



## State Water Board Fee Increases, Help Us Be Heard!

Annually, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) assesses the Coalition permit fees associated with its Waste Discharge requirements. Over the last five years, fees have risen from \$0.87 to \$1.29 per irrigated acre almost a 150% increase. During the last two years, growers faced fee increases of 14% and 15%.

The Coalition aggressively advocates on behalf of our members to reduce burdensome state regulations and fees, working with ag industry groups and other irrigated lands coalitions in a concerted effort against fee hikes, but more needs to be done. We need your help!

The SWRCB holds Water Quality Fees Stakeholder meetings at least three times a year for discussion and feedback on fees. Coalition staff and consultants participate in all State Board fee hearings petitioning for reductions in fees, but more voices need to be heard. We need growers' voices to tell the story of the real-life impacts that these costly fees and burdensome regulations have on your operations, how they impact our rural communities and families. Let's work together to make our voices heard!

Please let us know if you would like to join us at an upcoming stakeholder meeting, contact the Coalition at 559.365.7958 or email at [info@kingsriverwqc.org](mailto:info@kingsriverwqc.org).

**Fiscal Year 2022 - 2023**

**Water Quality Fees  
Stakeholder Meeting Schedule**

*June 9, 2022 at 9:00 AM*

*August 4, 2022 at 9:00 AM*

### STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS ARE HELD ONLINE

Live Webcast and Zoom Information

<https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/fees/stakeholder/#participate>

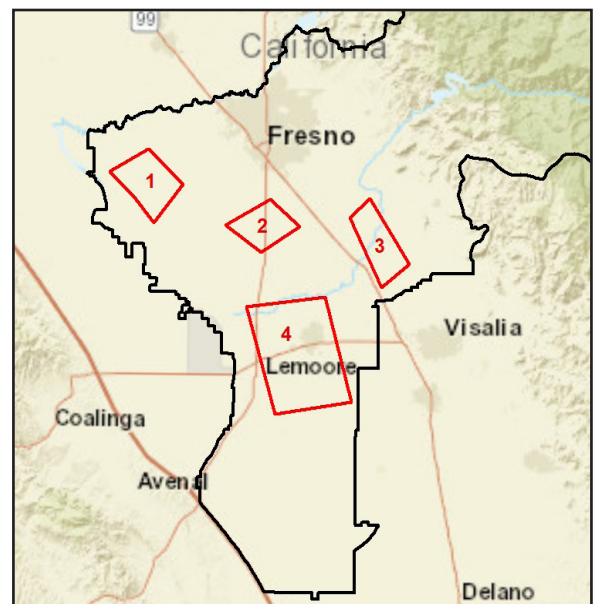
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## Groundwater Trend Monitoring Well Network

Each summer, the Coalition completes groundwater sampling as required by the Groundwater Quality Monitoring and Protection section of the General Order in order to determine current water quality conditions. The Groundwater Quality Trend Monitoring wells are monitored annually for Conductivity, pH, Dissolved Oxygen, Temperature, Nitrate as nitrogen, and every five years for Total Dissolved Solids, and General Minerals.

The Coalition continues to search for wells to participate in the Trend Monitoring network in four areas within the Coalition: southwest of Kerman, south of Fresno, southwest of Reedley/Dinuba, and Hanford/Lemoore. Candidate wells must have a well completion report and the depth must be in the upper aquifer. Please contact the Coalition if you have a well that you would be interested in including in our Trend Monitoring network.



Current well network gaps.

# Reminder Reports Were Due March 1

Irrigation and Nitrogen Management Plan (INMP) Summary Reports were due on March 1, 2022. Fines of up to \$1,000 per day can be assessed to members for non-compliance by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board. All submittals are required to be completed through the Coalition web portal at [kingsriverwqc.org/](http://kingsriverwqc.org/) account. Please contact the Coalition if you need assistance with your submittal.

Coalition staff is currently reviewing INMP Summary Report submittals for quality assurance and quality control purposes. Members with submitted data that is identified as being potentially inaccurate will receive an email or phone call from the Coalition for verification. Typical verification requests include production units and reporting of nitrogen sources or yield per acre rather than total.



The Coalition represents approximately 3,600 members with 720,000 irrigated acres of irrigated agriculture.

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**Important Coalition member updates enclosed**

## Welcome to the Kings River Water Quality Coalition Newsletter

Hello everyone! The Kings River Water Quality Coalition (Coalition) is excited to reinstate our newsletter to inform, educate, and engage members on all things Coalition!

Formed in 2009, the Coalition provides growers with a regional, cost-effective way to comply with the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board regulations, called the Waste Discharge Requirements. On behalf of our members, the Coalition conducts regional surface and groundwater monitoring, reporting, outreach, and member compliance assistance.

**Want to change the way you receive the newsletter?** The Coalition is working toward phasing out mail delivery of documents to the extent possible due to the increased costs associated with standard mail delivery with the goal of having all documents delivered via email starting in 2023. If you would like to start receiving this newsletter via email now, you can log into the member portal at [kingsriverwqc.org/account](http://kingsriverwqc.org/account) to update your delivery preference.



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