

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS? GET ANSWERS HERE!

Here are three ways to get more information quickly and easily:

- *Check out the 'frequently asked questions' below, or*
- *Attend one of the free informational meetings near you, or*
- *Call someone from the list of knowledgeable volunteers to learn more! (see reverse side)*

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOW LONG DO I HAVE TO SIGN UP ?

Return your application postmarked no later than Dec. 27, 2010. Earlier is preferred to speed processing. While CVDRMP has tried to give dairy owners and operators adequate time to consider this opportunity, we encourage you not to wait until the last minute to make your decision. Should you decide to join, be sure to include your completed payment form (**Consent to Milk Check Deduction**), signed **Participation Agreement** and signed **Letter of Intent**.

WHAT IF I MISS THE DEADLINE OR WANT TO JOIN LATER?

Late applicants risk not being admitted to the program. If you are admitted late, the CVDRMP Board will charge a minimum \$1,000 penalty plus back dues to the beginning of the program.

AM I REQUIRED TO JOIN THIS PROGRAM?

This program is absolutely voluntary. It is intended to provide a lower cost alternative to the current regulatory requirement that all Central Valley dairies install monitoring wells at their own costs (and also draw and analyze samples and submit reports on the results at their own costs). You are not required to pursue this alternative. However, if you choose not to participate in this program you will still need to install wells.

SO WHAT'S THE BENEFIT TO ME?

The major benefit for participants is significant cost savings and reduced record-keeping. Instead of installing your own monitoring wells (costs estimated to average about \$42,000 across the industry) and then pay hundreds or thousands of dollars per year for ongoing sampling and reporting, you will participate in a program that shares costs among participating dairymen.

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WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Kern County: Friday, November 12, 10-11 a.m. UC Cooperative Extension, 1031 S. Mt. Vernon Avenue, Bakersfield

Kings County: Monday, November 15, 10-11 a.m. Kings County Ag Center Multi Purpose Room, UC Cooperative Extension, 680 Campus Drive, Hanford

Tulare County (two meetings):
Monday, November 15, 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, November 16, 1:30 p.m.
Tulare County Ag Center auditorium, 4437 S. Laspina, Tulare

San Joaquin County: Wednesday, November 17, 10 a.m., Robert J. Cabral Ag Center Conference Room, 2101 E. Earhart Ave., Stockton

Stanislaus County (two meetings):
Wednesday, November 17, 1:30 p.m., Stanislaus Building, Room "HI", Stanislaus County Ag Center, 3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto

Thursday, November 18, 10 a.m., Harvest Hall, Room ABC, Stanislaus County Ag Center, 3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto

Fresno County (two meetings):
Thursday, November 18, 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, November 23, 1:30 p.m.
Conference Room, Fresno County Farm Bureau, 1274 W. Hedges Ave., Fresno

Sacramento County: Friday, November 19, 10 a.m., Conference Room, Sacramento County Farm Bureau, 8970 Elk Grove Blvd., Elk Grove

Glenn County: Monday, November 22, 10 a.m., UC Cooperative Extension Office, 821 E. South Street, Orland

Merced County: Tuesday, November 23, 10 a.m., Merced County Farm Bureau, 646 S. State Highway 59, Merced

HOT LINE HELPERS

If you prefer, call one of these knowledgeable people from your creamery, trade association, Dairy Cares or the Central Valley Dairy Representative Monitoring Program board of directors:

CVDRMP Board Members:

District 1 (Tulare County):

Tom Barcellos 559-730-6895, Joey Airoso 559-967-5258

District 2 (Merced/Madera counties):

Ray Gene Veldhuis 209-394-5110

Roland Perez 209-394-7984

District 3, Kern/Kings/Fresno (counties)

Rodney Kamper 559-260-9712

Stephen Brown 559-867-0614

District 4 (Stanislaus County):

Justin Gioletti 209-602-9110

Tony Ott 209-480-3042

District 5 (all other Central Valley counties)

Arlan Van Leeuwen 916-600-1488

California Dairy Campaign:

Kevin Abernathy 209-678-0666

California Dairies Inc.:

Eric Erba 559-625-2200 ext. 114

Dairy Cares:

J.P. Cativiela or James Garner 916-441-3318

Dairy Farmers of America:

Kurt Lewis 951-493-4912, Steve DeBrum 951-493-4954, or Francis Pacheco 951-493-4942

Hilmar Cheese Company:

Ana Dyrland 209-656-1148

McKenzie Klein 209-656-2804

Land O' Lakes:

Larry Serpa 559-799-0729

Milk Producers Council:

Betsy Hunter 661-205-6721

Western United Dairymen:

Tessa Curti Hall, 559-679-2976, Paul Sousa 209-527-6453,

Jake Oosterman 209-535-1929, Leslie Corp 530-354-4981,

Jimmy Griffin 661-487-9195, Dennis Miguel 209-262-5340,

Paul Martin 707-763-8874

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DOES MEMBERSHIP IN THIS PROGRAM GUARANTEE I WILL NEVER BE ORDERED TO INSTALL WELLS?

No. Your membership is intended to meet the current requirement that all dairies install wells. The Regional Water Quality Control Board retains authority now and in the future to require that any dairy install monitoring wells. In other words, membership in the Central Valley Dairy Representative Monitoring Program (CVDRMP) removes the automatic requirement to install wells, but the Regional Board could still order well installation on a case-by-case basis if the Regional Board deems it is necessary to do so. For example, a dairy in an especially sensitive groundwater area, or a dairy with regulatory violations, might be ordered to install wells even after it has joined the CVDRMP. Any dairies that receive individual orders to install wells after joining CVDRMP would be allowed to exit the program and would not be responsible for further dues.

HOW WILL I KNOW IF I'M ACCEPTED?

CVDRMP will notify you by e-mail as soon as your application is accepted (if you have no email we will contact you via regular mail, however this may take longer). Incomplete applications may not be accepted and we will notify you if your application is incomplete. If you have not been notified of your acceptance within three weeks of your application, you can check

your status online at www.dairycares.com/CVDRMP/

DOES THE PROGRAM ACCEPT CHECKS AS PAYMENT?

Checks are discouraged; please use the Consent to Milk Check Deduction form in your packet. If you are not currently milking cows, but wish to join the program you may enclose your initial payment of \$500 with your application. Those choosing to pay by check will be invoiced for dues quarterly and will be charged a fee of \$5.00 per invoice.

CAN I STOP SAMPLING MY WELLS ONCE I'VE JOINED?

No. All dairies under the General Order (Waste Discharge Requirements for Existing Milk Cow Dairies) must continue to sample production wells (irrigation and domestic supply wells). You must also comply with all other requirements of the General Order. The CVDRMP only covers the portion of the order related to installing monitoring wells.

WHAT IF I QUIT CVDRMP OR STOP PAYING MY DUES?

You can quit the program any time with written notice (see your Participation Agreement). Your membership in the CVDRMP will be revoked if you stop paying dues. If you leave the program, you will be required by the Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Region) to comply with the monitoring well requirement. If you quit the program without properly notifying the Regional Board or without complying with the monitoring requirement as described in the General Order, you may face enforcement action (see your Letter of Intent).