



# TULE BASIN WATER QUALITY COALITION

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## 2016 Grower Requirements for Participation in the Third-Party Group Under the Irrigation Lands Regulatory Program

The Key Elements of Grower Requirements for upholding compliance under the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program (ILRP) are provided as follows:

1. Growers are required, **to provide annual membership dues**. The funds will be used for payment of the SWRCB fee, and for preparation of all work required of the Third-Party by the Order. Invoices are sent out May 1<sup>st</sup> and payment is due by July 1<sup>st</sup> annual.
2. **Provide up-to-date information of Irrigated Lands to the Coalition**. Each year, during our renewal period, the coalition asks landowners to provide updates to APNs; including sold property, purchased property, irrigated land totals, etc. Keeping the Coalition up-to-date helps ensure growers are in compliance and a member in good standing.
3. Each membership is required to **attend 1 Outreach meeting each year**. This can be any meeting that the Coalition or another Coalition or a group of Coalitions host on the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program. Farm Managers may attend outreach meetings as a representative for the Landowner, which also fulfills the requirement for that membership.

In addition, a grower can also meet their annual meeting requirement online by watching a video of one of the meetings on the TBWQC Website. Growers can find the video by logging into the website at [www.tbwqc.com](http://www.tbwqc.com).

4. **Complete the Nitrogen Management Plan (NMP) form**. Year 2015 was the first year members were required to complete the Nitrogen Management Plan. Annually on March 1st, Growers are required to complete the NMP summarizing your nitrogen application plan for your current year crop. (example: March 1, 2016 you are to complete the NMP form to summarize your plan for the 2016 year.)

*Please complete and keep the completed NMP at your farm headquarters. Do not submit to the TBWQC.*

Starting in 2016 and moving forward, Growers with 60 or more acres are required to complete and certify the NMP form. In 2017 and moving forward, all growers will be required to complete and certify the NMP form. The Coalition provides classes to become self-certified during the winter months, or members will need to contact a professional to certify your NMP form.

5. **Complete the Farm Evaluation Form**. A Farm Evaluation Plan Form is required to be completed and submitted to the TBWQC by March 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. The Form is based on your previous year crop. The Form can be downloaded from the TBWQC website ([www.tbwqc.com](http://www.tbwqc.com)) or completed online by logging into the TBWQC website as a member. Online instructions and a sample video of how to complete the online form are available after logging in.
6. **Complete Sediment and Erosion Control Plan**. Members that are in high-risk areas for Sediment Discharge and Erosion into waterways are required to complete the Sediment and Erosion Control Plan Form and have the form certified. All growers who have property in the high-risk areas have been contacted by the Coalition.
7. Growers must have a **copy of the General Order in their Farm Office**. It can be kept as a hard copy or digital form. If you don't have one, please contact the Coalition and they will provide one for you or download a copy from the coalition website ([www.tbwqc.com](http://www.tbwqc.com)).