided by the listed agency.
3. We added a footnote to the management practice inventory table stating that completion of the Template does not relieve Members from any permitting requirements triggered by the disturbance of waters of the United States (i.e., clarify that federal or state permits may be required for conducting work within a surface water body).
4. We have made minor revisions to the Template that include grammatical edits and changes to items such as column headings. These changes do not alter the Template requirements or format.

We appreciate the work you and other agricultural stakeholders have put into developing the Sediment and Erosion Control Plan template. We look forward to working with you in this important effort to assist growers in minimizing the discharge of sediment to surface water.

If you have questions regarding this approval, please contact Sue McConnell at (916) 464-4798.

Sincerely,



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Attachments: Template for Sediment and Erosion Control Plan

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