



# AEWQA PROGRAM APPLICATION

## **AEWQA Program - INTRODUCTION**

The objective of AEWQA is to accelerate and incentivize the implementation of sediment, nutrient, and irrigation management practices on agricultural and equestrian operations in the three major watersheds (Ventura River, Santa Clara River, and Calleguas Creek) of Ventura County. The goal of this project is to mitigate pesticide and nutrient runoff and improve water quality in accordance with relevant Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs).

## **AEWQA Process - BACKGROUND**

Participants will be selected based on criteria including

1. Sites that exhibit high modeled water savings and erosion reduction potential.
2. Drainage areas, described by the Ventura County Agricultural Irrigated Lands Group (VCAILG) as Responsibility Areas, that exceed water quality benchmarks as per the 2017 VCAILG Water Quality Management Plan.
3. GIS-mapping to identify parcels where proposed irrigation and soil management practices will be most impactful to water quality benefits.

Participants will receive:

AEWQA can cover up to 60% of the hardware costs of on-farm improvements. Applicants are required to cash match the remaining 40% of hardware costs and 100% of labor costs. Proposals are subject to a per project cap dependent on funding remaining and proposed scope of work.

Participants must be willing to allow VCRCO staff

- property access prior, during and after improvement implementation
- access to relevant water-use and fertilizer-use records, if requested

If you would like to be considered to participate in the AEWQA program, complete the attached application and submit it to [johnagustin.zecua@vcrd.org](mailto:johnagustin.zecua@vcrd.org) or [alexander.vaca@vcrd.org](mailto:alexander.vaca@vcrd.org).

For additional AEWQA program information, please visit <https://vcrd.org/aewqa/>. For questions about the AEWQA program or the AEWQA application process, please contact:

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1. Are you willing to provide VCRCD staff access to the property and applicable water and fertilizer records for the purposes of obtaining data for reporting a reduction in nutrient runoff and improved water quality reporting.

- Yes  No

2. Where practical, will you consider implementing irrigation and fertilizer management recommendations provided to you by VCRCD or AEWQA technical advisors?

- Yes  No

3. Please provide your mailing and parcel addresses and best contact information.

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parcel Address: \_\_\_\_\_

If your parcel has no address, please indicate the nearest cross street or other location marker:

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Assessor's Parcel Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_ 7. VCAILG number: \_\_\_\_\_

5. VCAILG Responsibility Area: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Please indicate your property access status.

- Landowner  
 Grower/Operator  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Total Parcel Acreage: \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Irrigated Parcel Acreage: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Primary parcel crop: \_\_\_\_\_

9. Your crop's water-use (Average) \_\_\_\_\_ AcFt/Yr \_\_\_\_\_ Comments

10. Your crop's fertilizer-use (Average) \_\_\_\_\_ Lbs N/Ac/Yr \_\_\_\_\_ Comments

11. Please indicate if other crops are (or will) be grown on this parcel over the next two years.

Crop	Acreage	Water Use (AcFt/Yr)	Fertilizer Use (Lbs N/Ac/Yr)

12. Irrigation Water Source

- Water Purveyor or Agency Purveyor/Agency Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Surface Diversion  
 Private Well

13. Who manages your irrigation scheduling?

- I do
- My employee does
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

14. Who manages your fertilizer scheduling?

- I do
- My employee does
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Do you have a nutrient management plan for this parcel?

- Yes
- No

16. Have you received technical or financial assistance through any of the following agencies?

- Ventura County Resource Conservation District
- Farm Bureau of Ventura County
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- University of California Cooperative Extension
- Other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the management practices to be implemented at this location:

Management Measure	Management Measure
<input type="checkbox"/> Critical Planting Area	<input type="checkbox"/> CPS Nutrient Management
<input type="checkbox"/> Field Border	<input type="checkbox"/> Irrigation Water Management
<input type="checkbox"/> Filter Strip	<input type="checkbox"/> Sprinkler System
<input type="checkbox"/> Irrigation Tail Water Recovery	<input type="checkbox"/> Irrigation System, Micro-irrigation
<input type="checkbox"/> Sediment Basin	<input type="checkbox"/> Irrigation System, Surface and Subsurface
<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetative Barrier	<input type="checkbox"/> Others, as appropriate
<input type="checkbox"/> Water and Sediment Control Basin	<input type="checkbox"/> Mulch application
<input type="checkbox"/> PAM Application	<input type="checkbox"/> Denitrifying Bioreactor
<input type="checkbox"/> Cover Crop	

**Project Description:**

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**Budget Proposal:**

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Thank you for completing an application for the AEWQA program. If selected to participate, VCRC D staff will contact you to complete a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) authorizing an AEWQA project to proceed on the property indicated in this application. **No AEWQA program activities will proceed on a property prior to the execution of an AEWQA MOU between VCRC D and an authorized representative of said property.**

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