



Regional Water Board Farm Inspections

Throughout the year, the Regional Water Board (RWB) will perform approximately 25 inspections on member properties. This is a continuation of inspections they are performing throughout the Central Valley.

If your property is selected, you will be contacted directly by the RWB to schedule the inspection. Below are excerpts from a RWB letter notifying growers in advance of inspections and a list of documents that are required to have available for the inspection.

What is the purpose of the inspection?

- Discuss and evaluate compliance with the General Order;
- Identify, observe, and document areas where the grower and/or landowner is successfully implementing management practices;
- Identify, observe, and document areas where improvement may be needed; and
- Assess how the grower is using an iterative process to implement management practices to protect and improve water quality (e.g., How is the grower implementing and evaluating practices? What plans does the grower have for improvement if practices are not successful in controlling discharge?).

The following is a list of documents and areas the board staff may inspect:

- Farm Evaluation and Nitrogen Management Plan
- Groundwater wells and backflow prevention devices
- Fertilizer and pesticide storage and handling areas
- Farm perimeter, including areas adjacent to creeks and riparian areas
- Areas vulnerable to erosion (presence of bare soil)
- Actual or potential discharge locations (e.g. outfalls, ponds, irrigation runoff)
- Management Practices (e.g. irrigation management, erosion control)