

**Steering Committee of the Grassland Basin  
Drainage Management Activity Agreement  
Application/Sign-Up Sheet**

**For Participation in the Grassland Drainage Area Coalition Special Project**

The undersigned owner and/or operator (owner/operator) of irrigated farmland located within the geographic boundaries of the Grassland Drainage Area understands that the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) has recently recognized the Steering Committee of the Grassland Basin Drainage Management Activity Agreement as a proper third party for administering the terms and conditions in the Waste Discharge Requirements General Order for Growers in the Grassland Drainage area that are Members of the Third Party (Order No. R5-2015-0095) (General Order). The undersigned owner/operator is willing to join the Grassland Drainage Area Coalition Special Project to become a Member and be covered by the General Order. The undersigned owner/operator also understands that it is his/her responsibility to know and understand the terms and conditions contained in the General Order, and that failure to comply with the General Order terms and conditions may subject the owner/ operator to removal from the Coalition, and potentially could subject the owner/operator to enforcement action taken by the Regional Board. A summary of the General Order requirements has been attached for your convenience. A copy of the General Order and other information about the Coalition can be obtained by emailing Orvil Mckinnis at omckinnis@summerseng.com.

With these understandings, in order for the Coalition to fulfill its obligations as provided under the General Order, the undersigned owner/operator hereby elects to participate in the Coalition and hereby elects to comply with the requirements set forth in the General Order. Failure of an owner/ operator to abide by the requirements of the General Order or to pay membership fees when due, may result in the termination of membership in the Coalition and enforcement action by the Regional Board.

**Please complete the Member information below:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MemberID: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Under the new General Order, the landowner or the operator of every commercially irrigated parcel (but not both) must join as a Member of the Grassland Drainage Area Coalition. Each Member must notify any other responsible parties (i.e. non-Member landowners or lessees) of the enrollment in the Coalition and inform them of the requirements of the General Order. By signing this sheet you certify that you have provided notice to the landowner/lessee of your enrollment in the Coalition and of the requirements of the General Order.

**Please fill out the form below with all the information requested. If you are within a Drainage or Water District please indicate where noted.**

**RETURN SIGNED FORM AND LIST OF PARCELS TO GRASSLAND DRAINAGE AREA COALITION,  
P.O. BOX 1122, HANFORD, CA 93232, FAX 559-582-7632, OR E-MAIL omckinnis@summerseng.com**

**For additional information, please contact Orvil Mckinnis of Summers Engineering at (559) 582-9237.**

Assessor's Parcel Number (APN)	Irrigated Acreage see below	check box that applies		Contact Information of non-Member Owner or Operator
		Member is owner	Member is operator see below	
APN:				Name:
County:				Address:
Water District:				Email:
APN:				Phone:
APN:				Name:
County:				Address:
Water District:				Email:
APN:				Phone:
APN:				Name:
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County:				Address:
Water District:				Email:
APN:				Phone:
APN:				Name:
County:				Address:
Water District:				Email:
APN:				Phone:
<b>Total Irrigated Acreage</b>		<b>Please use additional sheets if necessary.</b>		

Irrigated Acreage - Acreage that is irrigated and used for commercial purposes. Do not include acreage that is covered under a different Regional Board regulatory program (e.g. Dairy General Order). When calculating and reporting irrigated acreage, you may exclude non-irrigated portions of your total parcel acreage. Non-irrigated portions typically include farm roads, county easements, ponds, streams, residential areas, or shop areas.

“Operator” - Includes lessees, tenant farmers, operating entities, and relatives or other individuals farming on behalf of the owner. If the landowner is the Member, the Operator will be contacted to access the property should the need arise.

## SUMMARY OF GENERAL ORDER REQUIREMENTS

The following list is a summary of General Order requirements for Coalition Members.

1. Members shall maintain a copy of the General Order at the primary place of business or the Member's headquarters for its farming operation so as to be available at all times to operations personnel (General Order IV.B.17); it is available for download at [www.swrcb.ca.gov/centralvalley/water\\_issues/grassland\\_bypass/index.shtml](http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/grassland_bypass/index.shtml), or by request to GRASSLAND DRAINAGE AREA COALITION. The Member, or his/her designee, is required to be familiar with the contents of the General Order. (General Order IV.B.17)
2. Members shall provide the Coalition with the phone number(s) of the individual(s) with authority to provide consent to access its facilities. (General Order IV.B.13)
3. Members shall provide the Coalition with any information requested to demonstrate compliance with the General Order. (General Order IV.B.5)
4. Members shall submit all required documents in a complete and timely manner.(General Order IV.B.18)
5. Members shall, at a minimum, implement water quality management practices that meet the following farm management performance standards: (a) minimize percolation of waste to groundwater, and (b) protect wellheads from surface water intrusion. (General Order IV.B.19)
6. All Members shall implement water quality management practices as necessary to protect water quality and to achieve compliance with groundwater receiving water limitations of this Order. (General Order IV.B.6)
7. Members shall prepare and implement a farm-specific nitrogen management plan as required by the General Order. (General Order IV.B.7)
8. Members shall implement the applicable management practices, or equivalent practices, identified as protective of groundwater in the Management Practices Evaluation Report. (General Order IV.B.20)
9. Each Member shall participate in Grassland Drainage Area Coalition outreach events at least once annually. The Member shall review outreach materials to become informed of any water quality problems to address and the management practices that are available to address those issues. The Member shall provide annual confirmation to the Grassland Drainage Area Coalition that the Member has attended an outreach event. (General Order IV.B.4)