

FREE HELP COMING YOUR WAY!

Fall workshops will give dairy producers a leg up on new water quality regulations for Central Valley dairies

As most dairy producers already know, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board has enacted new, comprehensive water quality regulations for dairies. Now is the time for dairy producers to act.

All Central Valley dairy producers should have received a copy of the regulations via certified mail (in early July). In addition, CDQAP mailed some additional information summaries – including a “what to do now” fact sheet and sample record-keeping forms – in late August.

There is no question that the new regulations are complex and challenging. But you aren’t alone. CDQAP and its partner organizations have scheduled free producer workshops to assist you (*see list at right*). Topics covered during the workshops will include:

- ◆ History of and reason for the regulations
- ◆ Easy to understand overview of what is required
- ◆ Explanation of compliance deadlines and timelines
- ◆ Detailed explanation of how to complete near-term requirements, including web-based reports that must be filled out electronically by this December 31
- ◆ Where to get help
- ◆ Helpful written summaries and tools

There’s no need to sign-up in advance for the workshops, but we highly recommend you take the first opportunity to attend, so that you have plenty of time to respond to the new requirements. The first important reporting deadline is this December 31. Failure to comply with the regulations can result in significant penalties.

You don’t have to wait until the workshops to get started. CDQAP partner organizations (*see list on the reverse of this flyer*) are providing one-on-one, hands-on assistance to producers in filing the necessary forms for this 1st deadline, free of charge (services are provided on a first-come, first-served basis, so please make your request early. Dairy

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One-to-one
 PDFA Report
 Completion Assistance
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FALL WORKSHOPS SCHEDULE

You need attend only one workshop (morning OR afternoon). Please BRING WITH YOU your copy of the General Order (beige booklet mailed in July) and PDFA Report Completion Worksheet (salmon-color 6-page form in packet mailed by CDQAP in August).

Glenn County (2 workshops)

Thursday, Oct. 4, 9:30-12:30 and 1:30-4:30 - Kountry Kitchen, 729 4th Street, Orland

Kern County (1 workshop)

Tuesday, Oct. 16, 9:30-12:30 - UC Cooperative Extension Office, 1031 South Mount Vernon Avenue, Bakersfield

Fresno County (2 workshops)

Wednesday, Oct. 17, 9:30-12:30 and 1:30-4:30 - Veterans Hall, 3085 W. Mount Whitney (across from high school), Riverdale

Merced County (3 workshops)

Thursday, Oct. 18, 9:30-12:30 and 1:30-4:30 and Wednesday Nov. 14, 9:30-12:30 - UC Cooperative Extension Office, 2145 W. Wardrobe Avenue, Merced

Tulare County (3 workshops)

Tuesday, Oct. 23, 9:30-12:30 and 1:30-4:30 and Thursday, Nov. 15, 1:30-4:30 - UC Cooperative Extension auditorium, 4437 S. Laspina, Tulare

Madera County (2 workshops)

Wednesday, Oct. 24, 9:30-12:30 and 1:30-4:30 - Chowchilla Fairgrounds Little Theatre, 1000 So. 3rd Street, Chowchilla

San Joaquin County (2 workshops)

Thursday, Oct. 25, 9:30-12:30 and 1:30-4:30 - UC Cooperative Extension Office, 420 South Wilson Way, Stockton

Kings County (2 workshops)

Tuesday, Oct. 30, 9:30-12:30 and 1:30-4:30 - UC Cooperative Extension Office, 680 N. Campus Dr., Suite A, Hanford

Sacramento County (1 workshop)

Wednesday, Oct. 31, 9:30-12:30, Sacramento Farm Bureau office, 8970 Elk Grove Blvd., Elk Grove

Stanislaus County (3 workshops)

Thursday, Nov. 1, 9:30-12:30 and 1:30-4:30 and Tuesday Nov. 13, 9:30-12:30 - Stanislaus County Agricultural Center, corner of Service and Crows Landing Roads, Modesto

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producers who already utilize the services of professional environmental consultants should also make their needs known early, as the demand for these services is expected to be heavy.

For more information, contact your producer trade association, milk processor or UC Cooperative Extension Advisor, or all call CDQAP toll-free at 1-866-66CDQAP.

CDQAP Partner Organizations providing free one-to-one assistance for Existing Conditions/PDFA Online Report Completion contact list:

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Dairy Farmers of America

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Merced County Grant Program (for NMP/WMP Plan Preparation) Participants

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Milk Producers Council

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Carol Collar, Kings Co. (559) 582-3211 x2730
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The California Dairy Quality Assurance Program (CDQAP) is a partnership of government, educators and the dairy industry, working together toward a single, shared goal: helping California dairy producers understand and comply with federal, state and local laws and regulations. CDQAP partners include:

California Environmental Protection Agency - California Department of Food and Agriculture

The California Resources Agency - University of California/UC Cooperative Extension

State Water Resources Control Board - California Department of Fish and Game

U.S. Department of Agriculture - Natural Resources Conservation Service - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

California Manufacturing Milk Advisory Board - California Farm Bureau Federation

California Dairy Campaign - Western United Dairymen - Milk Producers Council - Sustainable Conservation



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