

Protecting Water Quality Compliance Through Irrigation Management Practices:

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State Water Resources Control Board and Regional Water Quality Control Board

- State agencies with the responsibility to protect quality of waters of the state for all beneficial uses.
- California Water Code

Relationship Between Irrigation and Surface Water Quality

- Changes in Water Quality
 - Reduced salinity in marine waters
 - Nutrient enrichment
 - Increased sediment loadings
 - Pesticides and pesticide residues
 - Increased pathogen loadings

Landscape/Horticultural Irrigation vs. Agricultural Irrigation



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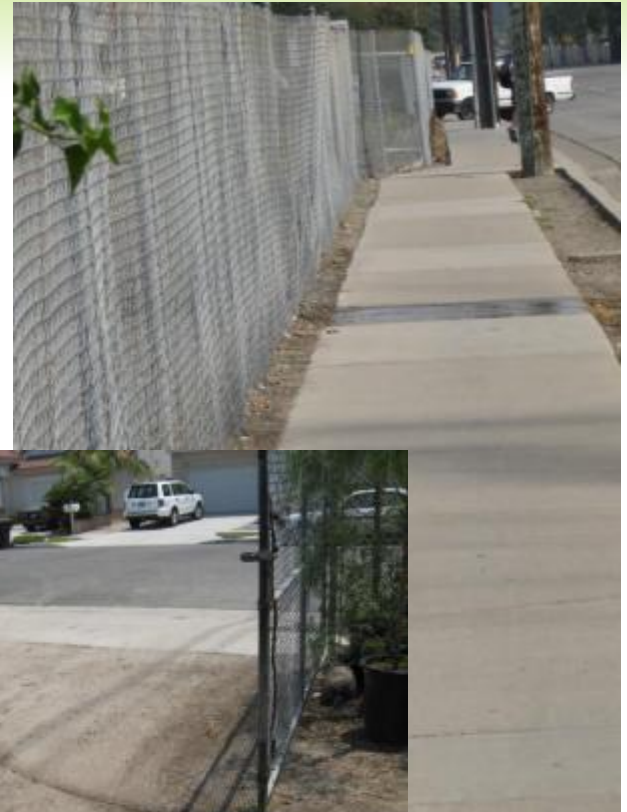
Urban vs Suburban landscape irrigation



URBAN DROOL



PROPERTY GRADED DIRECTLY TO STREET OR STORM CHANNEL



Water Quality Impairments: Pollutants Linked to Urban Irrigation and Ag. Irrigation Runoff



SWRCB's Aquatic Pesticide General NPDES Permits

- Headwaters vs Talent Irrigation district
- Vector Control (“Mosquito”) permit
 - www.swrcb.ca.gov/docs/vectorpermit.pdf
- Aquatic Weed Control (“Weed”) permit
 - www.swrcb.ca.gov/docs/weedpermit.pdf

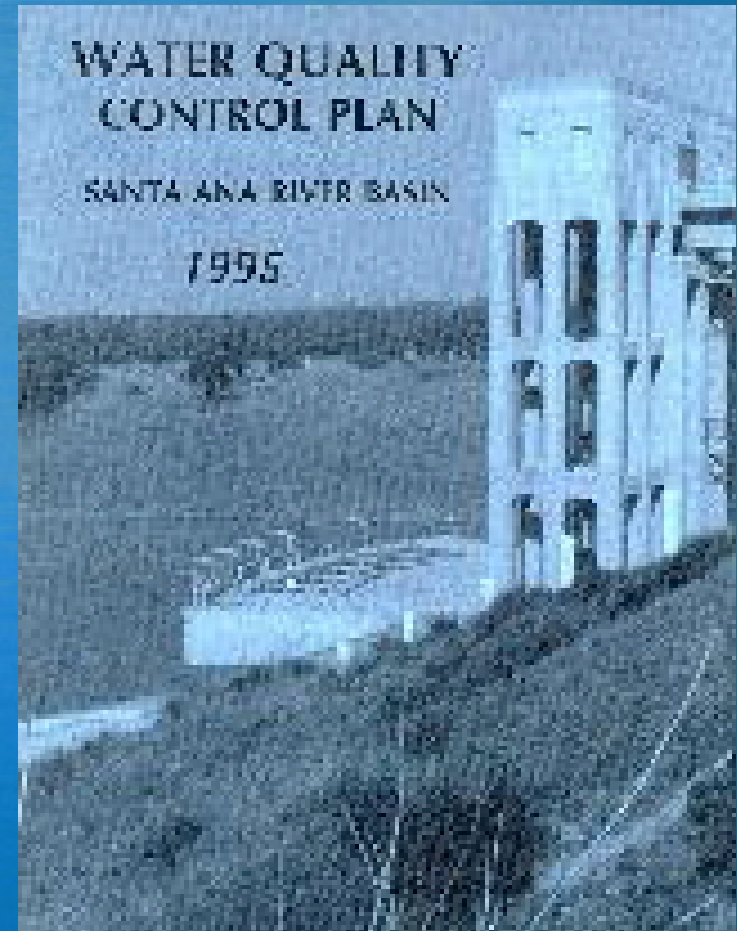


SWRCB's Aquatic Pesticide General NPDES Permits

- Requires that pesticide residues not cause or contribute to exceedance water quality standards outside the Treatment Area any time after pesticide application has started and inside the Treatment Area after completion of the project.

Regulatory Strategies to Respond to Water Quality Impairments

- California Water Code gives Regional Boards wide latitude
 - Permitting
 - Prohibitions in Water Quality Control Plans
 - Management measures listed in Water Quality control Plans
 - <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb7/documents/RB7Plan.pdf>
 - Waste Discharge Requirements permits



Regulatory Responses to Water Quality Impairments

- Enforcement actions under California Water Code
 - Regional boards:
 - Administrative Orders
 - Civil Penalties
 - \$10,000 per day of violation
 - \$10 per gallon (over 1,000 gallons)
 - Superior Court
 - Civil Penalties
 - \$25,000 per day of violation
 - \$25 per gallon (over 1,000 gallons)



Criminal Penalties for Violations of the Clean Water Act



Regulatory Responses to Water Quality Impairments

- Total maximum daily loads – TMDLs
- Reductions, often substantial, in pollutants are required.
- Irrigation runoff control important to achieve reductions.
- Established and innovative methods needed / required.



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Agricultural Water Quality Program Grants Funds Available

- Section 319(h)
- Targets water quality impairments caused by agricultural discharges.
- Targets TMDL implementation
- www.swrcb.ca.gov and click on the large yellow \$



- Cal/EPA
- State and Regional Water Boards' Map
- Laws/Regulations
- Plans/Policies
- Programs
- Decisions Pending and Opportunities for Public Participation



RESOURCES

- Email Subscriptions
- Data & Databases
- Business Help
- Public Records Center
- Grants & Loans
- Fees
- File an Environmental

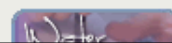


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| → Sampling My Private Well | → Bay-Delta / Delta Watermaster | → Storage Tanks |
| → Enforcement | → Clean Beaches/Ocean | → Strategic Plan |
| → Whom We Regulate | → \$ Financial Assistance \$ | → Water Quality Assessment |
| → Storm Water | → Permit / Licensing | → Water Rights |
| → Agriculture | → Petitions | → More... |
| | → Septic Systems (OWTS) | |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- [Statewide Septic Systems Policy \(OWTS\) - Public Comment Draft Now Available](#) (posted 10/4/11)
- [FY 2010-2011 Annual Performance Report – Published July 2011](#) (posted 9/23/11)
- [Statewide Order for Composting Facilities – Stakeholder Workgroup Meetings](#) (posted 9/16/11)
- [Agricultural Water Use Efficiency Workshop - Available Presentations and Documents](#) (posted 8/17/11)
- [Office of Enforcement - ACL Complaints - 8 Facilities in So. California - Comments Due](#) (posted 8/11/11)
- [Opening of the Clean Water Act \(CWA\) § 319\(h\) Nonpoint Source Grant Program Solicitation](#) (posted 8/9/11)
- [More Announcements ...](#)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION...



The Regulator's Challenge

- Set water quality standards that make sense, and enforce them.
- Tools
 - California Water Code
 - Basin Plans
 - TMDLs



Your Challenge

Manage irrigation to
not cause or
contribute to water
pollution.

Your Tools

- Improve efficiencies through existing:
 - BMPs
 - Management Measures
 - Innovative Solutions

MITIGATION OF POTENTIAL POLLUTANTS

**DEALING WITH UNIQUE ISSUES
FACED BY NURSERIES ON
OWNED OR LEASED PROPERTIES**



INNOVATIVE IDEAS



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- | Full partnerships between federal, state, county and private sectors in research and educational outreach
- | Programs tailored to address local issues
 - o Meetings, conferences, workshops, demonstrations, field days, video programs, newsletters, manuals, one-on-one consultations and Web sites
 - o Problem-solving research

Implementation of Water Quality Management Practices at Nurseries



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