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MEMORANDUM

To: All CCID Members of the Westside Watershed Coalition
From: Chris White, General Manager 
Date: October 19, 2015
Subject: Upcoming Watershed Coalition Deadlines

The Regional Board has not yet finalized the boundaries of high vulnerability (HV) surface water and /or groundwater areas, but we expect that they will include most, if not all, of CCID. Any growers who farm 60 acres or more in an HV area will need to meet the following deadlines. Growers in low vulnerability areas, and those who farm on less than 60 acres, will receive the forms on a later time schedule.

Grower Deadlines:

- Farm Evaluation Plan (FEP) – completed and returned by 3/1/2016 – form will be mailed out late October/early November 2015
- Nitrogen Management Plan (NMP) – completed and **certified*** by 4/15/2016 – form will be mailed out late October/early November 2015 (This form is to be kept on farm and not returned to the Coalition.)
- Nitrogen Management Plan Summary Report – completed and returned by 3/1/2016 – the summary report format has not been approved by the Regional Board; it is anticipated to be approved by early January 2016 and mailed out shortly after that.
- Sediment and Erosion Control Plan (SECP) – due 180 days after approval from Regional Board; a Regional Board approved Template will be sent to the grower at that time

*** Growers will now have an opportunity to certify their own NMPs through classes being offered by the Coalition this fall. A grower can obtain certification by attending the 4.5 hour training sessions and are being offered at no charge. Classes are currently being offered in Los Banos on Thursday, November 19 at the Los Banos Fairgrounds (403 F Street) in the Germino Building for 9AM – 2PM. Additional classes will also be held in Modesto (11/9/15) and Merced (11/10/15). The NMP must be certified by a Certified Crop Advisor (CCA) or the grower can attend one of these courses and pass a test to certify their own NMP.**

If you would like to attend the Grower Certification Training Session in Los Banos, please RSVP to Orvil McKinnis at 559-582-9237. For the Merced and Modesto classes, please RSVP to Kara Stuart at 916-628-8241.

Please contact Darlene O'Brien, our Watershed Coalition Coordinator, at (209) 826-1421, if you have any questions or need help with the forms.