



Casitas MWD Hobby Farm Rebate Program Terms and Conditions

The goal of the Hobby Farm Rebate Program is to encourage greater water use efficiency for small “Hobby” farms maintained without the expectation of a primary income source. An irrigation evaluation will be performed by the Ventura County Resource Conservation District (VCRCD) to identify water conservation opportunities from which the applicant may choose to implement.

- **REBATE AMOUNT:** A typical hobby farm irrigation evaluations by the Ventura County Resource Conservation District (VCRCD) will cost \$800.00. Casitas will pay for the survey for qualifying applicants on a first-come basis while funding lasts. An additional \$400.00 rebate is available as a 50% match for items purchased as identified on the initial Hobby Farm irrigation evaluation. Total rebate amount will not exceed 50% of the receipt amount or \$400.

Please review the Eligibility Requirements and Application Instructions to find out how to complete the two part application form, and qualify for the survey and rebate before proceeding further.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Check your water bill to verify that you’re a customer of one of the following participating water agencies: Casitas Municipal Water District; City of Ventura (located in Casitas District boundaries); Ventura River County Water District; Golden State Water Company; Sisar Mutual Water Company; Siete Robles Mutual Water Company; Senior Canyon Mutual Water Company; Rincon Water & Roads Works; Old Creek Road Water Association; Hermitage Mutual Water Company; Meiners Oaks County Water District; Sulphur Mountain Road Water Association; and Tico Mutual Water Company.
- Applicants must designate at least 2,000 square feet, but less than two acres of planted crop, for the program. Equipment used in other areas will not be eligible for the rebate.
- The pre-irrigation evaluation qualifying information section on the application must be completed and approved prior to receiving the VCRCD Hobby Farm irrigation evaluation.
- The VCRCD Hobby Farm irrigation evaluation will identify actions and equipment that may be installed and be fully operational to qualify for the rebate. All recommendations will not be required, only those that a rebate is applied for and implemented.
- A receipt for all purchased equipment must be provided to Casitas and the items must be specifically identified in the initial VCRCD Hobby Farm irrigation evaluation. There will be no rebate for labor cost, taxes or fees. **Total rebate amount will not exceed 50% of the receipt amount or \$400.**
- Submit a copy of the VCRCD irrigation evaluation identifying the equipment and actions to be implemented to Casitas with your application.
- The rebate program is not responsible for materials lost by mail.
- Participants must agree to a post-installation inspection to verify implementation per the VCD CD irrigation evaluation recommendations and proper operation, upon request.
- Rebates may take 8 to 16 weeks to process after verification inspection.

Instructions:

- To start the process, submit a copy of your most recent water bill with the completed Pre-Irrigation Evaluation Qualifying Information section of the application for approval to:

Casitas MWD
Hobby Farm Rebate Program
1055 Ventura Avenue
Oak View, California 93022

- Approved applicants will be contacted to schedule the VCRC D Hobby Farm Irrigation Evaluation during normal business hours.
- Purchase and install equipment according to manufacturer's specifications. Professional installation is recommended but not required.
- When the VCRC D irrigation evaluation recommendations you wish to implement (all recommendations are not required) are complete, fill out and send the Post-Irrigation Evaluation Rebate Information portion of the application, and all required receipts to:

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Disclaimer:

The Casitas Municipal Water District makes no representation or warranty regarding Hobby Farm Irrigation Evaluation recommendations or equipment listed as eligible for rebates. By participating in the rebate program, you waive and release Casitas Municipal Water District from any and all claims and causes of action arising out of the purchase, installation, or use of any equipment purchased in connection with the Casitas MWD Hobby Farm Irrigation Evaluation Program. Any claim you may have based upon any defect or failure of performance of equipment purchased by you should be pursued with the manufacturer/distributor.

Privacy Notice:

The California Information Practices Act of 1977 and the Federal Privacy Act require the Casitas Municipal Water District provide the following to individuals who are asked to provide information in order to participate in Casitas MWD Hobby Farm Rebate Program. The principal purpose for requesting information is to administer the Program. The Program has been established by the Casitas Municipal Water District pursuant to the powers granted it under the Municipal Water District Law of 1911, California Water Code, Sections 71000 et seq. Submission of the requested information is voluntary. However, failure to submit requested information will preclude participation in the Program.

As authorized by law, information furnished pursuant to participation in the Program may be provided to the United States Internal Revenue Service and/or the appropriate official of any state imposing an income tax or tax measured by income (see Section 6041 of the Internal Revenue Code, and Section 1.6041-1 of the Income Tax Regulations). Information may also be provided to other governmental entities when required by law. An individual has a right of access to records containing his/her personal information that are maintained by Casitas Municipal Water District. The official responsible for maintaining the information is the Water Conservation Manager, whose address is 1055 Ventura Avenue, Oak View, California 93022.