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## **Extension of Winterization Deadline for Agricultural Erosion Control Plans (ECPAs)**

On October 24, 2017, the Napa County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution No. 2017-174, providing a framework for assisting property owners in rebuilding their homes and businesses immediately following a disaster. Included within the adopted framework is the temporary extension of the winterization deadline for approved agricultural erosion control plans (ECPAs) as well as the temporary suspension of ECPA winterization inspections conducted by County staff and the Napa County Resource Conservation District (RCD).

To allow property owners, vineyard managers and erosion control plan preparers additional time to complete the installation of their erosion control measures, the winterization deadline has been **extended to Wednesday, November 15, 2017**, subject to the following requirements:

- Continued adherence throughout the winter shut down period (October 15 – April 1) to all of the requirements of Section 18.108.135 of the Napa County Code regarding erosion control measure operation and maintenance;
- All applicable erosion control measures shall be installed over all affected and/or disturbed areas prior to the end of the day if the weather.com forecast predicts a 60% or more chance of rain the next day. Please monitor the extended 10-day forecast (<http://www.weather.com>) for predictions of storm events so that proper application of erosion control measures can be timely applied in the event of a significant rainstorm;
- The operation and maintenance of all required in-field runoff control structures, and a weatherproofed stockpile of straw mulch and wattles on-site in anticipation of the full and proper installation and application of required erosion control measures.

Additional winterization extensions beyond November 15<sup>th</sup> may be provided and will be considered on a case-by-case basis. The issuance of such requests will depend in large part on the 10-day weather forecast as well as site specific sensitivities and conditions. In addition, winterization inspections are anticipated to be limited due to staff and related resources being diverted to focus on more urgent watershed protection priorities.

In the event additional time is needed to properly winterize your site or if you have general questions regarding this extension, please contact Brian Bordona, Supervising Planner at 707-259-5935 or [brian.bordona@countyofnapa.org](mailto:brian.bordona@countyofnapa.org).