



## Westlands Water District

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RE: Application for Enrollment in Long-term Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (LTILRP) for Landowners in the Western Tulare Lake Basin Area.

Dear Landowner,

On January 9, 2014, the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) adopted new regulatory requirements (General Order) that affect your lands within the Westlands Water District (District) and requires your immediate attention. The General Order outlines very specific instructions for all landowners whose lands are being used for irrigated agricultural purposes; one of the instructions is for landowners to enroll their lands in the LTILRP. The RWQCB has provided two options for the enrollment process: (1) enroll your lands as an individual landowner and be subject to regulation by the RWQCB as an individual, or (2) enroll your lands under the group option where you will be represented before the RWQCB by a third-party (Coalition). It is the District's opinion that the group option provides its landowners the best possible outcome in dealing with the General Order. However, it is your decision and you will need to make the choice that best serves your needs and individual interests.

On February 8, 2014, the District applied for and subsequently received approval from the RWQCB to act as the Coalition for District landowners; the Coalition will operate under the name: Westlands Water Quality Coalition. If you choose to participate in the Coalition, the attached Notice of Confirmation (NOC) will need to be completed and returned to the District no later than **June 13, 2014**. It is important that you read all the attached documents as they outline your responsibilities as a member of the Coalition; a signed NOC will signify that you have read, understand, and agree to abide by all the requirements of the General Order.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter, and if you require additional assistance, contact Orvil McKinnis, Resources Analyst, at 559-241-6242 or by e-mail at [omckinnis@westlandswater.org](mailto:omckinnis@westlandswater.org).

Regards,

Jose Gutierrez, P.E.

Deputy General Manger – Resources

**WESTLANDS WATER QUALITY COALITION**  
**Notice of Confirmation**

1. To confirm coverage under this General Order, the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) requires that landowners who are currently members of the Westlands Stormwater Coalition submit a completed Notice of Confirmation (NOC). This document, if completed in a timely manner, will meet the NOC requirement. If you are currently NOT a member of the Stormwater Coalition, then this NOC will meet the requirement of the RWQCB to submit a timely application for coverage under this General Order.
2. As part of the NOC, members must provide certification that they have provided written notice to any responsible non-member growers of the member's enrollment under this General Order and of the requirements of this General Order (a responsible non-member under this General Order is a grower who farms a parcel that has been enrolled by a landowner-Member). The landowner-member that leases their land must provide the name and contact information of the lessee and provide updated information to the Coalition should the lessee change.

Are you a current member of the Stormwater Coalition (circle one)?    YES    NO    DON'T KNOW

Do you lease any of your lands in Westlands Water District to other growers (circle one)?    YES    NO  
If YES, provide the following information (Attach separate sheet if necessary):

LESSEE /ENTITY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

LESSEE CONTACT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

LESSEE BUSINESS ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

LESSEE PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

APN'S OF LEASED LANDS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Your signature below certifies that you have read ALL the attached documentation and that you agree to abide by all the requirements of the General Order. Your signature further certifies that if you have leased any of your lands that you have provided WRITTEN NOTIFICATION to the Lessee as explained in paragraph 2 above.

LANDOWNER (or Agent) NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ENTITY NAME (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

LANDOWNER (or Agent) SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Return this completed form to Westlands Water District (ATTN: Orvil M.) P.O. Box 6056 Fresno, CA 93703-6056, or FAX to (559) 241-6277 (ATTN: Orvil M.), or e-mail to [omckinnis@westlandswater.org](mailto:omckinnis@westlandswater.org). **The deadline for completion is June 13, 2014.**