

MORE HELP IS ON THE WAY!

Spring workshops will help Central Valley dairy producers stay 'on track' with next stage of water quality regulations

Central Valley dairy producers did a great job with the first step of the new water quality regulations, with a near 100 percent compliance on the December 31, 2007 deadlines for the Existing Conditions Report and Preliminary Dairy Facility Assessment.

There remains much work to do, and CDQAP has scheduled workshops to help get you started toward the next important deadlines in this "staged" process. It is important that dairy operators remain engaged—many of the requirements for the next stage can still be completed by the producer. Even producers using outside experts will need to work closely with them to ensure success.

See the attached schedule for a workshop near you and please mark your calendar. We expect space to be limited, so be sure to attend at your earliest convenience.

The spring workshops will help producers understand how to meet the next round of requirements, including:

By May 3

All Central Valley dairy producers must begin nutrient sampling, including sampling lagoon water, manure, plant tissue and irrigation water.

By July 1

Producers must submit their first **annual report**, which includes:

- ◆ an updated Dairy Facility Assessment (an update to the PDFA submitted in December,
- ◆ calendar 2007 manure tracking manifests, and
- ◆ well and tile drain testing results and results from any 2007 discharge testing.

Dairy operators also need to complete the first stage of their **nutrient management plan**, including:

- ◆ identifying their land application area (updated, more detailed maps),
- ◆ soil, water and plant tissue testing results,
- ◆ process wastewater written agreements, and

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IMPORTANT
 You must bring your
 CDQAP binder to class!

SPRING WORKSHOPS SCHEDULE

San Joaquin County (2 workshops)

Tuesday, March 4, 9-12 and 1-4 - San Joaquin Co. Cooperative Extension Office, 420 S. Wilson Way, Stockton *(please don't use parking lot, there is ample street parking)*

Glenn County (2 workshops)

Friday, March 7, 9:30-12:30 and 1:30-4:30 - Kountry Kitchen, 729 4th St., Orland

Stanislaus County (3 workshops)

Tuesday, March 11, 9:30-12:30 and 1:30-4:30
 Thursday, April 3, 9:30-12:30 - Stanislaus Co. Ag Center, 3800 Cornucopia Way, ABC Room

Kings County (3 workshops)

Wednesday, March 12, 9:30-12:30 and 1:30-4:30 - Kings Art Center, 605 N. Douty St., Hanford *(take S. Douty St. exit from 198, go north for 7 blocks, Art Center is on the right just past E. 11th St.)*

Wednesday, April 16, 1:30-4:30 at Kings Co. Cooperative Extension Office, 680 N. Campus Dr., Hanford

Merced County (3 workshops)

Thursday, March 13, 9:30-12:30 and 1:30-4:30
 Thursday, April 17, 9:30-12:30 - Merced Co. Cooperative Extension Office, 2145 W. Wardrobe Ave., Merced *(please park in lot B - the gravel lot to the east of the building)*

Tulare County (2 workshops)

Tuesday, March 18, 9:30-12:30 and 1:30-4:30 - Tulare Co. Cooperative Extension Office, 4437 S. Laspina St., Tulare

Madera County (2 workshops)

Wednesday, March 19, 9:30-12:30 and 1:30-4:30 - Little Theatre, Chowchilla Fairgrounds, 1000 S. 3rd St., Chowchilla

Sacramento County (2 workshops)

Thursday, March 20, 9:30-12:30 and 1:30-4:30 - Sacramento Co. Farm Bureau office, 8970 Elk Grove Blvd., Elk Grove

Kern County (1 workshop)

Tuesday, April 1, 9-12 - Kern Co. Cooperative office, 1031 S. Mount Vernon Ave., Bakersfield

Fresno County (2 workshops)

Wednesday, April 2, 9:30-12:30 and 1:30-4:30 - Riverdale Memorial Hall, 3085 W. Mount Whitney, Riverdale

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- ◆ operators must submit a “statement of completion” regarding the above.

Operators are also required to finish the first stage of their **waste management plan** as follows:

- ◆ updated map,
- ◆ operation and maintenance plan,
- ◆ identification of backflow problems,
- ◆ proposed interim facility modifications for water storage balance, and
- ◆ proposed interim facility modification for nitrogen balance.

The workshops are designed to fully explain the requirements so producers can take steps to remain in full compliance going forward. Please make plans now to attend these free, informative workshops.

WORKING CLOSELY WITH REGULATORY AGENCIES AND THE DAIRY INDUSTRY, THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION DEVELOPED THE CURRICULUM FOR THESE WORKSHOPS

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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