

California Code of Regulations
Title 23. Waters
Division 2. Department of Water Resources
Chapter 5.1. Water Conservation Act of 2009
Article 2. Agricultural Water Measurement

§597. Agricultural Water Measurement

Under the authority included under California Water Code §10608.48(i)(1), the Department of Water Resources (Department) is required to adopt regulations that provide for a range of options that agricultural water suppliers may use or implement to comply with the measurement requirements in paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of §10608.48.

For reference, §10608.48(b) of the California Water Code states that:

Agricultural water suppliers shall implement all of the following critical efficient management practices:

- (1) Measure the volume of water delivered to customers with sufficient accuracy to comply with subdivision (a) of Section 531.10 and to implement paragraph (2).*
- (2) Adopt a pricing structure for water customers based at least in part on quantity delivered.*

For further reference, §531.10(a) of the California Water Code requires that:

- (a) An agricultural water supplier shall submit an annual report to the department that summarizes aggregated farm-gate delivery data, on a monthly or bi-monthly basis, using best professional practices.*

Notes:

- (1) Paragraphs (1) and (2) of §10608.48(b) specify agricultural water suppliers' reporting of aggregated farm-gate water delivery and adopting a volumetric water pricing structure as the purposes of water measurement. However, this article only addresses developing a range of options for water measurement.
- (2) Agricultural water suppliers reporting on July 31, 2013 agricultural water deliveries measured under this article shall use the “Agricultural Aggregated Farm – Gate Delivery Reporting Format for Article 2” (Rev. 6-20-12), developed for this article and hereby incorporated by reference, to report July to December 2012 data. Beginning July 31, 2014, the aforementioned form is replaced by the “Agricultural Aggregated Farm – Gate Delivery Reporting Format for Article 2” (Rev. 3-08-13), developed for this article and hereby incorporated by reference, and shall be used to report annually, January to December data.