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NAPA GREEN VINEYARD CERTIFICATION A PATH TO BECOME CLIMATE POSITIVE

- 1. ENROLL** <https://application.napagreen.org/#/request-vineyard-account>. If you already have a Napa Green Winery account you still need to register for a Vineyard account.
 - If the same person registers for both Winery and Vineyard the two accounts will be linked and you should use your current login username & password.
 - If a new person registers they will receive an automated email with a username and temporary password for the online portal.
- 2.** Get signed up for a **Carbon Farm Plan assessment** with Miguel Garcia of the Napa County Resource Conservation District (RCD). **Fill out and submit this questionnaire** to anna@napagreen.org and you will be informed of the rough timeline for scheduling. IF it has been more than five years since your vineyard(s) has received an **Irrigation Distribution Uniformity Assessment** please check YES for scheduling this service as well.
- 3. Sign in to the portal** to access the Napa Green Vineyard standards. You can go to **Account > My Team** to add other team members, such as your HR manager. You can also **download PDFs of each section** to share with other team members under “Napa Green Vineyard – Introduction.”
- 4.** Three of the sections are **standards based (Social Equity, Justice & Inclusion; Irrigation Assessments & Water Efficiency; Tree/Forest Preservation & Enhancement)**. Indicate whether or not you implement these standards by clicking YES | NO | N/A (Not Applicable). You can add notes particular to your operation at the bottom of each page. **SAVE as you go.**
- 5.** The other three sections are **practice based**:
 - **Carbon Farming & Regenerative Agriculture:** Napa Green and the RCD will work with you to develop Carbon Farm Plans (CFP), complete soil sampling, review the CFP options and determine your preferred practices, and develop your Carbon Farm Action Plan for the first three-year certification cycle.
 - **Prohibited & Restricted Pesticides:** Depending when you join the program you will have at least a one-year transition period to ensure you are not using Prohibited Pesticides and are meeting the specific restrictions for Restricted Pesticides (variances available for exceptional circumstances). Contact anna@napagreen.org if you plan to be **GOLD LEVEL**.
 - **Conservation Burning & Burn Alternatives:** IF you will be burning you will need to implement conservation burning or alternatives by the next burn season. Step-by-step written guidance, training video, and additional support available.



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6. **Collect Resource Data:** Ensure you are collecting and recording monthly data on: Electricity Use; Gas Use (*NOTE: We can help you access PG&E data*); Fuel Use; Water Use; Fertilizer Use. Any data that has not previously been collected must begin being collected by the start of certification. This data will ultimately be entered in the **Resource Calculator** to baseline and track use and carbon footprint over time.
7. Once you have filled in the three standards sections, and have everything in place for the three practice sections, Napa Green will work with you to develop an Action Plan for up to 12 items where you need a longer timeline or budget cycle to complete. Fill in who will take the lead on each item and rough deadlines.
8. Select the **Third-Party Auditor** that you would like to work with. They will be given Auditor access to your portal, will review all of your information and let you know any additional documentation that should be uploaded. They will then schedule the onsite review(s). They will submit a certification report to Napa Green.
9. **Congratulations, you are a Napa Green Certified Vineyard!** Within two certification cycles you should be **carbon neutral** and within three cycles you should be **carbon negative or climate positive!** Napa Green Certified Vineyards exemplify agriculture that is giving back to the land and communities.
10. There will be annual “desk audits” to review Action Plan progress and collect Resource Data. Recertification is every three years, with onsite reviews and Third-Party Audits to update Carbon Farm Plans and validate continued implementation of Napa Green Vineyard standards.

Wine producers can lead by showing the world what a low-carbon high life – a good life that is compatible with a sustainable environment – looks like. ”

– Dr. Kim Nicholas