Best Management Practices: Well Destruction/Abandonment

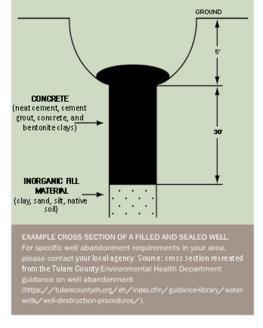
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A well is considered abandoned if it has not been used for one year and there is no intention of using the well again. Improperly abandoned wells can transmit pollutants to groundwater and pose a threat to public health and safety. All abandoned wells must be properly destroyed consistent with state law and local county ordinances. Well destruction consists of the complete filling of the well to protect groundwater from surface and subsurface contaminants and eliminate potential physical hazards. Prior to well destruction, please contact your local county to determine proper procedures and permitting.

Generally, the destruction of an abandoned well includes:

- Preliminary Work: Prior to destruction, investigate well condition, details of construction, and potential obstructions. The well must be cleaned so undesirable materials including obstructions are removed.
- Filling and Sealing: After preliminary work, fill and seal with proper materials and procedures dependent on site conditions of the well. In most cases, the upper 20 feet of the well must be sealed with suitable sealing material with the remainder of the well filled with suitable fill material.



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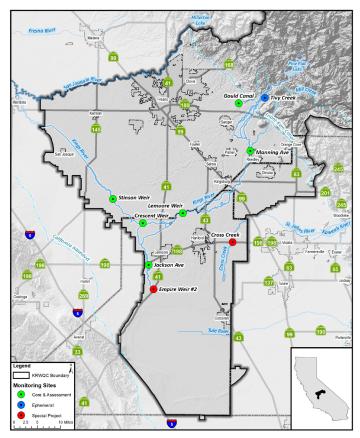
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Sources: California Department of Water Resources and Southern San Joaquin Management Practices Evaluation Program

Surface Water Monitoring

The Coalition conducts regional surface water monitoring in accordance with the Monitoring and Reporting Program of the General Order. The Coalition must collect sufficient data to evaluate surface water conditions and determine if agriculture operations are causing or contributing to any surface water quality problems.

Monitoring sites were selected based on their distribution throughout the watershed area, existing monitoring history, and representativeness of adjacent crop types and associated management practices. Annually, the Coalition is responsible for sampling nine sites: one ephemeral, two special project, and six core/assessment (rotation of four core and two assessment sites annually). Sampling parameters include photo monitoring, general physical parameters, nutrients, pathogens, water column toxicity, metals, pesticides, and sediment toxicity with requirements varying by site designation.



2020 Monitoring Site Locations

STATE BOARD FEES UPDATE

The Water Quality Fees stakeholder meeting was held on June 9, 2022. The State Board fees for the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program are currently estimated to increase by 6.8% per irrigated acre. The Coalition continues to advocate on behalf of our members to reduce burdensome state regulations and fees, but we still need your help to be heard! The next stakeholder meeting is scheduled for **August 4, 2022, from 9 – 11 AM**. Coalition staff anticipates further increases to State Board fees at the August meeting.

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.

STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS ARE HELD ONLINE

Live Webcast and Zoom Information

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/fees/stakeholder/#participate Subscribe: Water Quality Fees Email List found under the "General Interest" section, "Fee Regulations Water Quality" https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/swrcb_subscribe.html

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Important Coalition member updates enclosed

Member Invoices Are Being Mailed

The Coalition conducts regional monitoring, reporting, and assists members in regulatory compliance with the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP). Member fees are determined by State Board fees, salt and nitrate control programs, replacement water fill stations, member compliance, and regulatory requirements such as monitoring programs.

Coalition invoices for July 2022 through June 2023 ILRP coverage will be mailed in July and due September 30, 2022. A 15% late fee will be assessed on all payments not received by the due date. Payments can be made via check (please use the return envelope enclosed with your invoice or mail to P.O. Box 8259 Fresno, CA 93747) or credit card by logging into the member portal at www.kingsriverwqc.org/account.

Please review your invoice for updates to:

- Member Contact Information
- Owner/Operator Information
- Parcels

Additions (purchased, etc.) Deletions (sold, etc.) Modifications (Irrigated Acres, etc.)

Need to make a change? Log into the Member Portal www.kingsriverwqc.org/account to make changes and request an updated invoice.





