

**FREE HELP COMING YOUR WAY!**

## The time to act is sooner than you think- Fall workshops help dairy producers and professionals stay on track with Central Valley water requirements

As dairy owners/operators know, the California Dairy Quality Assurance Program has provided a series of workshops to assist in understanding and meeting the requirements of the new dairy water quality regulations adopted in 2007.

The next stage of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board regulatory requirements will be among the most demanding so far. In addition to submitting their annual reports, dairy operators will also be required to prepare and submit engineered Waste Management Plans (WMPs). Because WMPs require professional assistance and significant time and cost to prepare, it makes good sense to get an early start.

To help dairy producers remain in compliance, CDQAP is offering free educational workshops at a location near you *well in advance* (see schedule, this page) of the July 2010 submittal deadline. This should allow dairy producers, their employees and outside professional consultants plenty of time to plan and prepare.

Among the key topics to be covered during the workshops:

- ◆ Deliverables due for the next deadline, including what needs to be started now and other items needing to be finished before July 1, 2010
- ◆ Important updates on groundwater monitoring requirements, on-farm inspections and implementing/modifying Nutrient Management Plans (NMPs)
- ◆ Critical information on avoiding the most common types of Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) violations
- ◆ Tips on working with outside consultants and your employees to maximize efficiency and reduce costs

In addition, the workshops will include the latest news and information on the next annual report form and mortality management option research. All workshops are open to dairy owner/operators, their employees, consultants and other dairy professionals. The workshops are free of charge on a first-come, first-served basis. **Reservations are not required.**

**AVOID VIOLATIONS AND  
\$AVE MONEY ON YOUR  
COMPLIANCE COSTS!**

## FALL 2009 WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

### Tulare County (2 workshops)

Tuesday, November 3, 9:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. and  
Thursday, December 3, 1:30-4:30 p.m.  
Tulare County Ag Center Auditorium,  
4437 S. Laspina, Tulare (*please use the back  
entrance on November 3 as the election polling  
place will be in the lobby*)

### Stanislaus County (2 workshops)

Thursday, November 5, 9:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. and  
Wednesday, December 2, 1:30-4:30 p.m.  
Stanislaus County Agricultural Center, Harvest  
Hall, 3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto

### Glenn County

Monday, November 9, 9:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.  
Glenn County Farm Bureau Board Meeting Room,  
831 5th Street, Orland

### Merced County

Tuesday, November 17, 9:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.  
UC Cooperative Extension classroom,  
2145 W. Wardrobe Avenue, Merced

### San Joaquin County

Thursday, November 19, 9:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.  
Robert J. Cabral Ag Center Conference Room,  
2101 E. Earhart Ave., Stockton

### Fresno County

Wednesday, November 18, 1:30-4:30 p.m.  
Riverdale Memorial Hall, 3085 W. Mount Whitney  
(across from high school), Riverdale

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REPRESENTATIVES HAVE WORKED CLOSELY WITH REGULATORY  
AGENCIES TO DEVELOP CURRICULUM FOR THIS WORKSHOP**

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  
California Farm Bureau Federation - California Milk Advisory Board - California Resources Agency  
California Dairy Campaign - Milk Producers Council - State Water Resources Control Board - Sustainable Conservation  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service  
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