

**RECHARGE NET METERING (ReNeM)  
STAGE 1 ASSESSMENT**

**LANDOWNER REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE AND PERMISSION TO ACCESS PROPERTY**

Date of Request: \_\_\_\_\_

Landowner (1) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Landowner (2) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (collectively, "Landowner")

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Acres: \_\_\_\_\_ APN # \_\_\_\_\_

Directions to Property and/or Nearest Cross Street:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**PURPOSE:**

In March 2016, in collaboration with the Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County (RCD) and the University of California, Santa Cruz (UCSC), the Board of Directors for the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency (PV Water) adopted a 5-year pilot study of the Recharge Net Metering (ReNeM) Program (Program). Through the Program, PV Water may provide rebates to property owners who coordinate with RCD and UCSC on implementation of a managed aquifer recharge (MAR) project. As the first step in the Program, UCSC and/or the RCD will conduct an initial assessment to determine the property's potential suitability for recharge and participation in the Program (Stage 1). The initial assessment will include a desktop review of the property's potential, and if warranted, an on-site assessment to evaluate physical site conditions. The on-site assessment will include a cursory evaluation of topography, hydrology, soils and other factors that could influence suitability for a MAR project.

**ACCESS PERMISSION**

Landowner(s) certifies that he/she is the legal owner of the property described above and hereby grants permission to UCSC and the RCD, their designated employees and agents or anyone authorized to perform tasks on their behalf, to enter onto the real property owned by the Landowner(s) to gather necessary information to assess the property's suitability for participation in the Program. UCSC and the RCD, their designated agents or anyone authorized to perform tasks on their behalf, shall give the Landowner(s) reasonable notice prior to entering the property. Reasonable and actual notice may be given by mail, in person, by e-mail or by telephone received by the Landowner(s) at least 24 hours in advance. The RCD is a non-regulatory agency that work confidentially with landowners and UCSC is an academic institution.

**ASSUMPTION OF RISK**

UCSC and the RCD do not assume any risk or responsibility whatsoever for any costs, damage, liability, injury, or other possible adverse effects relating to the assessment, except as caused by the negligence, errors, omissions or willful misconduct of UCSC and the RCD (the Partners). The Partners agree to joint and several liability for personal injury or property damage to the extent caused by their active negligence or willful misconduct.

Landowner(s) acknowledge that PV Water is not involved in the physical assessment of properties for the ReNeM Program and that PV Water’s participation in the ReNeM Program does not create any relationship of co-partner, joint venturer, principal and agent or employer and employee between Landowner(s) and PV Water. PV Water shall not be held liable for any costs, damage, injury, or other possible adverse effects relating to the assessment or the Program except as caused by the active negligence, sole negligence or willful misconduct of PV Water.

**CONFIDENTIAL AND PRIVATE INFORMATION**

During their initial assessment, UCSC and the RCD may gather information on soils, hydrologic features, and the presence of sensitive plants, species or habitats. As a public agency, the RCD is subject to public records request as per sections 6250 through 6270.5 of the California Government Code. The Board of Directors for the RCD adopted a policy that affirms the public’s right to access public documents, but exempts from discovery documents containing private or proprietary information, including, but not limited to, personal, geological, geophysical, assessor’s parcel numbers, addresses, contact information, photographs, notes or plans that are specifically developed for the landowner. In addition, the information gathered in the initial assessment may be made publically available if a MAR project is identified and the Landowner(s) authorize further analysis through a Landowner Access Agreement.

**AMENDMENT**

This grant of access may be amended or revoked only by the mutual written agreement of Landowner(s), RCD, or UCSC.

By signing this agreement, Landowner(s) acknowledge that they have read the ReNeM Process documents, available at <http://rcdsantacruz.org/ReNeM> for specific information concerning the kinds of MAR projects that can qualify and the basis for calculation of rebate amounts.

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Signature of Landowner (1)      Printed Name      Date

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Signature of Landowner (2)      Printed Name      Date

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RCD      Printed Name      Date

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UCSC      Printed Name      Date