

Dixon / Solano RCD Water Quality Coalition

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) updated 11-28-17 For Completing the NMP & Summary Report

FAQ 1. Why is my property listed as High Vulnerability?

- Vulnerability categories (low and high) were determined through the Groundwater Quality Assessment Report (GAR) prepared by professional hydrogeologists from CH2MHILL at the request of the Sacramento Valley Water Quality Coalition (Coalition). The land characteristics examined in the GAR include land use, soil type, agronomic factors, existing concentration of nitrates in the groundwater, and depth to groundwater (susceptibility). The GAR was tentatively approved by the Regional Water Board in 2016. Updates to the GAR were made in 2017 that re-designated “to be determined (TBD)” areas to “high” or “low”.

FAQ 2. What is the “NMP”?

- Nitrogen Management Plan Worksheets (NMP) are distributed annually in your Farm Evaluation packets. All land enrolled in the coalition is required to have a NMP Worksheet completed and kept onsite for each year. If you can't locate your NMP forms, you can download copies at <http://www.dixonrcd.org/irrigated-lands-program/forms>. The box numbers on the Nitrogen Management Plan Summary Report correspond to the NMP Worksheet box numbers.

FAQ 3. Where can I find information about filling out my Nitrogen Management Plan Worksheet?

- Additional information about filling out your NMP Worksheet can be found on the Dixon RCD website: dixonrcd.org/www/irrigated-lands-program/nitrogen-management-plan-information
NMP Worksheets must be filled out for each crop/management unit on an annual basis.
- Starting with the 2016 crop year, parcels in high vulnerability areas require certification of the NMP worksheet AND submittal of a NMP Summary Report. **Parcels that were updated from “TBD” to “high” require certification of the 2018 NMP worksheet AND submittal of an NMP Summary Report (included with Farm Evaluation Forms).** Worksheets can be certified by a Certified Crop Advisor (CCA) who is a certified nitrogen management plan specialist through CDFA (contact us for a list of qualified CCAs) or by a member who has successfully passed a NMP certification training). The NMP Worksheet stays on the farm. The NMP Summary Report is returned to the Coalition.

Thurs. Jan. 18	8 AM – 1 PM	NITROGEN PLAN SELF- CERTIFICATION TRAINING <i>(includes 30 minute test)</i>	Members with parcels in NEW high vulnerability areas	American Legion Hall 1305 N. 1st Street Dixon, CA 95620
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RSVP REQUIRED! Contact Martha @ (707) 678-1655 x103 or martha-mckeen@dixonrcd.org

Schedule of additional training dates offered through neighboring coalitions available at:

<https://www.curesworks.org/grower-training/>

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FAQ 4. What do I put in for yield?

- Report on the NMP Summary Report the weight of the crop removed from the field (gross weight) in which ever production unit is suitable for your crop. See “Specific Crop / Production Unit List” included in this packet. This would include all parts of the crop that are removed from the field including culls, shells/hulls, etc.

FAQ 5. Do I need to fill out the NMP Summary Report if it was a non-bearing year?

- Yes, you will still need to fill out the NMP Summary Report even if no crop was harvested. If you are reporting on young trees, vines or other perennials that have yet to have a harvestable crop, put **NB** (Non Bearing) for Box 11 (Actual Yield) on your NMP Worksheet and Summary Report.

FAQ 6. What if I have no yield this crop year due to uncontrollable factors?

- An NMP Summary Report will still need to be filled out and submitted if the crop has not been harvested or a crop was expected but due to unforeseen circumstances no crop was harvested. On the NMP Worksheet & Summary Report, put **NY** (No Yield) for Box 11. The Coalition understands that the growing season is varied and will record No Yield for the crop year in its Summary Report.

FAQ 7. Do I need to complete an NMP Summary Report for Irrigated Pasture?

- No, if NO external nitrogen is applied. In February 2016, Regional Board approved that NMP Worksheets and NMP Summary Reports are not required for irrigated pasture to which no external nitrogen is applied. However, to ensure compliance with ILRP/Order and to avoid any unnecessary follow-ups from us the NMP Summary Report should be returned to us with a statement that “zero nitrogen was applied”.

Note: direct nutrient returns from livestock are not considered a fertilizer application to irrigated pasture.

- Yes, if external nitrogen is applied. Please complete the NMP Summary Report and see “Specific Crop / Production Unit List” included in this packet for instructions on how to report yield.

FAQ 8. How do I include double-cropped fields?

- For double-cropped fields (two consecutive crops on the same land harvested in a single growing season), please complete two entries for the field, one for each crop. It is important to separate the crops as nitrogen application and demand may vary between crop types. Only the nitrogen applied for that specific crop needs to be recorded; you do not need to count the nitrogen application of an earlier crop with the nitrogen applied for the second crop grown in the same year.