Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Agricultural Discharges in Imperial Valley
(Conditional Ag Waiver)

IID/ICFB Coalition Group

Compliance Program

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Overview of Waste Discharge Requirement Waiver

Waiver Components

- Establishes goals and beneficial uses to be protected
- Identifies responsible parties
- Requires implementation of management practices
- Establishes time schedule and milestones
- Establishes monitoring and reporting requirements
- Describes consequences of failure
- Allows for the formation of Coalitions to manage control programs
- Establishes fee requirements

Waiver = Total Maximum Daily Load Program (TMDL) + fee
Responsible Parties & Drainage Activity

Imperial Valley farmers
- Landowners, operators, growers, renters, and/or lessees discharging agricultural wastewater

Imperial Irrigation District
- Drain operation and maintenance

Other private individuals?
- Drain operation and maintenance
Grower Options

Waste Discharge Requirement Waiver

- Coverage under proposed IID/ICFB Coalition Group; or
- Coverage under another Coalition Group (yet to be established, if any)

Each individual or Coalition group will need to submit one water quality improvement plan

Waste Discharge Requirement Permit

- Individual coverage (no Coalition benefits including in part group monitoring and reporting, plan development and lower fees)
WDR Waiver Reports & Updates

RWQCB WDR Waiver Summary Presentations to Growers
- IID 2014-2015 EDP Rollout Workshops
- ICFB 2012, 2013 & 2014 Drainshed Meetings (>20 separate meetings)

RWQCB WDR Waiver Updates to IID
- Jose Angel, Assistant Executive Officer – 12/16/14 and 6/25/13 IID board meetings
- Ongoing staff meetings since 2012 to update progress and solicit input

IID Coordination Meetings
- Ongoing meetings since 2012 with RWQCB, ICFB and internal staff to coordinate input, outline anticipated efforts, discuss key issues and resolve concerns

CEQA Adoption and WDR Waiver Finalization
- Initial Study, Negative Declaration and WDR Waiver adopted by RWQCB 1/15/15
Proposed Coalition

IID and ICFB Coalition Leads

- **Shared responsibilities**
  - Program coordination, outreach and education
- **IID responsible for fee billing and water quality monitoring**
- **ICFB responsible for membership oversight, membership data management and submittal**

Regional Water Quality Control Board

- **Enforcement and oversight of Waiver**
- **Monitoring Alamo and New River (as resources allow)**
- **Assist with outreach and education**
IID Obligations Associated with Proposed IID/ICFB Coalition

- Develop and maintain database of Coalition members
- Collect acreage-based fees, established annually by the State Water Resources Control Board, from Coalition members
- Submit collected fees to SWRCB
- Submit list of non-paying members to ICFB and RWQCB
Irrigated Lands Waiver Fees FY 2013-14
fees established annually by the State Water Resources Control Board

Start

Tier I
Is Discharger member of Group that has been approved and manages fee collection and payment?
Fee is $100 plus $0.75/acre

Tier II
Is Discharger member of Group that has been approved but does not manage fee collection & payment?
Fee is $100 plus $1.27/acre

Tier III
Discharger is not a member of approved Group
Fees range from $404 to $6,733 plus $2.70 to $13.50/acre
# Fees for Tier III Growers
(Not a member of an approved coalition group)

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