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In recent years, agriculture in San Diego County has been under increasing scrutiny for its contributions to nonpoint source pollution and runoff into local streams, lagoons, and beaches. Runoff from agricultural properties may contain contaminant levels that exceed water quality standards. In San Diego County, the recently adopted storm water permit has created new requirements for runoff entering the storm drain system. These new requirements affect many different types of businesses, including agriculture. One of the requirements for the horticultural industry is that businesses with more than ten employees must provide water quality and best management method training, and business owners must document this training. We have developed ten training modules that cover the topics that are regulated by the water quality ordinance in the county. These have been translated into Spanish to provide the nursery owners the proper tools to train their employees on best management methods for maximum water quality that should be used in their growing operations. The training modules are available on our website and have been used extensively by our local clientele.

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