

SEDIMENT RISK CATEGORY EXPLANATION

The table below explains the risk categories that are used to identify a parcel requiring a Sediment & Erosion Control Plan (SECP). To ensure compliance with the Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program your SECP should be completed, certified, and kept on-site (do not return to SAWQA) as soon as possible.

Sediment Risk Category	Description
A.) RUSLE Model	The Sacramento Valley Sediment Discharge and Erosion Assessment Report (SDEAR) completed in June 2015 assessed the potential of sediment discharges from irrigated agricultural lands. The SDEAR utilized the USDA NRCS Revised Universal Soil Loss (RUSLE) model to conservatively determine which parcels have the potential for soil loss of 5 tons per acre/per year. <i>Plan Completion & Implementation Deadline: November 1st 2017</i>
B.) "YES" on FEP Question A3	"YES" response to Question 3 on Part A of 2016 Farm Evaluation "Does your farm have the potential to discharge sediment to off-farm surface waters?" If "B.) YES on FEP Question A3" is the only identified sediment risk category, and response upon further consideration of Question 3 on 2016 Farm Evaluation is "NO", SECP will not be required at this time. <u>SAWQA must be notified if you believe this to be the case.</u> <i>Plan Completion & Implementation Deadline: November 1st 2017</i>
C.) No FEP data	SAWQA has not received a Farm Evaluation Plan for this parcel, if an FEP is not received SAWQA must assume that response to Question 3 Part A is "YES" and that a SECP is required (see description for Category B). <i>Plan Completion & Implementation Deadline: November 1st 2017</i>
D.) Proximity to a major waterbody	The parcel is adjacent to a major surface water body. <i>Plan Completion & Implementation Deadline: November 1st 2017</i>
D1.) Proximity to a tributary	The parcel is adjacent to a tributary to a major surface water body. <i>Plan Completion & Implementation Deadline: December 31, 2017.</i>
D2.) Proximity to 'any other named water body'	The parcel is adjacent to any other named surface water body. <i>Plan Completion & Implementation Deadline: December 31, 2018.</i>

POSSIBLE EXEMPTION TO SECP REQUIREMENT

If a parcel has the risk category "No FEP data" or "YES on FEP Question A3" there is a possibility that returning your Farm Evaluation Plan (FEP) to SAWQA could eliminate the requirement to complete a SECP for that parcel. **IF YOU HAVE NOT RETURNED YOUR FEP, PLEASE RETURN IMMEDIATELY.**

The Regional Board recognizes the following exemptions to the requirement to complete a SECP:

- The parcel is a wetland.
- The parcel has zero irrigated acres.
- The parcel is isolated topographically or protected by a hydraulic barrier and the parcel does not discharge tailwater.
- The parcel has natural riparian vegetation that prohibits sediment discharges or erosion.

There are specific requirements to qualify for these exemptions, members must notify SAWQA if they believe a parcel qualifies for an exemption.

CERTIFICATION OF INDIVIDUAL SEDIMENT & EROSION CONTROL PLANS (SECP)

The Sediment and Erosion Control Plan (SECP) must be prepared in one of the following ways:
SECP template can be download on the Amador RCD website: www.AmadorRCD.org

- **Be prepared and self-certified by the member who has completed a training (see training schedule below)**
- Be written, amended and certified by a qualified professional possessing specific registrations or certifications, and appropriate experience with erosion issues on irrigated agricultural lands. List of qualified professionals available at: www.AmadorRCD.org
- Adhere to site-specific recommendations from NRCS, RCD, UCCE (not currently available in our area).

The plan IS NOT SUBMITTED TO SAWQA. A copy of the SECP shall be maintained at the farming operations headquarters or primary place of business; and must be produced by the Member, if requested, should Central Valley Water Board staff, or an authorized representative, conduct an inspection of the Member's irrigated lands operation. The plan is required to be updated as conditions change.

SEDIMENT & EROSION CONTROL PLAN SELF-CERTIFICATION TRAINING

Sacramento/Amador Water Quality Alliance (SAWQA) hosted trainings

Thursday September 7th 2017

8:30am – 2:30pm

Herald Fire Department/ Hendrickson Training Center

12746 Ivie Road, Herald CA

Space is limited; RSVP REQUIRED!

Cost: Free for SAWQA members. \$30 for non-members

Register Online by visiting www.AmadorRCD.org or call (209) 730 3150

(includes test, materials, and lunch)

Thursday September 21st 2017

8:30am – 2:30pm

Amador County Fairgrounds, Spur Emporium

Plymouth, CA

Space is limited; RSVP REQUIRED!

Cost: Free for SAWQA members. \$30 for non-members

Register Online by visiting www.AmadorRCD.org or call (209) 730 3150

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We highly recommend that all members required to complete an SECP attend this course as a first step. If you prefer to hire a qualified professional, please visit our website for a list of local qualified professionals. Fillable PDF versions of the SECP are available on our website www.AmadorRCD.org

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