



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## SEDIMENT AND EROSION CONTROL PLAN

### 1. Where does this requirement come from?

The regulation adopted in September 2013 required Coalitions to prepare a Sediment Discharge and Erosion Assessment Report (SDEAR) for the lands within their respective coverage areas and submit that report to the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board). The Coalitions were required to identify areas with a higher risk of sediment erosion caused by rainfall or irrigation on irrigated lands and its risk to local surface water bodies.

For the identified parcels in the SDEAR, growers need to complete the approved Sediment and Erosion Control (SECP) Template. The template was designed for growers to consider available management practices that can assist with preventing or minimizing the potential for erosion. The template needs to be certified and kept on-farm in the event of an inspection from the Regional Board.

### 2. When does the SECP Template need to be completed?

The official regulatory timelines are dependent upon whether your operation is designated as a small farming operation or a large farming operation. Large farming operations are members with 60 or more irrigated acres and small farming operations are those less than 60 irrigated acres.

| Operation Size   | Completion Date (on-farm) |
|--|---------------------------|
| Small Farming Operation (less than 60 irrigated acres) | October 6, 2017           |
| Large Farming Operation (60 Plus irrigated acres)      | April 3, 2017             |

### 3. Does the Template need to be Certified?

Yes. There are a number of ways to get your plan certified. The available options are identified on page 7 of the SECP Template. More information on the certification options are located on page 2 of the instructions provided. **If you are interested in self-certifying, please refer to the accompanying cover letter.**

### 4. What does the template cover?

The template is similar to the Sediment and Erosion Practices (Part E) of the Farm Evaluation, but contains additional practices that have the potential to minimize soil erosion. Select the practices that are effective on your farming operation.