

How does the Sacramento Valley Water Quality Coalition Work?

The Sacramento Valley Water Quality Coalition (Coalition) is a non-profit organization formed to assist owners and operators (Members) of irrigated lands comply with the Central Valley Regional Water Board regulation of discharges of water or pesticides from their property. Since 2004, nearly 8500 members with approximately 1.2 million acres of irrigated lands have enrolled in the Coalition.

The Coalition provides a cost effective method of complying with the Central Valley Regional Water Board requirements. Surface water monitoring sites representative of irrigated agriculture in each of the 13 Subwatershed Groups (see map to right) of the Sacramento Valley Water Quality Coalition, are sampled on a monthly basis. These representative sites replace the need for edge of field or grower specific water quality sampling.

The Coalition working with the leadership of each Subwatershed Group, keep owners and operators of irrigated lands aware of [Member Requirements](#) of the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program. Each [Subwatershed Group Coordinator](#) conducts outreach and educational activities for Members. The Coalition, led by the Northern California Water Association (NCWA), provides program management for the Subwatershed Groups through a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) executed by all parties.

As the ILRP expands to include groundwater quality the Coalition and its Management Advisory Committee will continue to provide cost effective means for compliance.

What Does It Cost to be a Member of the Coalition?

The annual cost for an owner and/or operator of irrigated lands to be a member of the Coalition is based on where your property is located. The Coalition monitoring, lab analysis and reporting costs are equitably distributed so that only the members of each Subwatershed Group pay the costs for their monitoring sites. In 2014, current members pay between \$2-4 an irrigated acre, depending on the monitoring requirements of Subwatershed Group where their land is located.

For specific information about what it costs to join a Subwatershed Group of the Coalition contact the [Subwatershed Group Coordinator](#) where your land is located.

