

# Steps to follow to participate in the Voluntary Metering Program

To count as participating in the initial 5% Delta-wide, metered coverage goal

#### By June 30, 2014

- 1) Volunteer to participate by filling out and submitting the participation form to either MDEQ or YMD (see contact info below).
  - Sign and date the form.
  - List the permit numbers for all wells you wish to volunteer for participation in the program.
  - For wells that already have a flowmeter installed, include the meter manufacturer and serial number.
- 2) Install an approved flowmeter to manufacturer specifications before June 30, 2014.
  - Notify MDEQ or YMD by phone, email, fax, or mail once installation is complete and provide meter manufacturer and serial number with associated permit number at that time.

### For 2014 pumping year, report due February 1, 2015

- 3) Report metered water usage for all participating wells by February 1<sup>st</sup> of 2015 and annually thereafter.
  - MDEQ will send a survey out in late fall each year that the participant should complete and return before February 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Participant will be responsible for reporting:
    - o Start date and reading, End date and reading, the units meter reads in
    - The crops (including fish culture and wildlife management) and irrigated acreages associated with them
    - Answer whether you also used other groundwater, surface water or both on this acreage in the report calendar year
  - The survey must be returned to MDEQ either by mail, fax, or the information can be submitted through MDEQ's water use web portal.

<u>Both</u> the requirement to have 5% Delta-wide, metered coverage installed by June 30, 2014 <u>and</u> the requirement for all participants to report pumpage by February 1, 2015 must be met or the Voluntary program ends and a mandatory metering program will be implemented by MDEQ.

If initial 5% Delta-wide, metered coverage goal was achieved, then producers may volunteer for participation in achieving the second 5% Delta-wide, metered coverage goal

## By December 30, 2015

- 4) Volunteer to participate by filling out and submitting the participation form to either MDEQ or YMD (see contact info below).
  - Sign and date the form.
  - List the permit numbers for all wells you wish to volunteer for participation in the program.
  - For wells that already have a flowmeter installed, include the meter manufacturer and serial number.
- 5) Install an approved flowmeter to manufacturer specifications before December 30, 2015.
  - Notify MDEQ or YMD by phone, email, fax, or mail once installation is complete and provide meter manufacturer and serial number with associated permit number at that time.

If a total of 10% Delta-wide, metered coverage is achieved by December 30, 2015

#### For 2015 pumping year, report by February 1, 2016

- 6) Report metered water usage for all participating wells by February 1<sup>st</sup> of 2016 and annually thereafter.
  - MDEQ will send a survey out in late fall each year that the participant should complete and return before February 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Participant will be responsible for reporting:
    - o Start date and reading, End date and reading, the units meter reads in
    - The crops (including fish culture and wildlife management) and irrigated acreages associated with them
    - Answer whether you also used other groundwater, surface water or both on this acreage in the report calendar year
  - The survey must be returned to MDEQ either by mail, fax, or the information can be submitted through MDEQ's water use web portal.

<u>Both</u> the requirement to have 10% Delta-wide, metered coverage installed by December 30, 2015 <u>and</u> the requirement for all participants to report pumpage by February 1, 2016 must be met or the Voluntary program ends and a mandatory metering program will be implemented by MDEQ.