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PNSSNS President's Message

By Ed Sills, Diversified Organic Grower, Sutter County

First of all, I would like to extend a welcome to our new members and thank you all for your diligence in completing all the required paperwork as part of your membership. Most importantly, I want to thank all of our growers and producers for their dedication to protecting our waters through responsible farming practices and the safe use of fertilizers and chemicals.

I also want to extend a thank you to our staff and the PNSSNS Board of Directors. Your board members volunteer and work hard, attending meetings and working on your behalf. All the new requirements have increased staff time considerably due to increased tracking and reporting, developing new databases and keeping our members in compliance. PNSSNS has kept our costs as low as possible but the increased regulations cost all of us more.

Increased regulations and costs continue to be the norm with the waterboards. The PNSSNS Board of Directors provided a four page comment letter to the Central Valley Regional Waterboard for consideration prior to amending the Waste Discharge Requirements (Feb 2019) affecting our members. You can view this letter on the PNSSNS website at www.cleanwaters.info

PNSSNS continues to investigate the advantages of becoming our own Third Party entity and will be meeting with regional waterboard staff to discuss this in the coming months. We will continue to keep all of you informed.

Mark your calendars!

The **Annual Membership Meeting is Wednesday, February 20th, 10am- Noon** at the Western Placer Waste Management offices (Dump), 3033 Fiddymont Rd., Roseville, CA (near Thunder Valley Casino). We will have Regional Waterboard staff present to provide an overview of potential new regulations and answer any questions you may have. Hope to see you all there!