

SHASTA RIVER TMDL REPORTING FOR RANCHERS
July 2011

Purpose of Reporting Form

Completing and submitting this Reporting Form fulfills the annual reporting requirement for landowners enrolled in the Shasta River TMDL conditional waiver program. This form provides a means for landowners to communicate to the Regional Water Board the practices they are implementing on their farm or ranch to address impacts they may have on Shasta River water quality. The information from these forms will be compiled by Regional Water Board staff and presented to the Regional Water Board. This information, along with other presentations by staff and local stakeholders, will be used by the Regional Water Board to evaluate the success of the existing program and to make changes to the program as necessary. The information submitted on this form will not be used as part of any enforcement action by the Regional Water Board against an individual landowner. However, landowners that fail to submit the Reporting Form will lose their coverage under the Shasta TMDL waiver program and must submit an application for individual Waste Discharge Requirements (individual permit).

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Signature of Person Completing this Report: _____

RANCH PLANNING

While ranch planning is not a requirement of the conditional waiver, landowners are encouraged to develop a Ranch Plan. A Ranch Plan is a valuable resource for landowners that can make water quality control efforts more effective. The number of ranch plans developed in the Shasta basin serves as an indicator of progress towards meeting TMDL program goals and will be considered by the Regional Water Board in their evaluation of TMDL implementation.

1. Do you have a Ranch Plan?

Yes

No

2. Would you like assistance in developing a riparian management plan?

Yes

No

3. The Shasta Valley RCD has funding to assist landowners develop Ranch Plans. Would you like the SVRCD to contact you to do Ranch Planning?

Yes

No

4. Who helped you design your ranch plan?

RCD

NRCS

County Ag Advisor

I designed my own ranch plan

Other, specify

5. What elements are contained in your ranch plan?

Identifies methods you plan or prefer to use to reduce tailwater return flows from your property.

Identifies ways to improve riparian conditions on your property.

Identifies options for controlling erosion sites (for example, steambank or road related)

Water conservation measures

Other, please specify

Tailwater

Implementing management practices to minimize tailwater and improve tailwater quality is a requirement of the conditional waiver for landowners that have tailwater running off their land.

1. Do you irrigate your land? (If yes, please continue)

Yes

No

2. Do you have tailwater running off your land?

Yes

No

3. What efforts have you made toward reducing tailwater on your property?
(Data will be used to compile the 5 Year Report to the Water Board)

Type of tailwater reduction management practices already in place:

Capture, recycle, reuse

Sprinkler system

Border checks or berms to prevent tailwater from entering streams

Land leveling or land smoothing

Improved irrigation management practices

Flow measurement

Other, please specify.

None

4. What projects do you plan to implement to address tailwater discharges from your property?

5. Do you need assistance to look at options for minimizing tailwater flows?

Yes

No

Riparian Protection/Enhancement

Implementing management practices to protect and/or enhance riparian areas is a requirement of the conditional waiver for landowners that have streams on their property.

1. Do you run livestock on your property? (If yes please continue)

Yes

No

2. Do livestock have access to streams on your property? What type of access?

Yes

No

3. What voluntary efforts have you made toward improving riparian vegetation along streams on your property?

Livestock exclusion near streams: Approximate percentage of streams on your property that have been fenced: _____

Planting trees or other woody vegetation along streams: Approximate percentage of streams on your property that lack riparian vegetation or trees? _____

Defined Crossing Lanes:

Restricted or Off-stream watering:

Flash grazing

Other? _____

4. What projects do you plan to implement to protect and/or enhance the riparian areas on your property?

5. Do you need assistance to look at options for protecting and/or enhancing riparian areas?

Yes

No