

MANAGEMENT PLAN DEVELOPMENT and NOTIFICATION POLICY

This policy is intended to summarize the Tulare Lake Basin General Order Third-Party (Coalition) requirements for annual outreach and development of a water quality management plan, when a plan is triggered. In addition, the policy identifies steps that the Coalition will take regarding member notification, education and outreach that are not required by the General Order.

GENERAL ORDER REQUIREMENTS:

- A required component of the Surface Water Quality Management Plan/Groundwater Quality Management Plan (**SQMP/GQMP**), Management Plan Strategy requires laying out a plan to “Educate Members about the sources of the water quality exceedances in order to promote prevention, protection, and remediation efforts that can maintain and improve water quality.” And also “Identify outreach that will be used to disseminate information to participating growers. This discussion shall include: the strategy for informing growers of the water quality problems that need to be addressed, method for disseminating information on relevant management practices to be implemented, and a description of how the effectiveness of the outreach efforts will be evaluated.” **[Section C, App. MRP-1 of Att. B Pg. 4-5]**
- When a SQMP/GQMP is triggered, the third-party shall submit a SQMP/GQMP to the Central Valley Water Board within sixty (60) days. This 60-day period begins the first business day after the third-party’s receipt of the field or laboratory results that reported the triggering exceedance. **[Section H.I.1 Paragraph 2, GO Pg. 33]**
- The SQMPs/GQMPs need to meet the performance standards set forth in this Order. The SQMPs/GQMPs are also reviewed periodically to determine whether adequate progress is being made to address the degradation trend or impairment. If adequate progress is not being made, then the Executive Officer can require field monitoring studies, on-site verification of implementation of practices, or the board may revoke the coverage under this Order and regulate the discharger through an individual WDR. **[Paragraph 1, GO Att. A Pg. 41]**
- Details of the required components needed in SQMP/GQMPs are included in **[Appendix MRP-1 of Att. B]**
- The time schedule identified in SQMP/GQMP for compliance with receiving water limitations must be as short as practicable, but may not exceed 10 years from the date submitted to the Executive Officer. **[Section XII, GO Pg. 37]**



- The third-party may, at its discretion, implement outreach or monitoring contained in a proposed management plan before approval. **[Section H.I.1 Paragraph 2, GO Pg. 33]**
- Should the third-party conduct a Source Identification Study to comply with this Order, the third-party must first receive approval from the Executive Officer. Once approved, the third party may proceed with its study. **[Section G, App. MRP-1 of Att. B Pg. 7]**
- The Third-Party is required to develop and implement plans to track and evaluate the effectiveness of water quality management practices, pursuant to approved SQMP/GQMP. This includes working cooperatively with the Central Valley Water Board to ensure all Members are providing required information and taking necessary steps to address exceedances or degradation identified by the third-party or board. As part of the Membership List submittal, identify the growers known by the third-party who have: (1) failed to implement improved water quality management practices within the timeframe specified by an applicable SQMP/GQMP; (2) failed to respond to an information request from the third-party associated with any applicable SQMP/GQMP or other provisions of this Order; (3) failed to participate as requested in third-party studies for which the third-party is the lead; (4) failed to provide confirmation of participation in an outreach event (per section IV.B.4 of this Order); or (5) otherwise failed to maintain good standing of their membership in the third-party group. **[Section C Points 4 & 9, GO Pg. 22-23]**
- By 1 May of each year, the third-party must prepare a Management Plan Status Report that summarizes the progress in implementing management plans. The Management Plan Status Report must summarize the progress for the annual reporting period. **[Section F, App. MRP-1 of Att. B Pg. 6]**
- If the regional SQMP does not result in the necessary improvements to water quality, the burden, including costs, of requiring individuals in the impacted area to conduct monitoring, describe their plans for addressing the identified problems, and evaluate their practices is a reasonable subsequent step. **[Paragraph 1, GO Att. A Pg. 13]**
- Conduct education and outreach activities annually to inform Members of program requirements and water quality problems, including exceedances of water quality objectives or degradation of water quality, identified by the third-party or Central Valley Water Board. **[Section C Point 8, General Order Pg. 22]**



KRWCA ADDITIONAL OUTREACH:

In the event that a Surface Water Quality Management Plan (SQMP) or Groundwater Quality Management Plan (GQMP) is triggered, KRWCA Staff will take the following steps to notify Members:

Members in the Representative Area will be contacted by letter/email to inform them:

- That a Management Plan has been triggered;
- Constituents of Concern with exceedances that triggered the Management Plan;
- Overview of the Process – 60 Day timeline; and,
- Next steps in the process.

KRWCA ADDITIONAL EDUCATION:

Staff will Educate Members on the Management Plan Development Process through Conference Call, WebEx, or Workshop, as appropriate. Curriculum will address:

- The process, which is investigative in nature;
- Explanation of required use of Management Plan Template;
- Members will be invited to provide their unique knowledge of the area through discussions or correspondence with KRWCA staff; and,
- Timelines to meet submission deadline must be followed.

Draft documents will be shared if requested and members may provide input through their KRWCA District Director or directly to KRWCA if member is outside of a participating water district. The KRWCA Board and staff maintain editorial rights and have final approval of the document.