

# Update: DEQ-ODA Water Quality MOA

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## ODA-Led Programs

- Administration of State Ag WQ Management Act
- Compliance and enforcement of Area Rules
  - Strategic Implementation Areas (SIAs)
- Area Plan Biennial reviews with Local Advisory Committees
  - Monitoring and evaluation

## DEQ-Led Programs/Efforts

- Administration of federal CWA Programs
  - Setting WQS
  - Assessment of water quality,
  - Development and reasonable assurance of implementation of TMDLs
- Technical and scientific analysis related to water quality
- Water quality status and trends

# ODA DEQ MOA Update

## Existing MOA

- Signed in 2012
- Reviewed in 2018; with no changes
- Purpose: to assist DEQ and ODA in collaborative efforts to meet their legal responsibilities relating to agricultural nonpoint source pollution.

## Current Need and Desired Outcome

- Existing MOA is outdated and needs updated to better reflect current programs, rules and policies
- Updated MOA that clarifies roles, responsibilities, and coordination

# ODA DEQ MOA Update

## Timeline and Process

- Jan – July 2022: Project team development of draft MOA
- Mid-August 2022: Public input on MOA
- Mid-Sept—October 2022: Revised MOA in consideration of public input
- December 2022: Final MOA

## Board of Agriculture and EQC Communication

- May 2022: Initial communication
- July 2022: Progress Check-in
- Oct—Nov 2022: Review the process, input considered and present updated MOA

# ODA DEQ MOA Update

## Continued efforts and focus

- Shared purpose
- Roles and responsibilities with regard to:
  - State nonpoint source program
  - TMDL development and implementation
  - Biennial Review Process

## Areas of discussion

- TMDL implementation for agriculture
- Adding compliance and enforcement coordination
- Including SIA initiative
- Clarifying framework for monitoring, reporting, evaluating effectiveness, and adaptive management