

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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**  
 See contact list on back page

**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:**

#### **California Dairy Campaign**

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#### **California Dairies, Inc.**

Larry Collar (559) 737-0877  
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Joe Peterson (209) 604-6021  
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#### **Dairy Farmers of America**

Francis Pacheco (209) 883-4461

#### **Hilmar Cheese Company**

Ana Borba (209) 656-1148

#### **Land O' Lakes**

Larry Serpa (559) 687-6532  
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#### **Merced County Grant Program (for NMP/WMP Plan Preparation) Participants**

Jess Sittre (209) 381-1084

#### **Milk Producers Council**

Betsy Hunter (661) 205-6721  
Robert Vandenheuvel (909) 992-9529

#### **UC Cooperative Extension**

Carol Collar, Kings Co. (559) 582-3211 x2730  
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(\*available after Oct. 1)

#### **Western United Dairymen**

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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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