

## Yee, Keri@Waterboards

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**Subject:** Draft Nitrogen Management Template

Ms. Yee,

My name is John Zentner. I own and operate a small, 5 acre premium wine grape vineyard in El Dorado County. I am providing one comment on the subject draft document:

Many wine grape growers and irrigated pasture operators apply Nitrogen fertilizer infrequently or not at all. Therefore, in order to save valuable labor hours completing a form that has no meaning I recommend that a checkbox statement be included at the very beginning of the form:

"Do you plan to apply Nitrogen fertilizer to your operation this year? Yes or No If yes, you must complete the entire form. If no, please sign and keep this form as required by the WDR."

I am not recommending a low-threat or low-vulnerability option - just the ability to not have to do all of the estimates required by the form when no Nitrogen is planned to be applied.

Respectfully,  
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