AGRICULTURAL ORDER NO. R3-2012-0011 COMPLIANCE

Tenera Environmental has over 30 years of experience in assisting with compliance of a wide variety of State and Regional Water Quality Control Board regulations. The Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharge from Irrigated Lands (Ag Order) adopted by the Central Coast Water Board has added a number of new requirements for the region’s agricultural entities. This Ag Order regulates the discharges to surface or groundwater from commercial row, vineyard, field, and tree crops where water is applied, plus commercial nurseries and greenhouse with soil floors that do not have a point-source discharge. Tenera staff’s experience ensures compliance with all aspects of this new regulation. We approach each project with site specific and cost effective techniques to assist growers in maintaining compliance with all aspects of this Order.

SERVICES INCLUDE:

- Assist with Notice of Intent filings.
- Develop a new, or update/audit your current Farm Water Quality Plan. Verify that all aspects are being implemented in compliance with the Ag Order.
- Develop Sampling and Analysis Plans and associated Quality Assurance Project Plans for Receiving Water Quality Monitoring if farm/ranch is not part of a cooperative monitoring program.
- Develop and implement groundwater monitoring program.
- Develop and implement surface water discharge Sampling and Analysis Plans.
- Assist with completion of Annual Compliance Forms.
- Develop photo monitoring protocol for riparian and wetland habitats in close proximity to farm/ranch.
- Develop Water Quality Buffer Plans.
- Develop crop nitrogen uptake values and nitrogen balance ratios.
- Develop Irrigation and Nutrient Management Plans.