**Answers to Frequently Asked Questions**

**FARM EVALUATION SURVEYS**

FOR COMPLIANCE WITH

CENTRAL VALLEY REGIONAL BOARD WATER QUALITY REQUIREMENTS

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1. What is the definition of “Whole Farm” for Part A?

***Answer to Q1:*** *The Farm Evaluations are to be completed by Coalition Membership (Landowner or Operator). The Whole Farm refers to all of the irrigated fields within all of the parcels enrolled under the Coalition Membership, which can be found on your membership document.*

1. What if the cover sheet includes incorrect or outdated information?

***Answer to Q2:*** *Please manually edit cover sheet to be correct, complete the farm evaluation with the corrected information and include a copy of corrected cover sheet with completed Farm Evaluation.*

1. Can I include fields with different crops on the same Part B (Field Specific Evaluation) or Part D (Sediment and Erosion Control Practices)?

***Answer to Q3:*** *If you can answer the remaining questions on that page the same, then you can include all fields that those questions apply to on one Part B and/or one Part D, even if they are different crops.*

1. Do I include domestic wells on Parts C: (Irrigation Well Information)?

***Answer to Q4:*** *Only IRRIGATION wells are REQUIRED to be included on Part C (Irrigation Well Information).*

1. Will I be penalized if I am not using all of the practices listed?

***Answer to Q5:*** *No, the purpose of the Farm Evaluations is two-fold:*

1. *To provide the Regional Board and the Coalition with a baseline of what practices are already in place to protect water quality.*
2. *To prioritize Coalition education and outreach activities to address specific water quality issues.* ***Neither the Coalition nor the Regional Board can require specific practices to be installed****.*

*There are no “right” or “wrong” answers and entering “?” or “n/a” as a response can be helpful information. If you are addressing water quality issues with practices that are not included on the Evaluation please check “Other” and indicate what practices you are using.*

1. What Year do I complete the Farm Evaluation for?

***Answer to Q6:*** *The Farm Evaluations that are due* ***March 1, 2015*** *are to capture what practices were in place for the* ***2014 Crop Year****.*

1. On Part A, what does, “sensitive areas mapped” mean?

***Answer to Q7:*** *“sensitive areas” should be read as areas that have ecological or environmental significance (e.g. endangered species habitat, wetlands, creeks). The purpose of this question is to determine whether or not members are considering impacts to sensitive areas. The maps are to be kept onsite, so the information on the locations or nature of the sensitive areas is not being recorded.*

1. What if my cover sheet and/or map are misplaced or I need another copy?

***Answer to Q8:*** *Send an email to* lcfarmbureau@sbcglobal.net *with the Coalition membership information (landowner name, member ID#, or APN #s) and a request for copies of Farm Evaluation cover sheet and/or other documents. Please allow at least 7 days to receive replacement maps.*

1. What if I had two crops on a field (e.g. wheat then tomatoes) in one crop year? Do I include that field twice on Parts B & D?

***Answer to Q9:*** *Only include each field once. If there are two crops they can be entered as “wheat/tomato” etc.*

1. What if I have a field that is temporarily fallowed?

***Answer to Q10:*** *Fields that are permanently fallowed do not need to be enrolled in the Coalition program. Temporarily fallowed fields can be recorded in the farm evaluation by entering “fallow” in the Crop column.*

1. How do I answer Part B section 4 (Nitrogen Management Methods..) if I am not applying nitrogen?

***Answer to Q11:*** *Check the “Other” box and enter “No Nitrogen Applied”.*