

SB 88 Compliance

University of California
Agriculture and Natural Resources

Measurement and Reporting Course

August 29, 2018

Noon to 3:30 p.m. • Grange Hall • Taylorsville, California

Senate Bill 88 requires that all water right holders who have previously diverted or intend to divert more than 10 acre-feet per year (riparian and pre-1914 claims), or are authorized to divert more than 10 acre-feet per year under a permit, license, or registration, to measure and report the water they divert. Detailed information on the regulatory requirements for measurement and reporting is available on the State Water Resources Control Board Reporting and Measurement Regulation webpage.

The legislation as written requires for diversion (or storage) greater than or equal to 100 acre feet annually that *installation and certification* of measurement methods be approved by an *Engineer/Contractor/Professional*. Diverters across CA were concerned about this requirement. California Cattlemen's Association heard from their membership and worked with Assemblyman Bigelow on a bill that would result in a self-certification option. Assembly Bill 589 was passed and became law on January 1, 2018.

This bill, until January 1, 2023, allows **any diverter**, as defined, *who has completed this instructional course on measurement devices and methods administered by the University of California Cooperative Extension*, including passage of a proficiency test, to be considered a qualified individual when installing and maintaining devices or implementing methods of measurement. **The bill required the University of California Cooperative Extension and the board to jointly develop the curriculum for the course and the proficiency test.**

The workshop includes:

- Clarification on reporting requirements for ranch;
- Overview on what meters are appropriate for different situations;
- Training to determine measurement equipment accuracy;
- A summary of measurement weirs; and
- Session on learning to calculate and report volume from flow data.



The training will move fast and will include proficiency tests. We encourage family/staff member attendance.

Feedback from participants indicates that the material presented has been useful in complying with SB88.



Registration

Please register by **August 20** at ucanr.edu/sites/Rangelands/ or by calling the UC Cooperative Extension office at (530) 283-6270.

Thanks to our lunch sponsor!



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