

Water Conservation Management Program

NEWSLETTER

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Ag BMP Program

The Arizona Department of Water Resources' Fifth Management Plan becomes effective January 1, 2025. With the new management plan, there are updates to the Ag BMP Program. In short, if you did not qualify for the current Ag BMP Program, you may qualify for the new one. The most impactful change has been to the points given for specific practices and irrigation systems. The application process is the same as it has been. However, if you are not currently enrolled in the Ag BMP program, you will have to submit the entire application including property owner affidavits, farm maps per ADWR specifications, as well as the four-page application. Flex credits are handled the way they have been in previous program years. Flex Credits will be frozen while enrolled in the program. If there is a negative flex credit balance, that will need to be zero'd out in order to qualify for the program.

This application process is not typically done overnight. Tracking down landowners to get affidavit forms completed and tracking down flex credits that can be transferred to current IGFRs that have a negative balance takes time. **ADWR is requesting all new Ag BMP applications (not currently enrolled) be received by the end of December 2024. Renewal applications (currently enrolled) are requested to be submitted by July 1, 2024.** You can access the Ag BMP application via this link www.azwater.gov/ama/agriculture-program Once you are on the web page, scroll down and select "Documents" and a drop down menu will appear which lists the Ag BMP application. Select the application, download it, and print it. The complete document contains all the forms and instructions to complete it.

The WCMP is available to help with the application process. Do not hesitate to call to discuss any questions you may have or to set an appointment to go over your application in detail.

Call the WCMP today 480.466.2968

The WCMP provides irrigation services that help improve irrigation efficiency and save you money. Through a cooperative effort between the Buckeye Valley Natural Resource Conservation District and the Arizona Department of Water Resources, the WCMP is a free irrigation management services program helping to sustain production agriculture in the Phoenix AMA. The WCMP provides water measurement, slope determination, irrigation scheduling assistance, irrigation system performance evaluations, and practical recommendations to help improve irrigation efficiency.

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